

# NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
at 8.15 p.m. in Nowton Village Hall, Nowton

**Present:** Councillor - Mrs Carol Perry (Chairman)  
Councillor - Mr David Flatt  
Councillor - Dr Jonathan Masters  
Councillor - Mr Mike May  
Parish Clerk - Mrs Pauline Stoddart

No members of the public were present. Borough and County Councillor, Terry Clements. was present for item 6 (3).

With the approval of Councillors, Item 6 was taken as item 3.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Councillor Forrow, PCSO 3314 Rebecca McDaid.
2. **To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014** – The Minutes, having already been approved as a true and accurate record at the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014, were verified.
3. **Annual Borough and County Council Reports** – Councillor Terry Clements. Copies of the reports had been distributed to all those present. The reports are shown in full in Appendices 2 and 3.
  - 3.1 The Chairman asked Councillor Clements if there was any pressure that could be brought to bear on the developers of the proposed new housing development, to provide houses for older people too.
  - 3.2 The Chairman was disappointed that funding had been stopped for the Twinning Group, because it was these types of things that mattered to people.
  - 3.3 Councillor Clements was asked why the Borough Council had again frozen the level of Council Tax, for the fifth year, whilst services were being cut. The Chairman suggested that residents might prefer to have small increment increases in order to maintain services. Councillor Clements explained that the majority of work was still being carried out, but in a different manner, sometimes by people who used to work for the Council.
  - 3.4 Councillor Clements highlighted the successes that had been achieved in Nowton, for instance the 40MPH and the extension of the footpath. Councillor Flatt highlighted the lack of definition on the curb edge of the old footpath, since the road had been resurfaced; due to the low footfall using the footpath, Councillor Clements was not confident that anything could be done regarding this.
4. **Annual Report of the Parish Council** – Copies of the Annual Report of the Parish Council were distributed to those present. The Chairman gave her report, which covered the activities of the Parish Council during the past year. The full report is shown in Appendix 1.
5. **Financial Report of the Parish Council** – Copies of the year-end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 Balance Sheet had been previously circulated. The Clerk/RFO highlighted some of the variances from the previous year's accounts; the balance going forward amounted to £6,709.83 to be carried forward to the next financial year.
6. **Annual Police Report** – the report in full is given in Appendix 4.
7. **Any Other Business** – None. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.50 p.m.

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