

**BURPHAM VILLAGE COMMITTEE AND PARISH MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 1030 am on Saturday 04 July**  
**2015 in the Village Hall**

**Committee**

<b>attending:</b>	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 17 village members also attended.

Paul Challen opened the meeting by thanking Committee members for their work over the past year, and also the Social sub-Committee for their efforts. He noted that the VC and Cricket Club are working well together. One of the successes of the year had been the assault on “dog poo”, thanks to Chris Hales’s efforts and the spray paint provided by Neil Brewer. He also thanked Chris for undertaking the improvements to the Village Hall lighting.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. T. Jensen and Mrs. F. Ellis.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

There were no Matters Arising from the previous AGM minutes held 12 July 2014 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 2014 - 5 April 2015.

- (a) The precept for the year will be left at £2,650.
- (b) The main source of income has been the hire of hall for weddings. Hire charges are paid by all wishing to hire the hall (half price to villagers), the only exception being for “wakes” after the funerals of any villagers.
- (c) Running costs of the hall roughly equate to income. It should be noted that there will shortly be an outgoing of approximately £4,500 for internal redecoration of the hall.
- (d) The VC also provides funds for some village events, for example the Children’s Christmas Party, and mulled wine and mince pies after the Carol Service.
- (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 – this is updated regularly, and also provides links to various other local websites of interest. It continues to work well in tandem with the village newsletter, some things being better on the website, some in the newsletter. Urgent matters can be communicated by email to villagers on the village email list.

(b) Village Hall – Marion thanked everyone for their recent efforts on taking up the old badminton court markings.

There is now on the website a calendar showing VH bookings for the next year.

(c) Village – footpath inspections are now undertaken every 15 months, instead of the previous 9 months.

As always there has been mixed success in getting WSCC or ADC to take action over some of the village concerns, for example, blocked drains.

(d) Marion thanked both the Estate and Nick Field for always taking prompt action should the need arise.

**5. Planning (Ed French)**

(a) Ed reported that since the last AGM there had been 25 applications, of which 17 had been approved (11 were tree works), and 2 were pre-applications. Four were withdrawn.

(b) Ed urged anyone submitting an application to talk to their neighbours about their ideas and to maintain a dialogue throughout any building works, and anyone who had views on neighbours' applications to talk to him.

(c) Two applications were currently pending: one for works at Southern Water's Plant in Coombe Lane, the other for BT to provide fibre optic cable as far as Wepham.

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

(a) Heather reported on a very successful year for social events.

(b) The fête had been particularly successful, raising about £5,190. After expenses a sum of £4,455 was divided equally between the VH and the PCC.

(c) She outlined upcoming events, which will be advertised in due course. She asked that if people were planning to come to any event they should book well in advance as this helped greatly with any detailed planning.

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

(a) The hall is to be redecorated internally throughout, this to take place in October, lasting approximately 2 weeks. At this time the Emergency Lighting will be modernised.

(b) One of the benches on the recreation ground was in a bad state of repair. Ros Hoy has informed Julie that there are no more living relatives to the seat, and Julie mentioned that the Bench family would like to put up a seat for Peter Bench.

(c) Regarding the CCTV, this is now 10 years old. Bulbs have been replaced and the system still works efficiently, but it would probably be prudent to review this in about 2 years' time with a view to updating the equipment.

**8. Councillor Dendle Report**

(a) Paul reported that Arundel Ward has been expanded to include parts of Barnham, Findon and Walberton, and the number of councillors for the ward is now three. It comprises 13 different parishes.

(b) There is a strong possibility that government grants to councils for cleansing will be substantially reduced over the coming years,

(c) The discussion over future housing strategy within ADC is ongoing.

(d) The A27 "Arundel Bypass" has been given the go-ahead, but its exact route is still to be decided. Work will probably not begin until 2021.

**9. Cricket Club**

Kevin Foster, Chairman of the Cricket Club, gave a report on the club's activities.

(a) The Senior section had so far won all of its Sunday matches, although it lost in the semi-final of the Downland Cup to Slindon.

(b) Colt numbers are down on last year, mainly due to children getting older and moving up into more senior teams. There is still a thriving Colts Practice sessions on Saturday mornings in the summer, and nets practice is arranged at Arundel during the winter.

(c) Particularly successful events had been the match against the President's XI and the

Sussex CC Ladies U17 match in April. Sussex County Cricket are planning a “fun day” on the ground on 24 August.

(d) The annual Dinner and Awards evening will be held on Friday 16 October 2015.

(e) Kevin thanked in particular Lord Balfour, the Vice-Presidents and also villagers for their continued support, Colin Dick and Ant Tester for their efforts in keeping the ground in such good order, and Patsy Smart for the catering.

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**

There was no Any Other Business.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.50 am.

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