

POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Poynings Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 10th May 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr Mike Airey Chair
Ms Sheila Marshall
Mr Matthew Cutress
Mr John Digby

Mr Colin Warburton Clerk to the Council

Colin Trumble - District Councillor
Anthony Watts-Williams - District Councillor
Peter Griffiths - County Councillor

Apologies
John Wilkinson - District Councillor
Tony Steer - Bolney Parish Council

19 members of the public attended

1. Welcome

Mike Airey welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chair. MC proposed Mike Airey continue and JD seconded this.

The council agreed that there was no need for a Vice Chair

3. Chairman's Report

Found first year as chairman involved and interesting with various projects on the go. As you all know, lost one of our councillors. Jake Richards died in March and he would have reported on the work he had been involved with in relation to Safer Roads and Footpaths. He had consulted with the County Council Manager for Highways and discussed possible future plans with him whilst walking through the village. Jake was about to link up with interested villagers to come up with some suggestions. Jake's work on this will be continued. His memory will live on in Poynings and elsewhere. He is greatly missed.

Thanked new clerk and outgoing clerk for a smooth change over behind the scenes.
Thanked Nicki for all her hard work.



Council continued with the work of flood prevention

Work to smarten the roundabout well under way, the ironwork has been tidied and this year it will be made a lot smarter with the planting to be done by a local firm. Lotus Gardens.

Replacement bins started by the last council now in place.

Another successful Fireworks night. It does not make money and relies on donations. Thanked Mark Lee and Family also Helen Woodhams at the Garage.

4. Financial Report - Clerk

The accounts for the year ending 31.3.2016 had been circulated to all councillors.

Keith Lowers had audited them - many thank to him for that. JG proposed that they be accepted as a true record of receipts and expenditure for the year. MC seconded them and MA duly signed all.

5. Local Talks

WSCC Councillor Peter Griffiths

Was pleased to meet the new Council.

Frustrated by the slow progress of the Civil Service.

Park Wood is still not being pursued by authorities along with Pondtail.

There has been a year of tough fighting for funding.

Good that Watershed has been re-introduced

Still working on the quiet run tarmac for the A23

Bolney have got volunteers, some from Devon, to help fix potholes with hot tar.

Thanked Mark Lee for helping with the winter maintenance.

District Councillor Anthony Watts-Williams

Discussed the district plan and its importance

Other Parishes are doing plans

There are possibly grants available to do this

Two traveller sites have been granted permission in this area so no more needed.

AW to contact SM and MA to discuss how to get a group together.

National Trust Charlie Cain

Gave his annual update on what is happening on Devils Dyke and at Sadlescombe Farm.

The scrub has been pushed back with the help of the friends of Devils Dyke. There are no major plans to change anything.

Another Rave at Sadlescombe Farm

Fallen trees to be looked at, short staffed, one man down and another long term sick.

Bolney Parish Council Tony Steer

Unable to attend as hurt back

6. Open Forum

Footpath that JR had started will continue

It is important to find out the sequence of events at Pondtail Wood

Locals worried that travellers may move in

Defibrillator is still being investigated

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting
Refreshments followed



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