

## NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish held 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

At 8.15 p.m. in Nowton Village Hall, Nowton

**Present:** Councillor - Mrs Carol Perry (Chairman)  
Councillor - Mrs Renee Forrow  
Councillor - Mr David Flatt  
Councillor - Mr Jon Green  
Councillor - Mr Mike May  
Parish Clerk - Mrs Pauline Stoddart

County Councillor Karen Soons was present.

1. Apologies for Absence – Borough Cllr. Clements.
2. To ratify the Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017, having been approved by the Council at its meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Proposed by Cllr. May, seconded by Cllr. Forrow.
3. Annual Report of the Parish Council, by the Chairman of the Parish Council. The Chairman highlighted certain aspects of her report which included the parish boundary changes, the impact of budget reductions on Local Authority spending and the greatly reduced contact between the local Police, the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Watch. Planning and Highways (potholes and flooding) was mentioned, as was the Parish Emergency Plan which would be reviewed very shortly. The regular donations were listed, the services to the village (library van) and the General Data Protection Regulation, which would come into force on the 25<sup>th</sup> May. The Chairman concluded by thanking Parish Councillors, the Clerk, the Internal Auditor, and Councillors Soons and Clements for their continued support throughout the past year. The full report is attached in Appendix A.
4. Financial Report of the Parish Council, by the Responsible Financial Officer. A detailed Income and Expenditure paper had been previously circulated. The Clerk advised that whilst there had not been a significant difference in income and expenditure from the previous year, £1,000 had been used from accrued funds to reduce the amount of the Precept in 2017/18 by that amount. The balance going forward amounted to £3,832.89 (£4,970.69 the previous year) to be carried forward to the next financial year.
5. Annual Police Report – no report.
6. Annual Borough Council Report – the reports from Cllr. Clements on both his year as Mayor of Bury St Edmunds and his Borough Council Report had been previously circulated. The Borough Council Report is attached in Appendix B.
7. Annual County Council Report – Cllr. Soons highlighted certain aspects of her report including a fully funded scheme for first-time central heating systems for Suffolk residents and asked Councillors to put anyone that they might think could benefit from this scheme in touch with her. Cllr. Soons reported that a new Chief Executive had been appointed who would take up the role in the summer, and that there had been a leadership challenge, with Matthew Hicks now the new leader of Suffolk County Council. Full report in Appendix C.
8. Any Other Business – none.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Soons for attending the Annual Parish Assembly and the meeting was closed at 8.40 p.m.

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Date