

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held at Kent Scouts Activity Centre, Lower Grange Farm, on Monday 13th April 2015 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Mr Ivor Davies (Chairman), Mrs P Brooks, Mr P Dengate, Mr M Hinchliffe, Mr B Hinder, Mrs W Hinder, Mr D Hollands, Mrs K Macklin, Mr G Smith, Mrs A Spain, Mr P Sullivan and Mrs M Waller together with the Clerk, Parish Clerical Officer, Borough Cllr D Butler and three members of the public/press.

Visitors: Mr T Harwood, Mr V Davies and Mr A Springate.

1. Apologies for absence.

County Councillors Paul Carter and Ian Chittenden, Rob Burrows – Walderslade Woodlands Group, Monty Knight-Olds – Grove Green Community Hall, Mr M Dickinson – 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 to the unveiling of a commemorative plaque at the war memorial to mark the centenary of the beginning of the Great War. Two trees representing Britain and Germany (Oak and Linden) were planted in Grove Green with the intention of erecting a similar plaque to mark the ending of the war.

Due to lack of a mandate from the community, the Parish Council had decided to take no further action on a Neighbourhood Development Plan unless circumstances changed.

The Chairman thanked all the volunteers and volunteer groups working within the parish for the benefit of residents. He also 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 office and Beechen Hall staff.

5. Financial Report.

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

Work is underway to complete the End of Year Report for submission to the External Auditor. Copies will be made available on the website and from the parish office.

6. Reports were received from:

County Councillor Paul Carter

Dove Hill Allotments – Chairman of Working Group Bob Hinder

Friends of Boxley Warren – Chairman Bob Hinder

Vinters Valley Trust – Chairman Vic Davies

Walderslade Woodlands Group – Chairman Robert Burrows

7. Questions.

There were none.

8. Date of next meeting.

To be advised.