

**GREAT ASHFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2015**  
**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 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014 were signed as a correct record of proceedings.

**2. Suffolk County Council Annual Report**

Cllr Jane Storey sent her apologies but sent her report which was circulated round the meeting and is attached.

**3. Mid Suffolk District Council Annual Report**

Cllr Roy Barker attended and gave his report which included: Pleased to be re-elected as your ward member. Also pleased that MSDC continues to be a Conservative administration, Babergh is also now a Conservative administration so the two Councils will be able to work closely. Thank you all for all your support over the last four years. The incinerator is now up and running and producing electricity it is planned to link up with a 50 acre glass houses as well. MSDC are putting solar panels on most council owned houses and this is going well. The A14 is still producing a lot of rubbish 7/8 years ago 40/50 tonnes of rubbish were collected and now it is approximately 100 tonnes. There have been 1500 new homes built in the district over the past four years. The Council is working in partnership with SCC and other partners to help keep costs down.

**4. Police Report**

No representative from Suffolk Constabulary attended and no report had been sent.

**5. PCC Report**

The Rev. Katherine Valentine has now taken over at Great Ashfield with the Palm Sunday service having the biggest attendance ever for communion. The Church has had a good spring clean and they are trying to get on top of the bat problem. Repairs to the church windows have got to be done this year. The Chancel roof needs repair and they hope to undertake this next spring. The Churchyard is being maintained to a high standard and thanks go to all those who have carried this out. The Chestnut tree has had a good haircut which has let a lot of light in with more wild flowers coming up. Thank you to the village for all their support at the Trash and Treasures which raised over £7000.

**6. Village Hall Report**

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

Mr Roy Barker gave a speech of thanks to Mr John Mulley who stood down as Parish Councillor at the last election. John was thanked for all his many years of service to the village and having been a Councillor on the first Parish Council meeting held in 1973. He received a presentation from the present Parish Councillors and Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm

**Signed:**

**Date:**