

BURPHAM VILLAGE COMMITTEE AND PARISH MEETING
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 1030 am on Saturday 23 July
2016 in the Village Hall

Committee

attending: Paul Challen (Chairman) Heather Birch (Social)
Val Belton (Treasurer) Julie Tester (VH Management)
Marion Tucker (Secretary)
Ron Chapple

A total of 18 village members also attended.

Paul Challen opened the meeting by thanking Committee members for another year's work, in particular Heather for organising the fête. He also thanked Julie for her work for the Village Hall, and Nick Field for his efforts in keeping the roads open.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ed French, Kevin Foster, Suzanne and Thomas Jensen, Monica and Trevor Cooper, Charlotte Emory, Hugh Frère-Cook, Trish Moon and Maurice Slattery.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

There were no Matters Arising from the previous AGM minutes held 04 July 2015 and the Minutes of that Meeting were signed as a true record.

3. Treasurer's Report (Val Belton)

Val reported on the combined accounts of Burpham Village Committee and Burpham Parish Meeting for the year 6 April 2015 - 5 April 2016.

- (a) The precept for the year will be left at £2,650.
- (b) As ever, the main source of income has been the hire of hall for weddings, although income from this is down on previous years. A measure taken to try and halt this trend is the setting-up of a website dedicated to the Village Hall and its hire.
- (c) Current running costs of the hall amount to approximately £10,000 per annum.
- (d) Depreciation of the VH building is not included in the accounts, but the Meeting is trying to build a reserve, currently standing at about £35,000.
- (e) The meeting approved the accounts.
- (f) Val Belton proposed a vote of thanks to David Sunray for carrying out the annual audit so willingly and diligently, as always.

4. Secretary's Report (Marion Tucker)

- (a) Website – ADC, which hosts the village website within theirs, are looking to upgrade to another host, possibly in conjunction with Chichester DC. There is as yet no timetable for this.
- (b) Splash Bridge is due to be repaired, with work beginning hopefully within the next 6-8 weeks.
- (c) The upgrade to the Coombe Lane waterworks appears to be progressing satisfactorily.
- (d) There is concern that the road markings are completely worn away on the triangle outside Splash Barn. Marion has already reported this, but will chase it up.

5. Planning (Ed French)

- (a) It has been a relatively quiet year with few proposed "big builds". There have been around 20 applications, and 10 tree applications. It was pleasing to see that often applications

had been preceded with neighbourly consultations and mutual interest in the best outcomes.

(b) The law with regards to tree work was re-iterated, and it was pointed out that a lot of further advice is available online.

6. **Social Report (Heather Birch)**

(a) Heather reported on a successful year for social events, in particular the fête. She thanked the many villagers who had helped with this. After expenses a sum of £4,178.25 was divided equally between the VH and the PCC. Will Tyler thanked the Village Committee for the funds given to the PCC – it costs around £30,000 per annum to run the church.

(c) She outlined upcoming events, which will be advertised in due course. Bob Baynes proposed a vote of thanks to Heather for all her efforts.

7. **Village Hall Report (Ron Chapple)**

(a) The hall was completely redecorated in the autumn of 2015. All risk assessments and internal checks, for example electrical, were up-to-date.

(b) There are 2 new seats on the recreation ground, and there will shortly be a new one at Seven Sisters.

(c) The Village Committee had investigated the possibility of installing Wi-Fi in the VH, and had decided it would not be a worthwhile investment currently. However, if there were increased bookings for business or day-time events, this could be reconsidered.

8. **Cricket Club**

As Kevin Foster, Chairman of the Cricket Club, was not present, his report appeared on slides and was read out.

(a) 2015-16 proved a successful year both on and off the pitch.

(b) Around 20 colts were on the books this year, and Kevin thanked Roger Anscombe for organising their training.

(c) Sussex Ladies had again used the ground for a match against Hampshire Ladies. They have remarked how much they enjoy the venue. On 24 August the club is hosting the Sussex Cricket Roadshow.

(d) Kevin thanked the village for its support, particularly its President and Vice-Presidents. Thanks were also given to the Village Committee and JDAC for funding the new fence, which has helped reduce the amount of rabbit damage and the number of balls lost.

(e) Thanks were also given to Colin Dick for his work on the pitch and around the ground.

9. **Election of Chairman and Appointment of Committee**

Doug Evans proposed and Bill Tustin seconded the re-election of the Chairman and the re-appointment of the current committee and this was unanimously agreed.

10. **Any Other Business**

There was considerable discussion on the problem of car parking along the top end of the Street near the church and pub. People's property has been damaged, and it is getting increasingly difficult for some people to get their cars onto and off their drives at peak times. It was agreed:

(a) There will be a working party to clear the vegetation around the perimeter of the car park. Chris Hales will organise this.

(b) Notices will be put up indicating no parking as access for emergency vehicles was required.

(c) Ron Chapple would liaise with Peter Werner about producing an accurate plan of the car park, and possible parking spaces. These could then be marked up.

(d) Simon Lay would liaise with the pub about the parking of staff cars.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.10 pm.

Statement to be signed by Chairman at the 2016 AGM.

Agreed as a true record:

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Date:

for Burpham and Wepham Village Committee and Parish Meeting