

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

1. Present

Cllrs K Stevens (Chairman), R Lawrence, S Hunbatch, A Holbrook and C Paterson.

Thirty members of the public were also present.

2. Apologies for absence

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

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 19th May were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that the new Internal Auditor will be taken from the list of Internal Auditors recommended by SALC and that Natural England have issued summons for the 73 structures on the marshes.

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 Huntbatch 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 deferred the decision to appoint a new councillor until July when they expect to know more about the new Register of Interests.

7. Other Areas of Responsibility

Councillors resolved that the following remain in their roles until the changes to the Register of Interests are known;

Planning	K Stevens
Tree Warden	S Huntbatch
Environmental North	S Huntbatch
Environmental South	R Lawrence

Footpaths	C Paterson
Highways	C Paterson
Police/Crime and Neighbourhood Watch	R Lawrence
Communications	A Holbrook

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 until such time that they are altered by the Localism Bill. This decision is to be reviewed at the July Full Council 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	S Huntbatch
Wealden District Association of Local Councils	K Stevens

10. To receive the accounts to 31st March 2012 and approve for audit

Councillors approved the draft accounts which had previously been circulated to them and it was agreed that they can now be forwarded to the auditors on the SALC auditors' list for approval and verification.

11. Payment of Annual Subscriptions

Councillors resolved unanimously that the following subscriptions and insurance are paid for 2012-2013;

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

12. Bank Signatories

It was resolved that signatories to Bank accounts will remain the same for the financial year 2012-2013. This is also to be reviewed when the implications of the Localism changes are known.

13. Chairman's Allowance

Councillors resolved that the Chairman's Allowance will be £140.00 for the financial year 2012-2013. This is the basic allowance as per the Wealden Parish Remuneration Panel Report March 2012.

14. Code of Conduct and Register of Interests

Councillors agreed to continue with the existing Code of Conduct and Register of Interests until the new ones are introduced in July 2012. There were no reported changes to the Register of Interests.

15. Power of Wellbeing

Councillors resolved to re-adopt the Power of Wellbeing and Statement of Intent as to Community Engagement.

16. Meeting Dates

Councillors agreed the following dates for Full Council Meetings;

11th July 2012
5th September 2012
7th November 2012

17. Publication Scheme

Councillors agreed to adopt the Publication Scheme for the year 2012 -2013.