

**CROWFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

**PRESENT** D Brander, Chairman. Parish Councillors Baker, Hart, Shoote, Scott, Roger Williamson; L Rowe, clerk; County Councillor M Hicks; District Councillor T Passmore; PC C Wayman; S Addison; M Addison; L Arnold; M Badderley; C Badderley; F Brown; J.Crofts; V Dreher; J Fowles; P Fowles; C Raffe; M Raffe; M Gibbons; M Hackett; S Hackett; P Hart; C Harper; N Harper; T Hill; J Hill; P Moss; R Peterson; B Pinder; M Pinder; N Pryke; S Snell; C Stirling;

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Ross Williamson, C Williamson, P Williamson.

**WELCOME** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETING** held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING** Dog Fouling signs. These were all now displayed on the village footpaths. With thanks to Alan Shoote.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (on file)**

The Chairman gave a full and comprehensive report on the activities of the PC throughout the year which prompted much discussion with comments from DC Passmore and CC Hicks about various items. Items included the new VAS in the village and its locations; update on Stonham Barns; progress on the proposed renovation of the play equipment (with a display in the hall); Stonham Aspal school walk; PC website and village broadband speed. The Registration of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground was now complete. Also discussed was the idea of a village Emergency Plan although no firm conclusion was reached.

**REPORT FROM CLLR. M HICKS (on file)**

This was an informative report which included updates on education in the County, locality budget, and the possibility of a Mayor of Suffolk. He was thanked for his Report by the Chairman and also for the Grant to the PC for the VAS from his locality budget.

**REPORT FROM CLLR. T PASSMORE (on file)**

Cllr Passmore gave an interesting report about various items including fly-tipping; planning; Stowmarket Leisure Centre and rural crime. He also informed the meeting that Crowfield was on the list to be visited by the new speed enforcement vans. He received thanks for his Report from the Chairmans and also for his Grant to the PC towards the VAS.

**REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS (on file)**

These were given by L Arnold for the VHMC; F Brown for the WI. Chairman gave July 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 as the date for the village fete. A copy of the Police Report was available at the Meeting.

### **REPORT FROM MAX RAFFE**

Mr Raffe gave the Meeting information about a new broadband provider, based in Needham Market. This could benefit people in the village and several customers had already had their broadband speeds increased. He also explained the options available. Information had been distributed in the village earlier in the year.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Bank balances stand at £3915.03 in the CA and £1359.50 in the DA. Some of these funds were for the purchase of the village VAS. The Precept had increase slightly by £1.03 per household. Adoption of the Financial Report for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 was proposed by R Peterson. Seconded by L Arnold. All in favour. The Financial Report for the year 2015/2016 was formally adopted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their commitment in helping to keep the various village organisations running and successful. He also thanked the parish councillors and clerk for their help and support.

Alan Shoote, in turn, thanked the Chairman for his hard work throughout a busy year.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

As a matter of interest, otters had been seen in a pond in the village.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.10pm.