

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Amenity Hall, Stone Cross on Monday 18th May 2015

1. Present

K Stevens, T Bruce, P Marshall, G Parsons, B Garner, J Blaker, G Garner, T Comerford, A Lovell, N Beaney, F Durling and J McClarty.

County Councillor M Pursglove, District Councillor K Balsdon, PCSO W Wyatt and 11 members of the public were in attendance.

Councillor Marshall chaired the meeting until item 4.

2. Welcome

Councillor Marshall welcomed the new Council and members completed;

- the Acceptance of Office Forms
- the Register of Interest Forms
- the Consent to Receive Emails Electronically form.

3. Election of Chair

Councillor B Garner proposed and Councillor Parsons seconded Councillor Stevens for the role of Chairman.

Councillor Durling proposed Councillor McClarty for the role of Chairman but Councillors voted by ten votes to two in favour of Councillor Stevens who duly accepted the role.

4. Election of Vice-Chair

Councillor Comerford proposed and Councillor Marshall seconded Councillor B Garner for the role of Vice Chair. All were in favour.

Councillor B Garner accepted the role of Vice Chair to Westham Parish Council.

5. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Perrin and were accepted by those present.

Apologies for absence were also received from District Councillor Clark.

6. Membership of the Standing Committees

Councillors resolved that the following Councillors will serve on the Finance and General Purposes Committee;

John McClarty
Keith Stevens
Teresa Bruce
Terry Comerford
Norman Beaney
Gill Parsons
Gerry Garner

Councillors resolved that the following Councillors will serve on the Parks and Open Committee;

Bev Garner
Gerry Garner
John Blaker
Keith Stevens
Roger Perrin
Peter Marshall
Gill Parsons
Fiona Durling

The Clerk advised that committee membership should be an odd number for voting purposes but members resolved that, in the event of a tie, they would stand by the Chair's casting vote. The Chair is appointed at the next Committee Meeting.

The quorum number remains at three.

7. Representatives of the Parish Council

Councillors resolved that the new list of representation on outside committees is as follows;

ESALC AGM	K Stevens/A Lovell
Emergency Co-ordinator	P Marshall
Wealden District Association	K Stevens/B Garner
Neighbourhood Watch	K Saxby/B Tooley *
Neighbourhood Panel	G Parsons/J McClarty
Pevensey Town Trust	R Perrin/G Parsons
St John's Trust	R Perrin
Tree Warden Officer	B Garner
Assistant Tree Officer	G Parsons
Westham Village Hall - Management Committee	B Garner
Stone Cross Memorial Hall	J Blaker

K Saxby will represent Hankham and B Tooley will represent Stone Cross. Nominations are sought from Westham.

8. Payment of Annual Subscriptions

Councillors resolved unanimously that the following subscriptions and insurance are renewed for 2015-2016;

Wealden District Association of Local Councils
Society of Local Council Clerks
Sussex Association of Local Councils
Zurich Insurance
Stone Cross School Electricity Payment – amount as last year.

9. Meetings

It was resolved that the Standing Committees will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month (except April, August and December) and that the Full Council will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month (except August and December), at Stone Cross or Westham, bank holidays permitting.

10. Bank Signatories

It was resolved that signatories to Bank and Post Office accounts will be the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Chairmen of the Committees and the Clerk. The Clerk and two councillors are to sign transactions. Committee Chairmen will be appointed at the next Committee Meetings.

11. Code of Conduct

Councillors resolved to accept the Code of Conduct and Register of Interests introduced by Wealden District Council under the Localism Act 2012.

12. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Councillors **resolved** to adopt the latest Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as recommended by NALC.

13. General Power of Competence

Councillors reconfirmed their eligibility to meet the General Power of Competence.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm.