

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 2nd May 2012 in the Reid Hall, Boreham Street

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors B Bentley and R Thomas and District Councillor P Doodles.

2. Welcome

The Chairman, Keith Stevens, welcomed the thirty people in attendance. He described how busy the Parish Council has been this year and how the changes in Localism will affect the Parish Council. He also thanked Cllr Holbrook for setting up the new, much used, website.

He also reported that;

Solar panels have been fitted to the Reid Hall thanks to the work of the Reid Hall Management Team and the help of Wealden Planning and various events are being organised locally for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. He thanked Cllr Huntbatch for all her hard work in helping to organise them.

Wealden are appealing for more volunteers to act as Road Stewards for the Olympic Torch procession on the 17th July. Residents should contact Michelle Eldridge or the Chairman if they are interested in helping. Residents are also being asked to register their interest for Superfast broadband as ESCC have now secured funding. ESCC are to attend the July Full Council Meeting to provide an update.

The Bexhill to Hastings link road is to go ahead soon and ESCC will start by carrying out ecological surveys. The Lamb has now been sold and will remain a pub and the Bull's Head goes from strength to strength thanks to the landlord, Michael. He recently celebrated three years at the pub.

3. Report from County and District Councillors

County Councillors R Thomas and B Bentley provided the attached report in which they described their activities, responsibilities and the County Council's activities. They also thanked the Parish Council and residents for their continued help and support. Further details are in the attached report.

District Councillor P Doodles provided the attached report describing the activities of the District Council over the last year. She also thanked the Parish Council and residents for their continued help. Further details are in the attached report.

The Chairman then invited representatives of clubs and associations to make reports (some attached) and the following came forward.

4. Reports from Clubs and Associations

Wartling Parish Local History Group started in 2007 and the Group holds exhibitions annually each October. 180 visitors attended last year's and as result the Group donated £500 to the church. They donated a total of £900 to the church over the year. The History Group raise funds by selling booklets and postcards and have a new book coming out soon. Flyers are available for anyone who wants them.

Windmill Hill Windmill Trust read from the attached report. They left flyers for the upcoming Mills Weekend and reported that they need £6000 a year to keep the mill running. They mainly raise funds through events and at the forthcoming Mills Weekend there will be Morris men, teas and coffees and classic cars. They also appealed for more volunteers.

The Wartling Horticultural Society host their 135th annual show on 4th August 2012. They invited everyone to take part or to just come along and admire the exhibits. They are keen to encourage all ages and talents.

The Horticultural Society ended by offering the Parish Council a commemorative oak to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

5. Open Forum

The following events are being planned in the parish to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee;

Wartling Parish Council is hosting a lunch on the 3rd June 2012. Leaflets are to be sent to every home in the parish and entry will be by ticket only. On the day there will be a sponsored hog roast, facilities to watch the barge procession and games. Vintage cars will help set the scene. The lunch starts at midday and it is hoped to offer cream teas later in the day.

On Monday 4th June there will be a Family Day at Herstmonceux Castle. Details are available on the Parish Council website.

Herstmonceux Church is also hosting a childrens' tea party on the 3rd June.

Mrs Gainer asked who owns the BT boxes in the parish and asked for them to be repainted. It was explained that the boxes are owned by BT and BT have scheduled them in to be repainted in the Spring.

The police sent their apologies for not attending but sent a brief report, a copy of which is attached. Mrs Jones asked that something be done about the cars parking on the side of the road in Boreham Street near the junction with Boreham Lane. The Chairman agreed to look into the matter.