

BURPHAM VILLAGE COMMITTEE AND PARISH MEETING
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 1030 am on Saturday 12 July
2014 in the Village Hall

Committee

attending:	Paul Challen (Chairman)	Ed French (Planning)
	Val Belton (Treasurer)	Heather Birch (Social)
	Marion Tucker (Secretary)	Julie Tester (VH Management)
	Ron Chapple	Kevin Foster (Cricket)

A total of 24 village members also attended.

Paul Challen opened the meeting by thanking Committee members for their work over the year. He also thanked Nick Field for looking after the roads, and to Chris Hales for all his sterling work for the village, even though not a Committee member. He also asked the meeting to remember those villagers that had passed away during the past year.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. T. Jensen and Mr. D. Sunray.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

There were no Matters Arising from the previous AGM minutes held 6 July 2013 and the Minutes of that Meeting were signed as a true record.

3. Treasurer's Report (Val Belton)

(a) Val reported on the accounts for the year to 5 April 2014, and pointed out that the accounts are combined accounts for Burpham Village Committee and Burpham Parish Meeting. Hall hire had been the main source of income for the last year, and EasyFundRaising had produced over £200 to date. Social events had produced good income, and the investments were performing well. Expenditure had gone down over the past year, but is expected to rise again next year.

(b) The precept for the year would be £2,650, an increase of £200 over last year.

(c) The main expenditure had been £4,500 on the new projector and PA system. Val thanked Chris for all his work in researching and dealing with this.

(d) Val thanked Ron and Julie for their work in looking after the Hall.

(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) Roads – Marion reported that it is a continuing battle to get matters dealt with, but she has met with the Assistant Highways Manager for WSCC, and he has promised that work will be done to repair the erosion at the side of the road, in places and the drainage near the Vicarage. WSCC has also said that Splash Bridge is their responsibility, but currently would appear to have no proposal to repair it.

(b) A footpath inspection by WSCC is due shortly. Various areas of concern or problems have been reported to them, and hopefully will be acted upon.

(c) Marion endeavours to keep the website up-to-date with village happenings. It is primarily a website for villagers, but it is acknowledged that it would occasionally be useful for certain events, such as the fête, to be published more widely on it. She is investigating this.

(d) Marion thanked Chris Hales for his efforts with spray paint (donated by Neil Brewer) and notices to address the “dog poo” problem.

5. **Planning (Ed French)**

(a) Ed reported that since the last AGM there had been 20 applications, of which 14 had been approved, 3 were still pending, and 2 were pre-applications. One would appear to have been withdrawn.

(b) Ed remarked that planning applications were always emotive, and urged anyone submitting one to talk to their neighbours about their ideas.

(c) He reported that houses in the village have been the subject of recent awards: Ilex Cottage has won the Sussex Heritage Trust Residential Award and 82 Burpham was also “Highly Commended”.

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

(a) Heather reported that the profit from the fête this year was nearly £3,000, which was divided equally with the church. She thanked everyone for their help, in particular Nathan for his loan of marquees and the cadets for their general assistance.

(b) Other highly successful events had been the Drip Action evening, the Children’s Christmas Party, the Bill Philips Via di Compostela talk and the recent “Alternatives” evening.

(c) She outlined upcoming events, which will be advertised in due course.

Phil White thanked Heather for all her efforts and hours of work over the year for the Social Committee.

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

(a) Ron thanked Julie for her day-to-day work in running and maintaining the Village Hall.

(b) He warned that there could be significant expenses in the near future as windows were being replaced on an ongoing basis, some chairs were wearing, an emergency lighting problem requires dealing with, and a “super clean” is due.

(c) All fire and safety equipment in the hall is tested on a regular basis, and is compliant with current regulations. Ron asked that no unapproved equipment be used in the hall, as this could invalidate the insurance.

8. **Councillor Dendle Report**

(a) Paul reported that Arundel Ward, of which the village is part, is to be expanded to include parts of Barnham, Findon and Walberton, and the number of councillors for the ward will rise from 2 to 3.

(b) A 20 mph speed limit is due to be introduced in Warningcamp, but not along the main road. Arundel is also to have a 20 mph speed limit.

(c) Extra posts to prevent some of the parking at the end of the road should be put in place in the near future. This has been delayed because of the secondment elsewhere of the WSCC person responsible.

(d) The Arundel Neighbourhood Plan will allow for house building in Barnham, Angmering and on the West Bank near Littlehampton.

(e) The Lower Tidal River Arun Strategy setting out the strategy against flooding for the next 50 years has been updated. A “Flood Forum” will be held on 12 September, which should be of interest to everyone, including those whose houses are on high ground.

(f) There were health and safety issues with maintaining Arundel’s roundabouts, but these have now been resolved.

(g) Paul gave updates on the proposed Lyminster by-pass, and Littlehampton leisure

facilities.

9. **Cricket Club**

Kevin Foster, Chairman of the Cricket Club, gave a report on the club's activities. He thanked villagers for their generosity and support in helping the club over recent years. So far it has been a successful year for the club, with a very active Colt's Section, run by Roger Anscombe and Jamie Taylor. The Colts have won 3 out of 4 matches played. Sussex Ladies have used the ground on two occasions recently, and hopefully will do so in the future. The Cricket Club wanted to do a sponsored event that would benefit the village, and have decided to paint the outside of the Village Hall in the early autumn.

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

The current committee was unanimously re-elected en bloc for a further year.

10. **Any Other Business**

(a) There were comments about a stile that needed attention, and also parts of the road that should be looked at. These comments will be passed on to the relevant bodies.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.40 am.

Statement to be signed by Chairman at the 2015 AGM.

Agreed as a true record:

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Date:

for Burpham and Wepham Village Committee and Parish Meeting