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## **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Hayfield Parish held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in the Village Hall, Hayfield**

**Present:** Cllrs P Easter (in the Chair), K Bevins, L Bevins, M Dean,  
M Jones and J Wilson

**In attendance:** Five members of the public and K Bradshaw Parish Clerk.

### **1. Clerk to the Meeting:**

K Bradshaw was elected Clerk to the Meeting

### **2. Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Cllrs E Lawson, A Ramwell and V Wieteska

### **3. Hayfield Parish Council Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman thanked Cllr L Bevins, the Vice Chair of the Council, Cllr Ramwell, last year's Chairman who had a challenging year and all Parish Councillors for their time and hard work over the past year on committees and in meetings. He also thanked County Councillor Atkins, Borough Councillors Ashton and Mellor for keeping the Council informed on wider issues, members of the public for keeping the Council informed on local issues. Special thanks were extended to the Parish Clerk Keith Bradshaw who has done a good job in getting Hayfield Parish Council back on track during my time as Chair, he has made my job easier through his hard work and diligence and his experience has made it a pleasure to work with him and long may he continue in his work. Thanks were also expressed to Sustainable Hayfield, Hayfield Civic Trust, employees of the Council, the new May Queen Committee and last but not least his very supportive family.

Due to the situation with the previous Clerk when I came into office the Council was in limbo and the financial situation and office procedures were secretive but in less than 12 months we have a healthy, transparent bank balance and all Councillors have an "access all areas" approach to the Clerk.

Company Pictures are filming "The Village" again in Hayfield. The Local Plan for Hayfield has been put into place with input from Councillors and the planned removal of the site on Kinder Road from the greenbelt has been overturned.

Work on Dungeon Brow should be up and running in the near future and plans for improvements to the recreation ground at Valley Road are underway.

Derbyshire County Council is to improve the parking near the cemetery and is looking into safety issues at the bus stop at Little Hayfield.

Local groups have been able to approach the Council with funding requests with correct procedures having been put in place.

The Bloor Homes development has gone on with only one complaint being made to the Council. Hayfield Junior Football Club received a donation from Bloor Homes for works to improve the football pitch.

The Christmas celebrations went well and the new interpretation board is in place at Bowden Bridge and the Council's publicity leaflet for 2014 has been printed and is being distributed.

The Council's accounts showed a small surplus for 2013/14 and healthy bank balances at the year end. This enabled the Council to hold the precept at the same level for Band D as last year and gives the Council the opportunity to spend on projects for the village this year.

#### **4. Balance Sheet of Non-Ecclesiastical Charities**

For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 the accounts showed Income of £518.12 and expenditure of 350.00 for the year with reserves standing at £608.82 at 31<sup>st</sup> December.

#### **5. Questions and Answers**

St Matthew's PCC is working with the Parish Council to bring the situation regarding Bank Vale playing field to a satisfactory conclusion and appreciates the time and patience of the Council. The matter is in the hand of the Diocese's legal advisers and feedback from them is expected in the near future. Thanks were expressed to the Chairman for helping to move this forward as a common goal is kept in mind. Efforts are being made to facilitate an agreement to satisfy all interests in the village. The solicitors have been instructed to move forward and transfer the field to the Parish Council at the lowest cost and the valuer will re-examine the terms. The Church no longer sees itself as custodian and no problems are expected if it is referred to the Charity Commission.

The Chairman said that the Council understood that the hold up is nothing to do with St Matthew's in Hayfield.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm