

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Amenity Hall, Stone Cross on Monday 16th May 2016

1. Present

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

County Councillor M Pursglove and three members of the public were also in attendance.

2. Apologies for absence

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

3. Election of Chair

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

4. Election of Vice-Chair

Councillor Parsons proposed and Councillor Lovell seconded Councillor Garner for the role of Vice Chair. All were in favour. Councillor Garner accepted the role.

5. 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
Ken Saxby

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

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

In the event of a tie, members will stand by the Chair's casting vote.

The quorum number remains at three.

6. 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
Neighbourhood Watch/Panel	K Saxby/G Parsons/G Garner/ J McClarty
Pevensey Town Trust	R Perrin/G Parsons
St John's Trust	R Perrin
Tree Warden Officer	G Parsons
Assistant Tree Officer	G Garner
Westham Village Hall - Management Committee	G Garner
Stone Cross Memorial Hall	J Blaker

7. Payment of Annual Subscriptions

Councillors resolved unanimously that the following subscriptions and insurance are renewed for 2016-2017;

Wealden District Association of Local Councils
Society of Local Council Clerks
Sussex Association of Local Councils
Zurich Insurance
Stone Cross School Electricity Payment – amount agreed £400.00 (reduced to reflect falling electricity prices)

8. 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.

9. Bank Signatories

Bank signatories will remain Councillors Comerford, Saxby, Parsons and the Clerk.

10. 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.

11. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

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

Councillors resolved to accept a change to the Financial Regulations recommended by the Internal Auditor and agreed to remove the line 'The Council shall seek credit references in respect of members or employees who act as signatories' because the bank carries out any necessary credit reference checks. They then resolved to adopt the Financial Regulations for the ensuing year.

12. General Power of Competence

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm.