**Annual Meeting of the Parish for Hasketon Parish**

**held at Hasketon Victory Hall**

**on Thursday 9th May 2019 at 6pm.**

**Final Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Parish Councillors: - Alastair McWhirter (Chairman) Iain Whyte, Sarah Butters,

Becky Bately, David Keeble (Parish Clerk), District Councillor Colin Hedgley, Three

Residents of Hasketon Parish

1. **The meeting was opened** at 6.00pm by the Chairman who welcomed everyone to the Annual meeting of the Parish. He reminded those present of the location of the emergency exits and toilet facilities, and that it was permissible to record the meeting if anyone so wished (Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014). He advised that no practice fire drill was scheduled.

**2**. **Apologies for absence**: Stuart Dack, Simon Bately, CCllr Robin Vickery.

**3. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Parish** on 10th May 2018. These Minutes

had previously been circulated and were unanimously agreed as a true record of the

meeting and were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Chairman’s Report and Finance**: Cllr McWhirter delivered his Annual Report for the

past year which is attached. It makes reference to the change in PC membership

during the past year although the function of the PC has remained stable and with

continued progress. Village services have been maintained with no increase in the

Parish element of the Council tax charge whilst maintaining good financial resources

for future expenditure for the benefit of Hasketon residents.

An increase in the number of planning applications had required some additional PC

meetings and the Chairman considered the views of residents had been reflected in

the PC responses. The allotments are fully subscribed, and other amenities are well

maintained. The village litter pick had its highest number of participants and the PC

has made use of Hasketon Happenings webpage, maintained by Matthew Field, to

keep village residents informed of events.

Both District and County Councillors regularly attend PC meetings and we have been

able to have some impact on changes to highways maintenance procedures although

this continues to be a difficult area of contact with other authorities that many PC’s

have to deal with.

One of the most significant achievements during last year was the installation of

superfast Broadband to the village, and a large vote of thanks goes to Simon Batley,

who came onto the PC specifically to facilitate this introduction which without

Simons technical knowledge and direct connections with Openreach and other

individuals we might still be waiting. Simon, along with Paul Stafford, Phil Hunter and

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**4. Chairman’s Report and Finance (cont’d)**

Paul Strugnell have all stood down from the PC during the past year and thanks go to

all of them for their work over the years. Paul Strugnell has been a PC member for at

least eight years and is a past Chairman and it is only due to his health issues that he

has decided to step down and we wish him well. Finally, the Chairman thanked the

Clerk for his work and support throughout the year.

PC finances are covered in the PC meeting report to follow.

**5. Comments/Questions from Residents**

There were two points raised from residents present; -

1) Iain Whyte responded to a question re the Defibrillator use and maintenance

confirming that it is regularly checked and maintained. There are instructions for use

on the Defibrillator.

2) The Chairman responded to a question regarding where information regarding PC

matters could be found. Details of PCllrs and meetings, agendas, Standing Orders etc

can all be found on the PC website at [http//:hasketon.suffolk.cloud](http://hasketon.suffolk.cloud/parish-council-information/). The PC also

publishes a PC news report each month in the Parish Magazine that gets delivered to

all residents in the Parish. Although the PC does not operate a facebook/twitter or

similar webpage it does make use of the Hasketon Happenings website mentioned

above to publicise certain information and events such as the Village Litter Pick.

1. A.O.B. There being no other business the Chairman declared the annual meeting of the Parish closed at 6.14 pm

Signed: ………………………………………………….Chairman ……………………………………………………….

Date;……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….