



Annual Parish Meeting held in the  
Village Hall, Main Street  
at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th April  
2017

## MINUTES

### 1. APOLOGIES:

Cllr Wontner-Smith, plus nine members of the public.

### 2. ATTENDEES

Cllrs Sargent, Farmer, Harding, Johnson, Maltby, Sitford, Streatfeild, Pratt plus the Clerk. Huw Merriman MP; Dist Cllrs Mooney & Jenkins; Cty Cllr Davies, Trevor Leggo  
Plus 249 members of the public

3. **WELCOME:** All were Bade welcome by Cllr. Pete Sargent, Chairman.

4. **MINUTES:** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 12th April 2016 were approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Pete read his statement, a copy of which is attached to the Minute Book and will be publicised on our various media.

6. **REPORTS:** First there was a report from John Crouch, Chairman of the School Governors, detailing recent history of the school's recent travails, which are all now remedied and a previous Head Teacher will be returning to manage the now federalised Northiam & Hurst Green schools. He reiterated that the school wished to work closer with the community to ensure greater and wider use of the Pretious Hall.

There followed a report from Helen Sitford of the Northiam Village Hall Trust a copy of which is attached to the Minute Book

### 7. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

There followed a number of questions about the Parish Council's Blue Cross plans; some were against the cost in a personal sense and, as far as can be assessed, a not dissimilar number of attendees were supportive, but as was confirmed by Trevor Leggo, that as the democratic process has been adhered to correctly, the loan application will proceed.

It was clarified that should NPC not succeed in acquiring the site that the loan would not need to be drawn down and Council Tax for ensuing years will return to more "normal" figures.

Following this series of interesting exchanges the meeting was formally closed which enabled visitors to enjoy the provender supplied by Will's, accompanied by liquid refreshments supplied by Council.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PBSargent". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

**Cllr. Peter Sargent, Chairman, Northiam Parish Council**