

MENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING 20TH MAY 2014

MINUTES

1. The current chairman, Sandra King, welcomed councillors Tony Dawson, Geoff Lane, Kathy Ferrar, Cecil Hadingham, Jimmy Kent, Peter Lee and Denis Pye. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.
2. Declarations of interest – none.
3. **Election of chairman** for coming year – Peter Lee was proposed by Denis Pye, seconded by Kathy Ferrar, all in favour. Denis Pye proposed a vote of thanks to Sandra King for her work in the last year – all councillors supported this with their thanks.
4. **Election of vice-chairman** for coming year – Kathy Ferrar was proposed by Sandra King, seconded by Geoff Lane, all in favour.
5. Sub-groups or sub committees - not required at present.
6. **Minutes of previous meetings** [17-03-14; 29-04-14] signed as a true record.
7. **Finances**
 - Receipts and Payments account for year ending Mar 2014 – received and approved
 - Cheques approved as follows: no. 039 to HMRC for £109.40 [tax to 5 July]; no. 040 to C. Cardwell for £292.30 [net salary for Apr and May]; no. 041 – void; no. 042 to Van Dijk for £72.00 [payroll services]; no. 043 to SALC for £237.00 [subs and mag.]; no. 044 to SCC for £10.00 [hire of school]; no. 045 to MSDC for £72.00 [emptying bins]
 - Internal audit report from Heelis and Lodge – received and recommendations noted.
 - Annual Return for external auditor [BDO] – approved and signed.
 - Any other financial business
8. **Correspondence** – received and discussed
9. **Any other business** – Richard Mattocks presented himself for the remaining vacancy on the council; Cecil Hadingham proposed his election, seconded by Sandra King, all in favour – clerk to bring paperwork to next meeting. The overgrown hedge at Jayscott, Mundy's Lane is again obstructing the highway – clerk asked to contact Suffolk Highways; the owner states that Suffolk Highways always cut it. There had been further fly-tipping by the re-cycling bins and councillors commented unfavourably on the people who were so indifferent to the safety and amenities of the village.
10. **Next meeting** – 14th July 2014
The meeting ended at 8.45pm