

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Reid Hall,  
Boreham Street on Wednesday 8th May 2014

1. Present

Cllrs K Stevens (Chairman), R Lawrence, M Corfield, S Parker and C Paterson.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Holbrook and were accepted by those present.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Election of Chairman

Councillor Lawrence proposed and Councillor Corfield 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 Paterson seconded Councillor Lawrence for the role of Vice-Chairman.

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

6. Welcome to and signing in of a new Councillor

Councillor Stevens formally introduced and welcomed Sara Parker to the Parish Council.

7. Other Areas of Responsibility

Councillors appointed the following areas of responsibility;

Planning	Cllr Stevens
Environment North	Cllr Parker
Footpaths	Cllr Paterson
Environment South	Cllr Paterson
Highways	Cllr Holbrook
Police	Cllr Lawrence
Communication	Cllr Lawrence
Speedwatch	Cllr Lawrence
Tree Warden	Cllr Corfield

8. To adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Councillors resolved to accept the latest NALC Standing Orders and Financial Regulations which had been distributed before 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 Parker
Wealden District Association of Local Councils	Cllrs Stevens and Paterson
Police Joint Action Group	Cllr Lawrence

10. To approve the accounts for the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

Councillors **resolved** that they approved the accounts and annual governance statement for the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

11. Payment of Annual Subscriptions

Councillors resolved unanimously that the following subscriptions and insurance are paid for 2014-2015;

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

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

12. Bank Signatories

It was **resolved** that all councillors will be signatories to the bank accounts for the foreseeable future.

13. Chairman's Allowance

Councillors resolved that the Chairman's Allowance will be £140.00 for the financial year 2014-2015. This is the basic allowance as per the Wealden Parish Remuneration Panel Report March 2013.

14. Code of Conduct

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

15. Emergency Plan

Councillor Stevens is currently working on a Draft Emergency Plan for the Parish and hopes to bring a completed draft to the next Full Council Meeting.

A copy will be published on the website once the Plan it has been completed and approved.

16. General Power of Competence

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

17. Meeting Dates

Councillors agreed the following dates for Full Council Meetings;

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2014	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	7.30pm	Reid Hall
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	7.30pm	Reid Hall

18. Fingerpost Signs

The Clerk is talking to ESCC about the possibility of ESCC paying the Parish Council to take over the responsibility of maintaining the parishes fingerpost signs.

Cllr Parker has produced a list of the works needed to bring the fingerpost signs up to Standard.

19. Community Dividend

Councillors **resolved** to apply for two defibrillators for the Parish, from the Community Dividend and that Cllr Stevens will notify District Councillor Doodles.

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