

HISTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of meeting held at Recreation Centre, New Road, Impington, Monday 16th May 2016 7 p.m.

Present: David Jenkins (Chairman)

Clerk: Angela Young

Histon Residents: Andy Butcher, Steve Carrington, Marian Cleaver, Neil Davies, Elaine Farrell, Ashley Gordon, Lynda Marsh, Max Parish, Edd Stonham

Impington Residents: Hooda Abdullah, Aga Cahn, Tim Ewbank, Christine Hertoghe, Brian Ing, Simon Jocelyn, Pene Nudds, Denis Payne, Josephine Teague, Nick Wood

Non-residents: Rob Campbell, Andrea Cowley

1 **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN**

The Parish meetings were held concurrently. David Jenkins, Chairman of Histon & Impington Parish Council welcomed all to the 122nd Annual Parish Meeting of Histon Parish. Mrs Young had agreed to take minutes. Chairman encouraged all to tweet or blog if wished during the meeting

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Chris Cross, Cedric Foster, David Legge, Chelsea Presland, Mike Mason

3 **MINUTES OF THE 121st ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th MAY 2015, MATTERS ARISING**

All agreed to sign as true record. No matters arising

4 **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Chairman read out an annual report for 2015-16 covering a few of the highlights for the community, and challenges and expectations for 2016-17 (**Appendix 1**) Presentation would be available on website shortly, with a version in the next HI quarterly Newsletter.

5 **PRESENTATION OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2015-16**

(**Appendix 2**) Paper provided to all, and would be on website shortly. Information on budget against expenditure would be available on request. It was noted year end reversals and VAT issues would affect the final figures published as part of the Council's audit

6 **MR ROBERT CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL IMPINGTON ACADEMY TRUST**

Rob presented on a good year for the college (**Appendix 3**). He outlined details of:

- Positive OFSTED report
- 75th anniversary celebrations
- Collaboration opportunities
- Opportunities to frame a Multi Academy Trust to a character distinctive to the community
- Economies of scale available
- Ethos and values of iMAT
- Membership of Founding Members Group and Trustees
- Plans for a special school for children with autism, with a local need identified, to open September 2018 if planning permission granted

Chairman opened the meeting up for questions:

Max Parish, Church Street Q. What are the economies of scale? There is a concern over the burden on the education of children in these villages. A. Public purse savings will be

seen. It enables education to be delivered more efficiently and more effectively. A special school would receive extra funding. There will be scope as part of the Multi Academy Trust to reduce the number of roles. Standing still is not an option

Hooda Abdullah, South Road Q. Will Parent Governors be retained? A. Yes, of a Governing Body of 15, 4 or 5 will be parent governors.

Brian Ing, Woodcock Close Q. What are the arrangements for stewardship of the historically interesting Gatehouse and a number of draft drawings by Henry Moore? A. The house is on a long term lease with repairs made recently to enable its use for educational purposes. The Academy will continue to make sure it is used correctly. The drawings were owned by the College and transferred over to the Academy in 2012. There are no plans to allow them to be retained anywhere but in the villages

Marian Cleaver, High Street commented only to ask if we are not merely “re-inventing the wheel” by returning to the structure provided by the Local Education Authority?

7 OPEN FORUM

Max Parish, Church Street, Histon congratulated members of the Parish Council on taking seats in the recent uncontested election. Noting that if an election had been necessary there was a possibility of a double cost for each parish, he asked the Council if they would re-look at the option to form a merged Council rather than a grouped one. He was advised this had been reviewed by the Finance Legal & Administration Committee in 2015-16 with a decision to remain as grouped. The request to review again was noted.

There being no further matters raised, meeting was closed at 7.55pm