

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 13th May 2014 in the Reid Hall, Boreham Street

### 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Huntbatch.

### 2. Approval of Last Year's Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were read, approved by all and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. Reid Hall Trustees

Derek Willis, Chairman of the Reid Hall Trustees, reported on the recent changes to the Village Hall and said the previous Trustees did a brilliant job.

The new trustees are considering providing WiFi in the hall, reviewing rates and also having a floral display at the entrance. They are keen to communicate with the parish and more volunteers are always welcome.

### 4. Welcome

The Chairman, Keith Stevens, welcomed the twenty eight members of the public and County Councillors Keeley and Bentley and District Councillor Dodes. He thanked everyone for attending and making Wartling Parish Council's meetings one of the best attended Parish Council meetings in Surrey and Sussex. He thanked all Councillors and the Clerk for all their work and outlined the achievements of the Parish Council in the last year, including;

- the purchase of two new defibrillators, one at each pub, and securing most of the cost from the Community Dividend.
- organising first aid training for parishioners.
- agreeing to buy a Speed Detection Devices and securing funding from the Police Joint Action Group.
- supplying a new fingerpost sign near The Lamb, repairing three others in the parish and securing 50% funding from ESCC.

A full copy of the Chairman's Report is available from the Clerk.

### 5. Report from County and District Councillors

County Councillor B Bentley provided the attached report in which he described the County Council's activities. He also thanked the Parish Council and residents for their continued help and support. Further details are in the attached report.

County Councillor L Keeley said he has now settled in at County who are planning to sell redundant buildings to boost funds. He would rather the money was used to safeguard vulnerable people.

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.

5. Reports from Clubs and Associations

There were no reports from Clubs or Associations on this occasion.

6. Open Forum

Residents asked what follow up action when drivers are caught driving too fast By Speedwatch. Councillor Lawrence explained that follow up action is taken by the police and can ultimately end in prosecution.

Residents also asked for if there was any news regarding the appeal for the Wartling Wood planning application. The Parish Council has yet to hear.

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