BARSHAM AND SHIPMEADOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Barsham and Shipmeadow Village Hall on 10th May 2017

Suffolk Local Code of Conduct

the council or its committees, sub-committees or joint committees when acting in their capacity as a member

principles of public life identified by the Committee on Standards in Public Life chaired by Lord

Present: Mr N Smith Chairman, Mrs P Midwinter Vice Chair, Mr D Adcroft, Mr J Bumpus, Mrs J Howell, Mr M Smith So to 37 of the Localism Act 2011 on 13 August 2014 Barshom and Shipmen Act 2011 on 13 August 2014 Barshom and Shipmen Act 2011 on 13 August 2014 Barshom and Shipmen Act 2011 on 13 August 2014 Barshom and Shipmen Act 2014 Bar

32-0517 Election of Chairman – Mr M Smith proposed Mr N Smith as Chairman,

Mr J Bumpus seconded, all agreed has a library and the proposed by the best prop

33-0517 **Election of Vice Chair** – Mr D Adcroft proposed Mrs P Midwinter as Vice Chair, Mr J Bumpus seconded, all agreed

34-0517 Apologies: Mr P Holmes – Holiday, Waveney District Councillor Mr K Springall

Minutes of the previous AGM held on 11rh May 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

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The Financial Report and Section 1 and 2 of the Annual Return for year ending 31st March 2017 were formally approved by the Parish Councillors at their meeting held on 12th April 2017 and recorded as minute references 29-0417 and 30-0417. The Parish Council has provided proper opportunity for the exercise of electors rights in accordance with statutory requirements.

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Zane Blanchard who has again agreed to carry out the internal audit. Of solid properties, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of properties and properties.

The external auditor BD0's certificate and report for 2015/16 enclosed an issues arising report. The issue being the reserve balance, which appeared high and had been building up over the years. BDO recommended the balance should be reduced to a more appropriate level.

Before receiving this report the PC had taken action by reducing the precept for the year 2016/17 from £1850 to £1250.00. It remains the same for 2017/18. The reason for the reserve was reported in the previous AGM minutes. (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.)

At present the PC is in the process of purchasing the BT Red Kiosk in Barsham. The reserve will be make reduced when this important village landmark is transformed into hopefully an asset for the parish. WDC have approved plans for inside toilets with disabled facilities for Barsham and Shipmeadow village Hall. The PC has discussed using some of the reserve by giving a donation towards this project which the Village Hall Committee is undertaking.

35-0517 Financial Report for Year Ending March 31st 2017 continued: 318A31199A TOUGMOD TO 3000

Receipts: Precept 1250.00, Transparency Funding 528.00

Total 1778.00

Payments: Insurance 358.48, SALC Membership 161.48, Village Hall Hire 96.00, 150 January 1907

Village Hall Heating 10.00, 2 Poppy Wreaths 37.00, Stationery and Postage 71.21,

Barsham Village Sign Repair and Painting 449.08, Web Site Fee 60.00,

Laptop and Equipment 571.57, Transport Expenditure (SCC meeting Ipswich) 51.40 Total 1866.22

Summary

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	Receipts to 31 st March 2017	<u>1778.00</u>
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36-0517 Chairmans Report:

Neighbourhood Plan - Barsham and Shipmeadow parishes have withdrawn from the Beccles Neighbourhood plan after advice from WDC, Sotterley, Ellough, Willingham and Shadingfield parishes have also withdrawn.

B1062 Beccles to Bungay Speed Limit - The Speed Limit Panel decided in April 2016 to reduce the speed limit to 50mph. Objections from Bungay Town Council and a Bungay resident were received. BTC reconsidered and their objection was withdrawn. Parish Councillors attended Suffolk County Councils Rights of Way meeting in January 2017. The speed limit reduction was passed unanimously. It is now moving forward and will be implemented hopefully this year.

(a) you have the consent of a person authorised to give it;

prevent another person from gaining access to information to which that person is Transparency Code Fund - Our application was successful and £528.00 was granted to purchase a laptop and equipment. You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing

Bus Service – A representative from BACT community transport attended a PC meeting to promote their service to rural areas, also Border Bus and Anglian introduced services through Barsham, Shipmeadow and Mettingham. Anglian have since withdrawn their 81 service, Border Bus have recently issued a new timetable and are running a regular service through the three villages. To the suppose

Barsham Sun Sign – Maintenance and decorating work took place in July 2016. (b) ensure that such resources are not used improperly for political purposes (including

Vacancy - Outstanding for a Councillor to represent Shipmeadow parish.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed:

(a) your cibated's chief finance officer; or

(b) your council's monitoring officer,