

# Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 20th April 2015 in the Amenity Hall, Stone Cross

## 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sutherland, County Councillor Pursglove and District Councillors Tooley, Clark and Dear.

## 2. Welcome

The Chairman, Ken Saxby, welcomed the seventeen people in attendance and read the enclosed report in which he thanked councillors individually for their contributions and reported the achievements of the Parish Council in the past year.

A copy of his report is on the website and Facebook page.

## 3. Speaker Simon Stanley, TYS, Team Co-ordinator ESCC

Simon Stanley sent his apologies as he was unavailable to attend this meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

## 4. Report from County and District Councillors

County Councillor M Pursglove sent his apologies for absence. There were no District Councillors in attendance. The District Councillors are understood to have been advised by the District Council that they should not attend council meetings under the rules of purdah.

The Chairman then invited representatives of clubs and associations to make reports and the following came forward.

## 5. Reports from Clubs and Associations

Councillor Molog reported on the works carried out at Stone Cross Mill. She said that extensive work has been completed on the cap, fan stage and sweeps and the tower has been sealed and painted. The volunteer maintenance team has worked tirelessly throughout the year to complete the work. The Trust is seeking planning approval to improve the parking facilities and the work is estimated to cost about £25,000. Although the Trust has lost some of its long standing members, it has received £3000 from grants, members and members fund raising efforts. She thanked Westham Parish Council for its grant.

## 6. Open Forum

Mrs Durling asked the Council to report trees being cut on Highways land at Ketcham Corner and she also asked what is happening to improve crossing

at the Stone Cross roundabout.

The Clerk explained the Parish Council continues to chase ESCC who are seeking funding from developers.

There being no further questions from the public, the meeting closed at 7.10 pm.