

# BARSHAM AND SHIPMEADOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Barsham and Shipmeadow Village Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Present:** Mr N Smith outgoing Chairman, Mr J Bumpus, Mr P Holmes, Mrs J Howell, Mrs P Midwinter, Mr M Smith

45-0516 **Election of Chairman** - Mr J Bumpus proposed Mr N Smith as Chairman, Mrs P Midwinter seconded, all agreed.  
Mr N Smith signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before proceeding with the meeting.

46-0516 **Election of Vice Chair** – Mr N Smith proposed Mrs P Midwinter as Vice Chair, Mr M Smith seconded, all agreed.

47-0516 **Apologies** - Waveney District Councillor Mr K Springall. Mrs P Harris and Mr D Lay both representing Shipmeadow had sent emails of resignation to stand down as Parish Councillors. Clerk will inform WDC.

Minutes of the previous AGM held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

## 48-0516 **Financial Report for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016:**

**The Financial Report and Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016** - were both formally approved by the Parish Councillors at the meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and recorded as minute references 38-0416 and 39-0416.

The Parish Council has provided proper opportunity for the exercise of elector's rights in accordance with statutory requirements.

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Z Blanchard who has carried out the Internal Audit.

**Parish Precept** - It had been necessary to build up the bank balance to cover the cost of £2415.52 which would be owing to WDC if two separate contested elections took place in May 2015. Not enough residents were prepared to stand for election and therefore no contested elections took place. The cost for two uncontested elections amounted to £252.84 payable to WDC. The Councillors agreed to reduce the parish precept for the year 2016/17 from £1850.00 to £1250.00.

## **The Financial Report**

**Receipts:** Precept 1850.00

**Total £1850.00**

**Payments:** Insurance 354.56, SALC Membership 162.00, Village Hall Hire 96.00, Village Hall Heating 10.00, 2 Poppy Wreaths 34.00, Stationery and Postage 40.16, Woodstain for Wreath Stands 7.94, Barsham Uncontested Election 126.42, Shipmeadow Uncontested Election 126.42

**Total 957.50**

48-0516 **Financial Report for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 continued:**

**Summary:**

<b>Balance Bt/Fwd 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015</b>	<b>3960.11</b>
Receipts to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	<u>1850.00</u>
	5810.11
Payments to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	<u>-957.50</u>
<b>Total Balance C/Fwd</b>	<b>£4852.61</b> Correct to Bank Statement 292

49-0516 **Chairman's Report:**

**Parish Council Web Site** – As a requirement of the new transparency code for smaller Parish Councils a web site has been set up to publish information. Grateful thanks goes to Mr J Bumpus for setting up the site and adding relevant information when required.

**Bus Service** – A service from Beccles to Bungay along the B1062 and beyond was introduced in May 2015. We had been without a bus service for many years and welcomed this service; unfortunately the service was removed in November 2015 because of cost.

**Speed Limit** – After years of campaigning the Speed Panel decided on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to reduce the speed limit on the B1062 from Beccles to Bungay to 50mph although implementing the limit will be a lengthy process.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – The Beccles and Parishes Neighbourhood Plan is in working progress. Barsham and Shipmeadow are represented by Mr J Bumpus and Mr N Smith; other parishes involved are Ringsfield and Weston, Shadingfield, Willingham and Ellough.

**Parish Elections** - Not enough residents came forward to represent the two parishes at the May 2015 election. Four residents came forward later and were co-opted onto the PC. We had the full contingency of members, 5 representing Barsham and three representing Shipmeadow. Unfortunately due to two representatives from Shipmeadow stepping down we will need to go through the co-opting process again. On behalf of the Parish Council I wish to thank Mr D Lay and Mrs P Harris for her many years of service as Vice Chair.

Mr P Holmes thanked the clerk on behalf of the Parish Council.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed:

Dated: