

**MINUTES OF SOULDERN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON 14th MAY 2015**

<p>Present: N Oakhill (Chairman) C Rothero K Draper K Allpress B May B McGarry (Clerk) N Robertson (RFO)</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr J Macnamara K Hewitt D Carlisle J Carlisle</p>	<p>Also in attendance: Mrs M May Mrs A Prescott Mr P Prescott Mr C Hughes Mr T Snow Mr H Snow Mrs D Gray Maj A Gray Mr E Deeley Mr R Deeley Mr B Wright Mr T Vincent Mrs R Summers Mr D Summers</p>	<p>Mrs J Clifford Mr K Clifford Ms D Stephens Mr J Hoodless Mrs D Hoodless Mr D Blunt Mrs H Blunt Mrs E Johnson Mr W Johnson Mrs T Noble Mrs K Gray</p>
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1. **Apologies:**
Cllr J Macnamara, K Hewitt, D Carlisle, J Carlisle
2. **Minutes** of the Souldern Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2014 were approved and signed. Prop: CR 2nd: KD
3. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising
4. **Chairman's Report:**
The Chairman thanked the councillors and the Clerk for all their efforts during the past year during which time Alan Martin, Richard Deeley and Dara Masterson-Jones all stood down prior to the elections. Special mention was made to both Jan and Alan Martin for their considerable contribution to the Council during their term of office. The re-elected team will be joined by Kirsty Allpress and Bruce May.
Ann Prescott was thanked for her continued efforts circulating the Welcome Packs – 24 were delivered during the past year. Also Romney and David Summers who stood down as leaders of the NBW group and which has now been taken over by Tim Vincent. Rosie Sanders who stood down as leader of the Playground group and is succeeded by Tania Noble.
A number of projects and events have either happened or been started during the past year, including the Christmas and the 1940's parties, the Community Led Plan, the database and the Website, so there is a lot of work to be done during the coming year. The Council is committed to delivering the best service it can to parishioners and to keeping you everyone fully informed, please help us to achieve this.

5. **Finance Officer's Report:**

The Parish Council has continued its careful financial management throughout 2014/15, as a result of which it has been able to maintain the village precept at £5,700 for another year. This has meant a very small drop in household charges because of changes in the tax base.

In 2014/15 income net of VAT exceeded expenditure by £1,308. There is a New Homes Grant from CDC for 2014/15 of £1,092.

Expenditure followed the usual pattern with the most significant cost being for grass-cutting throughout the village, on the playing field and in the closed churchyard.

Once approved the accounts for 2014/15, as always, are available for inspection by arrangement

David Summers was thanked for his thorough and constructive internal auditing and reporting to the Council.

6. **Matters Arising from Reports:**

There were no matters arising from the reports

7. **Questions from Residents:**

The issue of speeding was again raised. Before the police can do anything about this it has to be proved that there is an issue first. Cllr Fatemian from OCC has promised to get a black box to monitor speeds in the village so that we can take this forward. The box, as yet, has not been forthcoming.

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman Souldern Parish Council