

SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 12th May 2016
in Swinstead Village Hall

Present: B. Lynch, G. Brown, C. Lunn, A. Moss, S. Webb, J. Hunt-Webb (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence: None

2. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting of 13th May 2015

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13rd May 2015 were read and agreed as an accurate record.

Proposed : G. Brown **Seconded :** C. Lunn

3. Chairman's Annual Report to the Council:

Overall a year where the Council has progressed a number of issues –

a) Croake Hill.

This has once again been a difficult year which caused several local residents considerable distress including involvement in legal proceedings. The Parish Council still awaits the outcome of a hearing from 6th May.

b) Highways.

Works to both foul sewers and surface water drainage was undertaken by the County Council in the village year with beneficial results so far. Because of the diligence of the Parish Council in reporting potholes, the roads in the village are in better condition than many in the surrounding villages.

c) Broadband

Open Reach have now completed their work allowing fibre to cabinet broadband to be available to residents if they wish to apply for it.

d) Resignation of Parish Councillor and Secretary.

Mrs Jane Hunt-Webb and Cllr Stephen Webb will shortly be leaving the area and both were thanked for their past services to the Council.

The Chairman concluded by thanking all Parish Councillors for their help and support over the last year.

4. Financial Report 2015 - 2016:

The council approved the Financial Accounts and Bank Reconciliation for 2015-16 and agreed that they should now be passed to the internal auditor and thence to the External Auditors, Grant Thornton by 3rd June 2016. The Chairman duly signed the Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement. A date for final public scrutiny of the Audited Accounts will be arranged to encompass dates around the first week of July.