

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Lower Halstow Parish I held on Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall, Lower Halstow.

Present: Cllr Steve Gates (Chair); Cllr Rob Smith (Vice Chair); Cllr Keith Howard-Challis; Cllr Sue Hartfree and Parish Clerk Mrs Ann Smith. 9 members of the public were also present.

1. **Apologies** Cllr Allyson Beerstecher, Cllr Steve Parker and Cllr Dewar-Whalley All apologies were accepted.
2. **Minutes of the 2016 Annual Assembly**
It was proposed by Cllr Howard-Challis seconded by Cllr Smith that the draft minutes of the Annual Assembly of Lower Halstow Parish held on 5 April 2016 be accepted as a true record; all Councillors were in favour and the minutes were duly signed,
3. **Report on Council's Activities in 2016/17**
The Chair gave a summary of the Council's activities in the last year; the report is available on the website.
4. **Report on the Council's Accounts for 2015/16**
A summary of the accounts was circulated. The chair highlighted that a £4000 donation from the film company has been ring fenced for repairs to the Brickfield area.
5. **Questions from Electors**
A resident asked if the village boundary had been moved again on the south side of the village. The Chair responded that as far as the Council is aware the boundary has not changed.
A resident asked why the precept has been increased by 17.5%. The Chair replied that it had been recommended to increase the reserve as best practice and that there may be some considerable expense in the future in repairing the dock.
A resident asked if the Parish Council could look into whether or not there is a "Village Envelope".

Date:

Signed:

Chair