

Minutes of the East Hanningfield Annual Assembly 2015

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 13th. May, 2015 at 7.40pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Serene Brown, Preschool Supervisor, Christine Horton, Licensed Lay Minister for All Saints' Church, Dave Spiceley & Gordon Wren, Community First Responders and fourteen electors of the parish.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

In the absence of the Parish Council Chairman, Peter Applegate was elected Chairman for the Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from R. Beeching, Preschool Secretary, E. Carden, Parent's Association Secretary, K. Collins, Head Teacher, Cllr. L. Draper, Parish Council Vice Chairman, J. Feehan, Parochial Church Council Secretary, P. Garner, Cllr. J. Howe, Parish Council Chairman, M. Plumridge, Hanna's Field Charity Treasurer, City Cllr. R. Poulter and L. Samways, Police Community Support Officer.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 28th. May, 2014.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising.

PARISH COUNCIL

Peter Applegate, Parish Councillor, presented the Council's Annual Report 2014-15, copies of which were provided for those present. Amongst others he referred to the following topics:

- It had been Jim Howe's first year as Chairman.
- The sad loss of Mike Harris and the subsequent co-option of Karen Saynor.

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- The assistance given by City Cllrs. Richard Poulter & Matt Flack.
- The co-operation between the PC and East Hanningfield Action Group and the joint engagement of a planning consultant to present the local case against the proposed gypsy site in Old Church Road at the forthcoming appeal.
- The awaited next stage of the VDS.
- Efforts to bring improved broadband to the parish.
- The slow process of the Catherine Close play area into local ownership.
- The stable condition of PC's accounts.
- Clerk and Vice Chairman were thanked for their support.

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Colin Warren presented the report he had given to the HFC AGM. It was another successful year for the Charity. They had considered priorities and concluded that their main effort must be directed towards replacing the leaking roof and had achieved a CIF grant of £15,000 towards the cost of 25 to 30 thousand pounds. Future projects were dependent on successful applications and included: Replacing the hall roof; Extending the main car park with a "green" overflow car park; Extending the entrance lobby and village shop; Rebuilding the mountain bike mounds; Ploughing, levelling and reseeding the football pitches; Resurfacing the sports courts; Extending the sports wall; Creating a trim trail to include skate board ramps; Creating a Community Suite above the small hall; and Installing CCTV.

In 2014 they had completed, with Preschool, the installation of a sun blind above the children's play area; replaced the internal dividing doors; undertaken maintenance on the car park and ditches, and installed a large sign on the hall. The trees around the car park had been inspected and where necessary trimmed.

The Village Fete, a joint venture with All Saints Church, was again successful. For 2015 they had joined forces with the School Parents' Association and moved the date to June. The Annual Art Show had been moved to September. The quarterly Book and

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Coffee Sales on Saturday mornings had proved popular and successful with more book shelving and storage added in the loft.

If we are to retain the Post Office and Shop in the village it is essential that we all use the facility and support Ash.

The work load of the Charity had continued to be borne by very few for the benefit of the many villagers and organisations who use the facilities provided. No officers or committee members received remuneration; they were all volunteers and should be thanked for their efforts on behalf of the village. They would welcome new members to assist in the future development of the Charity. More information about the Charity could be found on their website which is part of the Parish Council website.

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY TREASURER'S REPORT

The Pre-audit Report from Mike Plumridge was present by Colin Warren. Total Income for 2014 was **£27,057.65**. Overall income was down on 2013 mainly due to loss of hire by football (over 2 years from 4 to 1 club) and Art Classes. However 2013 Hall hire was the previous best hire income figure.

The Post Office Rental income was up on 2013 due to the rent increase with the new 7 year Lease.

The fund raising figure was good but slightly down on 2013 (best result was £3,913 in 2011).

Grants and donations included £400 ECC grant for 2014 Fete and £300 from Chelmsford Round Table but excludes the £15,000 CIF grant received in 2014 for Hall roof work as yet to be claimed.

Total expenditure for 2014 was **£30,439.38**. Bookings/Caretaker salary is the biggest single expenditure followed by hall and field maintenance. 2014 Capital Expenditure consisted of: £2,580: New hall sliding doors; £380, Hall entrance corridor gate (for Preschool/Hanna's Tots); £1,127, Rear sun awning (contribution); £673, Hall, Carpark and Play Area signs; £738, New Corridor Heater, PIR lighting in changing rooms, toilets and kitchen and lighting in library.

Parish Council was funding the playing field gang mowing and contributing to weekly to litter collection.

The end of year balance was yet to be confirmed.

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

As Dave Spicely was called away for an emergency, the report was presented by Gordon Wren. He explained the process that happened when an emergency call was made and then demonstrated the kit that was taken to emergencies. They were looking for more volunteers.

He was asked the price of an A.E.D. and answered that it was in the region of £12,000.

Flora Virgoe said that she had had reason to make use of the service and found it excellent.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Christine Horton the newly licensed Lay Minister for the parish introduced herself and explained that she had previously been an R.E. teacher and had been LLM at Boreham for 15 years. She was presently the Diocesan synod representative on the Bishop's Pastoral Committee and on the Standing Committee for RE for state schools. She would be dedicating Sundays and two days a week to East Hanningfield. She had already participated in the village tidy and was in the process of making herself known at the Preschool, Tots and School. She was able to conduct funerals.

Gil Gordon, Church Warden, thanked the Parish Council for their help with the maintenance of the churchyard.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Flora Virgoe, the current President, said that the local WI was running successfully even though the meetings were in the afternoon. East Hanningfield WI would be celebrating their centenary in 2017.

PRESCHOOL

Serene Brown stated that Preschool had received donations/funding of £18,000 for their refurbishments. They would be encouraging their children to learn about the community.

OPEN FORUM

There was comment about traffic noise at the Bicknacre Road/Main Road mini roundabout. It was noted that the Parish Council had for some time been trying to get some form of traffic calming installed at the Common, and that might help the noise problem.

The Parish Council was also trying to get improvements for pedestrians south of the Tye, for which funding had been allocated by the Local Highways Panel, but it was not clear what was proposed or when it would happen, so some investigation needed to be done.

Colin Warren thanked Tony and Joyce Lees, Tony having just stood down from the Parish Council, for all their efforts for the village.

Gil Gordon reminded those present that the tree near the Vita Bella had been planted by the Brownies but there was no longer a plaque. She was able to provide dates etc.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.15pm.