

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting of Exton & Horn Parish Council  
held 4th May 2016

**Present:** D Palmer (Chairman), M Bell C Hagger, S Linsell T Connolly, P Taylor, D Healy J Pitts.

**Apologies:** None

**In attendance:** Jo Downton - Clerk.

**Declaration of Interests:** None

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on the 12th May 2015 were taken as read and signed as correct.

**Parish Council Accounts for 2014/15:** Unaudited copies of the informal accounts were circulated and the Clerk pointed out points of interest namely the small surplus for the year. Council was informed that some payments were still to be made for that previous year accounts. The Clerk informed council that as the Responsible Financial Officer she would put forward a financial report for council to consider either in June or July.

**Formal Accounts:** The formal accounts approved by the internal auditor were adopted and approved by council and were to be forwarded to the External Auditor for final approval.

**Village Reports:** the council received reports (copies of which are attached or available from the clerk in hard copy) from the following village organisations and including one from the chairman:

Exton & Greetham Primary school

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The Chair Exton & Horn PC.

The Parish council expressed its sincere thanks to all the various hard working organisations which are a vital part of village life.

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**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on the 12th May 2015 and 6th April 2016 were taken as read and signed as correct.

**Election of the Chairman for the year ending May 2017:** M Bell proposed and Ms Linsell seconded that Mr D Palmer be elected. There being no other nominations Mr Palmer was elected.

**Election of the Vice Chairman for the year ending May 2016:** Mr Taylor proposed and T Connolly seconded that Ms Linsell be elected. There being no other nominations Ms Linsell was elected.

**Matters arising not dealt with in the main agenda:** The Clerk reported another resident had been in contact about aircraft noise over the village and the Clerk informed them that the matter was being explored by the council.

The Clerk informed council that Ms Jarret had completed the internal audit and that additional work this year was required due to the new Transparency laws about to be introduced. A garden token had been purchased for Ms Jarrett for her valuable time given to this matter.

**Informal Accounts:** The informal accounts were presented to council along with the final bank reconciliation and assets to the end of 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2016. The Clerk informed council that a financial report will be presented at the next meeting.

**Formal Accounts:** The formal accounts are normally presented to council in June however for various reasons they were presented to council at this meeting. The Council approved the formal accounts (Chairman signed approval) and these were to be forwarded to the external auditor.

**Correspondence not requiring attention:** None

**Correspondence requiring action:** None.

**Planning Applications:** Greystone House Exton. Construction of a new garage. Alteration and fill in over existing garages to provide alternative living space. Portico

Porch and change of outside wall and new large gates to enter the property. A conservatory to the rear. Council visited the site. Council agreed to reject the proposed erection of new garages on the grounds that it was to be built on the ancient horse pond and would be visible from the road. This would also blight the view over the back of the village pub and Maltings Yard Lane. The portico porch equally was rejected as being out of character. The proposed new wall and large gates were also rejected on the grounds that the existing wall matches reasonably well with the existing pub wall and to alter it would be detrimental to this beautiful aspect of the village. The Gates again opposed as unsuitable and not in keeping to the village. No objection to the conversion to the existing garages and the infill of space to the house. No objection to conservatory rear of property.

**New Web Site:** Paul Taylor reported to council that the old web site provider was to close down shortly and the council had no choice but to find a new provider (as discussed previously). The new transparency laws state that all councils are required to publish information on line and the council had no choice but to continue supporting the council web site. A new provider suggested by Leicester council had been approved and the lengthy process of moving material over to the new site must commence very soon before all material is wiped off. Council was informed that the Clerk had agreed to be responsible for moving the material over to the new site and some monies specifically for this task would be paid. The Clerk and P Taylor informed council that they were also in the process of applying for a grant to help cover costs.

**Items for the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council on the 1st June 2016:**