Hardingham Parish Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Report by Breckland Council, Mattishall Ward, Councillors – Paul Claussen & Ian Martin

Breckland Council Elections - 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

You will be aware that following the District Elections Breckland Council now comprises of 37 Conservative Councillors, 6 Labour Councillors, 4 Independent Councillors and 2 Green Party Councillors. The main change is a net reduction of 1 in the Conservative Group, the disappearance of UKIP, the arrival of 2 Greens and an increase in Labour and Independents.

In Mattishall Ward Paul Claussen was re-elected and Ian Martin was elected with him. The Mattishall recorded the highest turnout in Breckland at 39.7%.

The main news from Breckland since 2<sup>nd</sup> May is that the Leader of the Conservative Group, and of the Council, William Nunn, has stood down, and his deputy, Sam Chapman Allen, has been elected Leader. In addition, Paul Claussen has been elected Deputy Leader. The new leadership, cabinet, and committee appointments will be confirmed at the Council's AGM on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. So watch this space.

For the year ahead, we plan to prepare a report for each parish council meeting, to attend the meetings of each parish council at least once a quarter, and any meeting that you would particularly like one or both us to be at because of specific issues on that meeting's agenda.

We are contactable by phone, email and letter – contact details are below. We very much look forward to working with you to the benefit of Hardingham, the Ward and Breckland.

Thank you.

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