

Newton Poppleford & Harpford Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Monday 23rd May 2016
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: Jeffery – Chairman.	Actions
Apologies: - Cllrs: Burhop, Clarke, Police Sergeant Andy, personal emergency.	
In attendance: - Cllrs & 8 public.	
Open Session The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
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1. Minutes in the form of notes of the meeting held on the 21 st May 2015 were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Zirker 2 nd Cllr Tillotson. 5-0-3 ABS	
2. It was noted that all reports would be on the website, those attending were in receipt of hard copies of all matters on the agenda.	
3. Annual report: It was agreed that all such reports would be précis, full report attached to the file copies of the notes.	
4. Reports: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairman Annual 2. Police 3. County, no report 4. District 5. Village Hall 6. Playing Field Foundation, Pavilion Field and Play Area. Mrs Swan raised her concerns in respect of the room divider suggestion as explained by Cllr Zirker, it was noted that consideration had to be given to when the whole room was in use and that people seated could maintain vision of the TV screen. Also, would the divider take up too much space when parked out of use? Mrs Swan was thanked for raising the matter which would be considered after professional advice received. 7. Clerks & RfO. 2015 year end audit certificate. No matters raised. 8. Overview of the 2016 Accounts, subject to Audit, as required by the External Auditors requirements. 9. Budget for the current year, noted no increase in precept requirements, healthy balance brought forward. <p>A query was raised on the matter of part repayment of the PWLB loan, and explanations given. Noted that the loan now stands at £32,927 and the half yearly payment is now reduced from £1045 to £950 half yearly. Shan Merritt considered the matter should be taken up by Hugo Swire MP.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A</p>

<p>5. Any Other Matters</p> <p>Cllr Zirker advised that the Parish had the highest life expectancy in the area. He also questioned P.C Lee on the matter of the new school in relation to parking and had the police been involved, the answer was no they had not, but he would make enquiries.</p> <p>Shan Merritt raised the matter of WIFI in the Pavilion and was it being considered. Cllr Zirker responded little justification. The Chairman advised that the matter would be reviewed and discussed further.</p> <p>Mrs Swan raised the matter of HEMLOCK in Webber Meadow in the river area which needed professional attention because of its poisonous nature. It was agreed to seek the service of a contractor.</p> <p>It was also brought to the meetings attention that a leak was apparent in Back Brook of a sewer which had been reported to the EA and SWW.</p> <p>It was agreed to make a referral in support of immediate action being taken to clear the restriction caused by the Tree roots. Clerk to follow up the matter.(Temporary work undertaken).He also pointed out that the Parish had 12.50 miles of Public footpaths and that under growth explosion had taken place, he hoped to start strimming shortly.</p> <p>Further new warning signs would be in place at red bridge shortly.</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A</p> <p>A</p> <p>A</p>
<p>Closure - The meeting concluded at 8-30pm</p>	
<p>Chairman</p> <p>Date</p>	