

# Earsham Parish Council

## Minutes

Of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Earsham Village Hall  
on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014

1. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mrs. Lynda Hamps was present and welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was attended by ten members of the public including councillors.

2. The Chairman signed the minutes of the 2013 Annual Parish Meeting as a true and correct record.

3. Annual reports and accounts:-

**a) Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council** – The Chairman read out her report (report 3a) which highlighted events and proposals of the last 12 months. These included:-

- Levels of crime and anti-social behaviour in the village
- The possibility of refurbishing the village hall which is ongoing
- Preschool which is opening in September bringing in much needed revenue and will be a valuable facility for people with young children in Earsham
- New football pavilion on the playing field – work is due to start and will be available for other groups to use
- Further construction in the village will be in the form of five new one bed roomed low cost houses
- The refurbishment of the War Memorial and the funding raised to pay for the costs
- Earsham has a new vicar, and a warm welcome was extended to Rev. Chris Hutton and his family
- Thanks were given to the other council members, District Councillor Murray Gray and the clerk for their support and on-going work for the village

A brief overview was given of the unaudited parish accounts which saw the balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 stand at – Parish Council £25,305.10, Playing Field £6,303.01 and the Allotments £1,152.61. It was noted that the balance of the Playing Field account included a £2,000 grant from Norfolk Community Foundation as a contribution towards the new football pavilion.

**b) Report from County Councillor Margaret Somerville** – apologies had been received from the County Councillor, the Chairman read out her report (report 3b)

**c) Report from District Councillor Murray Gray** – apologies had been received from the District Councillor, the Chairman read out his report (report 3c)

**d) Report from the Police** – There was no representative from the police nor a report

**e) Report from Earsham Football Club** – apologies had been received from the chairman, Peter Goodfellow, the Chairman read out his report (report 3e)

**f) Report from Earsham Bowls Club** – apologies had been received from the Bowls Club, the Chairman read out their report (report 3f)

**g) Report from Mettingham Football Club** – Keith Penn read out the report on behalf of the club and gave a verbal Treasurers report of their accounts (report 3g)

**h) Report from Earsham Trust** – apologies had been received from the Trust, the Chairman read out their report (report 3h)

**i) Report from the Village Hall Management Committee** – The Chairman read out the report and accounts (report 3i)

**j) Report from 1<sup>st</sup> Earsham Scout Group** – Hadyn Farr, Chairman – Waveney District Scouts and Acting Group Chairman – Earsham Scouts chairman read out their report (report 3j)

**k) Report from Earsham Village Magazine** – Andy Harvey read out his report (report 3k)

**l) Report from the Parochial Church Council** – Revd Chris Hutton introduced himself and proceeded to give his report (report 3l)

**m) Report from Earsham Primary School** – apologies had been received from the Primary School, the Chairman read out the report (report 3m)

**n) Report from Earsham Festival Committee** – Sue Cramp read out her report on behalf of the committee and informed those present that they would be pleased to receive other ideas for use of surplus funds which would help to fulfil their aim to develop the sense of community in the village (report 3n)

**m) Report from Earsham Playground Committee** – Karl Gunton read out the report on behalf of the committee (report 3o)

**4. Parishioner’s Forum** – No discussion

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm

**\*\* All reports are available for viewing by request to the clerk**

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