

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
of EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL held on
Thursday 23rd April 2015**

Present : Cllrs Jimmy West, Peter Cheeseman, Nigel Bickerdike, Julia Bailey, Helen Higgs, Alan Willson (Village Warden), and Jill Seaman (Clerk).

Also present: Cllr Andrew Bowles and 9 residents.

- 1. Welcome** : Cllr West extended a welcome to everyone present and introduced the Councillors.
- 2. Apologies**: Apologies were received from Cllr Colin Prescott.
- 3. Minutes**: The minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2014 were taken as read and accepted.
- 4. Chairman's Report**: The Chairman advised that there had been elections to the Council with four Councillors re-standing and John Payne would take on the role of Treasurer following the retirement of Peter Cheeseman who was thanked for his invaluable time as Councillor and particularly as Treasurer. The Chairman gave a summary of the Village Warden scheme, Website, the Pub Amenity application, the Footpath maintenance by Belmont/Sentry Farms and other matters arising throughout the year including the ongoing potholes requiring repair. Cllr West thanked Alan Willson for his work through the year and his good rapport with the police.
- 5. Warden's Report**: It had been a fairly quiet 6 months of the year with few incidents. There had later been a number of thefts from sheds. Today there was a telephone call from a resident in Eastling who had been advised that her credit card had been compromised. Don't give details of your card as these are fraudsters. Alan had been commended by the police for his invaluable work to combat crime in the area.
- 6. Treasurer's Report**: The Treasurer circulated the accounts for 2014/15 Cllr Cheeseman explained that the balance on account was kept to a level as advised by the external auditor and that the precept is used for expenses in the parish.

7. Comments from the floor:

Councillor Bowles advised that he was up for election in the Parish but not for Borough Election for another 2 years. He gave a summary of the County budget and that there was 50% given to social care at the moment. Cllr West thanked Cllr Andrew Bowles for his attendance

8. Any other business:

Hilary Harlow advised that the drains were still blocked due to silt .A site plan was provided. Councillor Bowles would take forward this to be dealt with.

There is a road sign post on the bend missing for Faversham/Newnham and Lynsted.

The meeting formally closed at 8.35pm.