

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Reid Hall,
Boreham Street on Monday 1st May 2013

1. Present

Cllrs K Stevens (Chairman), R Lawrence, A Holbrook, D Permaul and C Paterson.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from C Cllrs B Bentley and R Thomas and D Cllr P Doodles.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd May 2012 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Election of Chairman

Councillor Lawrence proposed and Councillor Holbrook seconded Councillor Stevens for the role of Chairman.

Councillor Stevens accepted the role of Chairman to Wartling Parish Council.

5. Election of Vice-Chairman

Councillor Stevens proposed and Councillor Holbrook seconded Councillor Lawrence for the role of Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Lawrence accepted the role of Vice-Chairman to Wartling Parish Council.

6. Co-option of a New Councillor

Councillors **resolved** unanimously that Michael Corfield is co-opted as a Parish Councillor to Wartling Parish Council. Mr Corfield kindly accepted the role and was welcomed by the Chairman.

7. Other Areas of Responsibility

Councillors resolved that the following remain in their roles;

Cllr Lawrence	Communications and Speedwatch
Cllr Holbrook	Roads and Police
Cllr Paterson	Environment South
Cllr Permaul	Footpath and Environment North
Cllr Stevens	Planning
Cllr Corfield	Trees

All councillors are to continue serving on the Planning Committee until further notice. The quorate of the Planning Committee will remain as three councillors.

8. To adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Councillors resolved to continue with the existing Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and will consider adding an amendment relating to the Planning Committee at the next Planning Committee Meeting.

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

Representative to the Village Hall Trust for WPC	Cllr Paterson
Wealden District Association of Local Councils	Cllrs Stevens and Paterson
Police Joint Action Group	Cllrs Holbrook and Lawrence

10. To approve the accounts for the financial year to 31st March 2013.

Councillors **resolved** that they approved the accounts for the financial year to 31st March 2013. Cllr Stevens agreed to provide a simple breakdown of the income and expenditure with the minutes.

11. Payment of Annual Subscriptions

Councillors resolved unanimously that the following subscriptions and insurance are paid for 2013-2014;

Wealden District Association of Local Councils
Society of Local Council Clerks
Sussex Association of Local Councils
Zurich Insurance
Fasthosts (website hosts)

It was noted that the Councillor Stevens is also Chairman of the Sussex Association of Local Councils.

12. Bank Signatories

It was resolved that Cllrs Paterson and Holbrook will be added to the signatories to the bank accounts for the financial year 2013-2014. The Parish Council **resolved** that the Clerk's wages will be paid by standing order until further notice.

13. Chairman's Allowance

Councillors resolved that the Chairman's Allowance will be £140.00 for the financial year 2013-2014. This is the basic allowance as per the Wealden Parish Remuneration Panel Report March 2013.

14. Code of Conduct and Register of Interests

Councillors **resolved** to accept the Code of Conduct and Register of Interests 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;

Wednesday 10 th July	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 4 th September	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 6 th November	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 8 th January	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 5 th March	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 7 th May	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 9 th July	7.30pm	Reid Hall

17. Publication Scheme

Councillors agreed to adopt the Publication Scheme for the year 2013-2014.