## The Annual Parish Meeting of the Hawthorn Parish Council was held at 7 pm on Monday March 18th, 2019 in the Community Centre

**MINUTES**

**Present**

**Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman)**

**Cllr. George Vest (Vice- Chairman)**

Cllrs. Maxine Smith, Sheila Irving, Norman Hughes

Police Inspector Rachel Stockdale, Sgt James Peel

Community Centre: Sharon Marley

8 Residents

Officer: Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk)

# Presentation of the Chairman’s Award

Good evening and welcome to the Hawthorn Parish Council Annual Parish meeting.

Some time ago Councillor Norman Hughes JP suggested an annual award to be known as the Chairman’s Award chosen by the people of Hawthorn for the people who have made a considerable difference over the years towards the Hawthorn community.

As you know you were invited to nominate your own choices for this award.

And after receiving some six nominations your Parish Council have decided on a 2019 Winner and remaining close contenders.

Last month it was unanimously decided to rename this annual award the Norman Hughes Award.

This will continue to be an annual award chosen by the people of Hawthorn and the annual winners will be displayed on a plaque to be displayed in this Community Centre Hall.

The Norman Hughes Award for 2019 is awarded to Kenneth Rowe for his work for Hawthorn.

And the other equal nominees are

Mr & Mrs Dave Irwin and Mr & Mrs Steve Marley.

Maureen Hunter

Jill and Paul Paterson

Carolyn Winter.

Our congratulations to everyone.

# Apologies

Cllr. Diane Hughes

DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees

# Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2018

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the Minutes of the Parish Meeting 2018**

# Matters Arising

## Noticeboards

Concern was expressed about the condition of the Notice Board.

It was agreed to ask the contractor to look at the noticeboards again and take the necessary action.

# Reports

## To receive the Annual Report

The Annual Report had been circulated.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the report.**

## To receive the report from the County Councillor

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Rachel Stockdale and Sgt James Peel.

Sgt Peel then gave his report.

Since last meeting there had been 20 calls – most involved with the Shell Garage and the A19.

In addition suspicious activity with vehicles and burglaries in Western Park.

Inspector Rachel Stockdale introduced herself as the new Inspector and said she was delighted to meet everyone.

## To receive the report from the Chairman of the Community Centre

The report was given by Sharon Marley on behalf of the secretary of the Community Centre.

The Management Committee has continued to meet on a regular basis over the past year. In 2018 the Centre has been able to cover all running expenses from the income generated from events, room bookings and regular seasonal activities.

The Committee thanked everyone who supports the centre by either attending or volunteering for their ongoing activities.

Ongoing activities include the regular coffee mornings, art and craft class, line dancing, garden project and table tennis.

In addition, a number of special events have been held including the Hawthorn Country Fair, Christmas Craft Fair, Members’ Christmas Lunch, Hosted Outlaw Trail Run, Christmas Card painting workshop, Hosted Christmas Light Switch on.

Bookings have also been at their highest.

The Committee would like to thank the Parish Council for their ongoing support and all of the volunteers.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the report.**

# Any other business

## Seat at the bottom of the village

Concerns were expressed about the seat at the bottom of the seat and the bin in front of it.

**RESOLVED**

**To look at the positioning of the bin and take appropriate action.**

## E mail Community Round Up –

The Council were thanked for the Community Round Up.

## Speeding on High West Lane

Concerns were expressed about speeding on High West lane.

RESOLVED

To ask DCC to place the speed indicator sign there for a period of time.

## Street Lighting

Concerns were expressed about the removal of some of the street lights – particularly at the North Entrance.

The Clerk said that there had been a substantial number of lights removed throughout the County and that some Town Councils had taken the decision to retain such lights but at their own expense.

he Chairman said that the original number of lights to be removed had been much greater and that DCC Cllr Angela Surtees had listened to the Parish Council and residents and argued the case with DCC. As a result, fewer lights had been removed.

**RESOLVED**

**To ask DCC to place the speed indicator sign on High West Lane for a time.**

## Play Area

A question about ownership of the Western Park Play Area was raised. The Chairman said ownership lies with the Western Park management company.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45 pm