

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH HELD ON TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2015 AT 7.00PM AT THE PAVILION NEEDINGWORTH VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

Cllr J Neish (Chairman)
8 Parish Councillors
2 members of the public
Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence.
M Williamson, J Carter
2. Minutes of the 2014 Annual Parish Meeting
The Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting were signed as a true and correct record.
3. Chairman's Report.
The Chairman of the Parish Council delivered his report. (Appendix A)
4. Village Hall Trust Report.
Chairman of the Village Hall Trust – Roy Fountain delivered his report. (Appendix B)
No Questions were asked.
5. Financial Report of the Council.
Parish Clerk delivered the following report:
Based on year ending 31st March 2014.

Income - £131289
Expenditure – £112290
£106780 carried forward at end of year.
Precept £100600

Copy of Annual report is available which was distributed to all houses and incorporates a copy of the accounts.

Internal audit carried out by G Whitfield 8/5/14

External audit completed on 16th July 2014 PKF Littlejohn LLP- Unqualified Opinion.

Draft figures for year ending 31st March 2015.

Please note: These figures have not yet been presented to, approved by council or been subject to audit.

Income £131450
Expenditure £120501
£117729 carried forward

Precept - £98910.00 - Band D property decrease of 2.5% at £103.03 per annum
Internal audit will be carried out by Mr M Williamson (Waterbeach)
External auditors appointed Littlejohn LLP.

The Parish Councils Annual Report will be published by 30th September 2015.

Precept for financial year 2015/16. £101038. This equates to a band D property paying £104.38 per annum an increase of £1.35 (0.13%)

6. Relief in Need Trust Report.

Parish Clerk delivered the following report:

Year ending 31/3/15

Opening balance	£809.86
Interest	<u>£ 5.75</u>
	£ 815.61
Balance 31/3/15	£ 815.61

No applications received or grants approved in this financial year.

Trustees

Jon Neish

Margaret Perryman

Colin Pearce

Cathy Border

Jane Bowd (administrator)

Rev Sheila Anthony

7. Presentation by:

Rebecca Avery ,Outreach Worker Cambridge, Huntingdon, South and East Cambs Office of the Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner

Ms Avery outlined her personal background followed by a brief summary of the establishment of the role of Police & Crime Commissioner in 2012 and his remit to look at the Police budget, holding the Police to account and setting their targets and strategy.

Budget:2013 target was to save £13.3 million, still have £8.2 million to go.

However the budget does have a Youth Fund which has grants of up to £2,000 for youth Projects.

Precept has been frozen in this financial year.

The Commissioner cannot investigate specific claims against officers however trends which show gaps in service can be looked into and any member of the force can be summons to account for their actions.

The aim is to retain the good working relationship between the Police and the Commissioner's office.

Local Policing strategy:

Copy document is available online.

Aim is for better service delivery and use of resources.

Active citizenship is encouraged with volunteer help required.

Visible Policing in the traditional sense will not be returning however numbers of front line

officers are being maintained.

Welfare and prevention are key points of the strategy.

Outreach workers role introduced to increase community engagement and encourage feedback.

There followed a short question and answer session.

Level of officers in comparison to 5 years ago was questioned with reply stating that numbers were now holding steady and that ways to reduce administration e.g. IT had brought considerable time saving.

Ecops was commented on as a good system so long as you had access to internet. Office are Happy to provide magazine articles and attend events if requested.

101 response times where still considered slow, Ms Avery confirmed that 10 new call handlers had been employed to ease the workload.

Cllr Neish thanked Ms Avery for her time.

8. Public Open Forum

A resident pointed out that although not mentioned in the village hall report that free Wi-Fi was now available in the village hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Chairman

Date