

GREAT ASHFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 26th May, 2016
At the Lord Thurlow Hall

Chairman: Mrs. S. Orford

Mrs. S. Austin parish clerk took the minutes

Mrs. S. Orford welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To Sign the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2015 were signed as a correct record of proceedings.

2. Suffolk County Council Annual Report

Cllr Jane Storey attended and gave her report a copy of which is attached. A question was asked about the size of the passing place this had been queried with Highways who advised it was of the normal size used as a passing place. Cllr Storey advised there were still monies in the locality budget if the parish council or village hall needed anything funded. The disorganisation and waste in terms of time and money of the filling of potholes was reported to Cllr Storey. A number of highway items were reported including the collapsed drain on Elmswell Road which had been reported a number of times and the numerous potholes throughout the village. Cllr Storey to go round the village with the highways officer to inspect. Cllr Storey advised after her term as Chairman she will be the cabinet member responsible for broadband and rural affairs. The problems of low speed broadband was highlighted in the area, it was asked if an officer could answer questions on broadband provision or possibly attend a future meeting.

3. Mid Suffolk District Council Annual Report

Cllr Roy Barker attended and gave a report a copy of which is attached.

4. Police Report

No representative from Suffolk Constabulary attended a report had been received and was read to the meeting a copy of which is attached. The clerk to send a letter of thanks to PCSO Vince Clarkson for all his help over the years and the Parish Council appreciated his help particularly in preventing crime in the area.

5. PCC Report

Mr R Barker attended and gave a report a copy of which is attached.

6. Village Hall Report

No one from the Village Hall Committee was able to attend but a report had been received and was read to the meeting a copy of which is attached.

7. W.I. Report

Mrs Sheila Catchlove attended and gave the W.I. report a copy of which is attached.

8. Parish Council Annual Report

The Chairman of the Parish Council gave a report a copy of which is attached. The Chair gave her resignation to the Parish Council. Cllr S. Miles addressed the meeting and also resigned from the Council. He suggested it may be a good idea for Councillors to serve a maximum of 8 years at a time to encourage new Councillors to join the Parish Council. Cllr Watts: appreciated everything you have both done over the years. Cllr Barker thanked both the Chair and Vice-Chair for all their work over the years they had done an excellent job. Cllr Storey added her thanks to both Councillors.

9. Public Forum

Nothing further was added.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed:

Date: