

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Reid Hall,
Boreham Street on Wednesday 3rd May 2017

1. Present

Cllrs K Stevens (Chairman), R Lawrence, C Paterson, W Reid and D Kehl.

District Councillor P Doodes, Alison Stevens (Clerk) and fifteen members of the public were also in attendance.

2. Apologies for absence

Absence for their absence were received from County Councillors B Bentley and L Keeley.

3. Election of Chairman

Councillor Lawrence proposed and Councillor Kehl seconded Councillor Stevens for the role of Chairman. Councillor Stevens duly accepted the role.

4. Election of Vice-Chairman

Councillor Stevens proposed and Councillor Paterson seconded Councillor Lawrence for the role of Vice-Chairman. Councillor Lawrence accepted the role of Vice-Chairman on a temporary basis.

5. Welcome and signing in of new Parish Councillors

Councillor Stevens officially welcomed Denise Kehl and Will Reid to Wartling Parish Council. Mrs Kehl and Mr Reid duly completed the Acceptance of Office, Summons to Receive Electronic Information and the Register of Interest Forms.

6. Minutes of the Last Parish Council Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 1st March 2017 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

7. Other Areas of Responsibility

Councillors appointed the following areas of responsibility;

Planning	Cllr Stevens
Environment North	Cllr Reid
Footpaths	Cllr Paterson
Environment South	Cllr Paterson
Highways	Cllr Kehl
Police	Cllr Lawrence
Communication	Cllrs Lawrence and Reid
Speedwatch	Cllr Lawrence
Tree Warden	Cllr Reid

8. To adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Councillors resolved to accept the latest NALC Standing Orders and Financial Regulations (2013) which had been distributed before and again at the meeting.

9. To appoint Councillors to serve as Representatives of the Parish Council on the following bodies.

Representative to the Village Hall Trust	Cllr Reid
Wealden District Association of Local Councils	Cllr Stevens
East Sussex ALC Ltd (to attend the AGM)	Cllrs Stevens, Paterson and Kehl.

10. To approve the accounts for the financial year to 31st March 2017.

Councillors **resolved** that they approved the accounts, the annual governance statement, the risk management document, the asset schedule and the internal audit arrangements for the financial year to 31st March 2017.

11. Payment of Annual Subscriptions

Councillors resolved unanimously that the following subscriptions and insurance are paid for 2017-2018;

Wealden District Association of Local Councils
Society of Local Council Clerks
Sussex Association of Local Councils
Zurich Insurance

12. Bank Signatories

Councillors **resolved** to add Councillor Kehl as a cheque signatory. Councillors Lawrence and Stevens are to remain as existing signatories.

13. Chairman's Allowance

Councillors resolved that the Chairman's Allowance will be £140.00 for the financial year 2017-2018. It was noted that the Chairman has not taken and will not take his allowance for 2016-2017.

14. Code of Conduct

Councillors **resolved** to re-adopt the Code of Conduct introduced by Wealden District Council under the Localism Act 2012.

15. General Power of Competence

Wartling Parish Council **resolved** that it meets the prescribed conditions for the General Power of Competence.

16. Meeting Dates

Councillors agreed the following dates for Full Council Meetings;

2017

Wednesday 3 rd May	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 5 th July	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 6 th Sep	7.30pm	Reid Hall

The date of the November Meeting is to be confirmed.

2018

Wednesday 3 rd Jan	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 7 th Mar	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 2 nd May	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 4 th July	7.30pm	Reid Hall

17. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered;

WD/2017/0840/F - Brooks Farm, Boreham Lane, Wartling, BN27 1RS - Proposed demolition of barn and construction of single storey dwelling - Wartling Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

1. The site lies in a rural area beyond the development boundary and where strict control is applied in order to protect the character and appearance of the countryside. The erection of a residential dwelling would be an unjustified development which would be out of character with this attractive rural setting.
2. The proposed building would be highly intrusive and would appear as an isolated feature within the rural location.
3. The approach road is unsuitable to serve a new property given its narrow width and lack of footways.
4. The Council disagrees with the comments made in the design and access statement as it considers a new build would create considerable more traffic movement and thus increase the level of nitrogen deposition.
5. In the design and access statement the applicant refers to the fact that the Barn is now a redundant farm building. Having reference to the original application for the Barn (WD/2004/0357/F), permission was granted for so long as it was required and used for agriculture and within six months from the date on which the building ceases to be required and used it shall be removed and the site reinstated to the approval of the District Planning Authority. The reason being to regulate and control the development of the land and to preserve this rural area. Rather than approving a new build the Council considers that the Barn should now be removed as per the original planning permission.

WD/2017/0710/F - Clematis Cottage, Boreham Lane, Boreham Street, Wartling, BN27 4SL - Single storey rear extension – Wartling Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

WD/2017/0766/FA - Wheelwright Cottage, Horsewalk, Wartling, BN27 1RY - Minor material amendment to application WD/2016/1825/F (proposed extension and changes to internal

layout) – Wartling Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application as long as it complies with the Listed Buildings Regulations.

WD/2017/0625/F - The Smugglers Wheel, Boreham Hill, Boreham Street, BN27 4SQ - Internal changes to ground floor, bar area and first floor bedrooms, removal of modern fire escape, erection of garage/garden shed and rear terrace, external changes including alteration to existing roof of kitchen, reinstatement of lost windows, replacement of velux rooflight with conservation rooflight and fenestration changes – Wartling Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

WD/2017/0626/LB - The Smugglers Wheel, Boreham Hill, Boreham Street, BN27 4SQ - Internal changes to ground floor, bar area and first floor bedrooms, removal of modern fire escape, erection of garage/garden shed and rear terrace, external changes including alteration to existing roof of kitchen, reinstatement of lost windows, replacement of velux rooflight with conservation rooflight and fenestration changes – Wartling Parish Council has no objections to this application as long as it complies with the Listed Building Regulations.

18. Questions from Parish Councillors

Councillor Lawrence said one Speedwatch session has been held since the last Full Council Meeting and three drivers were reported as a result.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.30pm.