

Hunston Parish Meeting

Annual General Meeting 2022

Held at Badwell Ash Village Hall on 30th April 2022 at 6.30 pm

Documents:

Reports mentioned in these Minutes are available on the Village website hunstonpm.org

Present:

Fourteen parishioners and Rick Meyer, District Councillor

1. Apologies

H. Witt, J Murchie, R&C Back

2. Election of Officers

Chairman: Tony Dartnell was proposed by Liffy Reeves, seconded by Mike Wylie and was elected unopposed.

Treasurer: Matthew Darroch-Thompson was proposed by Tony Dartnell, seconded by Mike Wylie and was elected unopposed.

Secretary: Vacant

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 12th November 2021 were approved without amendment.

4. Chairman's report

The Chairman presented his report for the year and answered questions.

- **It was agreed** to allocate up to £7,500 on refurbishing the Cottage after the current tenant leaves.
- He undertook to report by email on progress made installing a defibrillator.

5. Accounts for the year and Treasurer's report

Matthew D-T presented his report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 and answered parishioners' questions.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

- a. That the accounts fairly present the financial position of the Parish Meeting for the year ended 31 March 2022.
- b. The Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 was approved.
- c. We certified that, as we satisfy the qualifying criteria and as our annual gross income and gross expenditure for the year to 31 March 2021 were respectively £25,000 or less, Hunston Parish Meeting is exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and that the completion and signing of the Certificate of Exemption is authorised.

- d. That the commencement date for the exercise of public rights be set as Monday 13th June 2022 and that from that date until Friday 22nd July 2022 inclusive the accounts and accounting records will be available for public inspection.

Matthew D-T said that he would complete the appropriate returns and post them, with the Internal Audit Report, on the village website **hunstonpm.org**

6. District Councillor's report

Councillor Rick Meyer presented his report and answered questions. He drew particular attention to:

- The strong financial position of the Council.
- The income generated by property investments.
- The considerable possible profits that will flow from the Gateway 14 development.
- The reduced cost that resulted from the move of the office from Needham Market to Ipswich.
- The progress made on biodiversity management and net zero ambitions.
- That 35% of new build houses will be either shared ownership or Housing Association managed.
- He encouraged the Parish Meeting to apply for grants for infrastructure from the Civil Infrastructure Levy ("CIL"). It was noted that we could not apply for this money to repair the verges, as this would be regarded as maintenance, not infrastructure.

He concluded by stressing that the Council will never call anyone to ask for their bank details, and we should beware of such frauds.

7. Any other business

Platinum Jubilee: No suggestions had been received, so **it was agreed** that no village celebration would be arranged.

It was agreed that each child in the village should receive an appropriate memento, at the Parish Meeting's expense. Meg W-T generously volunteered to organise this.

Shepherds Grove: Councillor Meyer told us that there are proposals for a large car auction site to be developed in the Shepherds Grove site at Stanton, but that it comes under the control of West Suffolk Council, not Mid-Suffolk.

Traffic control: There was discussion about installing speed monitors in the village, and Councillor Meyer advised discussing it with the Badwell Ash Parish Clerk who had considerable experience in the area.
There was no volunteer for this task.

Meeting dates: Jake W asked if Friday nights were the best day to encourage attendance; it was agreed to hold the next meeting (likely to be in the Autumn) mid-week.

The meeting ended at 7:30 pm