

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held at
Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade, on
Monday 9 May 2015 commencing at 7.05pm.**

Present: Mr Ivor Davies (Chairman), Mr R Burrows, Mrs S Burrows, Mrs L Clarke, Mrs C Coates, Mr P Dengate, Mrs A Dickenson, Mr B Hinder, Mrs W Hinder, Mr D Hollands, Mrs K Macklin, Mr R Martin, Mrs S Martin, Mr M Radcliffe- Godfrey, Mr P Sullivan and Mrs M Waller together with the Clerk Mrs P Bowdery, Assistant Clerk Mrs M Fooks, Parish Clerical Officer Mrs A Candy, Borough Cllr D Butler and three members of the public/press.

Visitors: Mr T Harwood, Mr V Davies and Mrs D Nichols (press)

1. Apologies for absence.
Mrs P Brooks and Mr S Akehurst Sandling Village Hall,

2. Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising.

There were none.

4. Boxley Parish Council Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave an overview of the work of the Parish Council during the past year. In this he made reference Borough Councillor Wendy Hinder's effort to obtain a ban on HGVs parking overnight at Old Chatham Road, Sandling. The parish council had been successful in its battle to ensure that the issue of HGVs and lorries parking on residential streets was taken up at the highest level, it was however noted that this was a continuing battle.

The work of the parish council in representing its communities by responding to public consultations, putting forward responses to planning applications and recently in attending a public inquiry to object to a planning application at Gleaming Wood Drive, sadly unsuccessfully, was highlighted. The work of Walderslade Woodlands Group in enhancing and preserving Walderslade Woods and the work undertaken by The Friends of Boxley Warren were particularly noted

The Chairman thanked all the volunteers and volunteer groups working within the parish for the benefit of residents. He identified the importance of the parish council's continued financial support and he expressed thanks for the work of the Parish Council committees under the chairmanship of Wendy Hinder (Environment) and Vic Davies (Estates). Thanks were also given to the parish office and Beechen Hall staff.

The Chairman expressed thanks for the work of the departing Councillors Ann Spain, Martin Hinchliffe and Geoff Smith and acknowledged the sad loss of Alan Springate.

The Chairman announced that he was retiring from the position of Chairman of the Parish Council and identified some of the highlights of his term as obtaining Village Green Status for Walderslade Woodlands and the creation of Dove Hill Allotments.

5. Financial Report.

Work had been completed on the End of Year Report for submission to the External Auditor and this would be presented to the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 17 May. Copies will then be made available on the website and from the parish office.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council was about to enter its audit period where its books and paperwork were open for public inspection.

6. Reports were received from:

Dove Hill Allotments – Chairman of Working Group Bob Hinder

Friends of Boxley Warren – Chairman Bob Hinder

Sandling Village Hall – Mrs A Dickenson

Vinters Valley Trust – Chairman Vic Davies

Walderslade Woodlands Group – Chairman Robert Burrows

The Chairman presented Mr Burrows with the KALC Community Award for his service to the community and work as Chairman of the Walderslade Woodlands Group.

7. Questions.

A resident asked about the planning application for Wildfell Close. The planning department was currently being supplied with some specialist reports and so the decision was not yet imminent.

A resident raised the issue of dog walkers failing to clean up after their pet when they entered the woodlands. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the volunteer group about getting more posters up.

8. Date of next meeting.

To be advised.

Meeting closed at 7.35 pm.