

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 7th May 2014 in the Reid Hall, Boreham Street

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Holbrook.

County Councillors B Bentley and R Thomas and District Councillor P Doodes.

2. Welcome

The Chairman, Keith Stevens, welcomed the thirteen members of the public and County Councillors Keeley and Bentley and District Councillor Doodes. He thanked everyone for attending and making Wartling Parish Council's meetings one of the best attended Parish Council meetings in East Sussex, West Sussex and Surrey. He thanked County, District and County Councillors and the Clerk for all their work and then reported the following;

- Wealden District Council appears to have agreed with all the Parish Council's recommendations on all its local planning applications. The land at Pevensey Marshes appears to be being restored into good order. Strategic Site Consultations are ongoing and the subject of exceptional sites is to be discussed at the next Parish Planning Panel Meeting. Councillors will need to consider whether to go for Wartling Parish as a Conservation Area.
- Waste was a big issue this year but things seem to have settled down now.
- A new bus stop and bin have been installed - thank you PGL.
- Speedwatch sessions continue and two new volunteers are to be trained soon. Thank you Councillor Lawrence for all your work..
- Highways remain a problem although the future looks interesting. Councillor Stevens is to attend a 'Community Self Serve' initiative with a suite of four products run by ESCC which 'allow you, the Parish Council, to design, fund and carry out highway works'.

3. Report from County and District Councillors

County Councillors B Bentley and L Keeley 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 Doodes 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

The Reid Hall is reported to be running well.

5. Open Forum

Residents asked the Parish Council to contact the County Council and ask them to put signage on the Wartling Road warning motorists of the 's' bend. There have now been six fatalities or serious accidents there. Councillor R Lawrence said all the relevant authorities except ESCC met last week and their recommendations, which include signage, will be made to Highways.

Residents also complained about the amount of horse manure left on pavements outside their homes.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm.