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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE WALBERTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION,
WALBERTON, at 1800 on Monday 22 May 2023

Present: Councillors Andrew Vawer Chairman, Toby Hewson, Douglas McElvogue

Andrew Ratcliffe (Ex councillor and Ex Chair),

The minutes were recorded by Andrew Ratcliffe.

In attendance: Arun District Councillor Steve McAuliffe and 24 members of the Parish.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the agenda.
2. There were no apologies for absence.
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the annual parish meeting held on 23 May 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. The Chairman updated the parish on the recent elections advising that there are now 5 councillors with a possible 3 others willing to co-opt at the next full council meeting leaving at least 1 vacancy still to be filled.

He then invited the outgoing Chairman Andrew Ratcliffe to give a report on the last year. His report covered the work of the council and the various committees during the year which was dominated by the A27 but ended successfully with the scheme being postpone until the next Road Building Strategy from 2025 to 2030. The full report is on the parish website.

5. Presentations by Parish organisations had been invited with three applying.
 - Emma Tristram advised about the upcoming event called the Art of Binsted which focuses on the Wishart family.

She also advised about a change in the law on road policy covering extra carbon.
 - Richard Gooding had provided a paper that was read by the Chairman on his behalf thanking parishioners that previously helped with the Salvation Army's Poppy Appeal and asking for help from volunteers to do house to house collections locally in late Oct for this year's appeal.

- Walberton Gardening Club - Brenda Bailey reported on the huge success and activities of this reformatted club which is now well supported by 101 members in the villages.

She explained how they hope to make the July exhibition and dog show into a full village fete this year.

She thanked the council for the grant to the club.

6. AOB and questions to the Parish Council and Arun Councillor.
- There were a number of questions covering traffic and the A27, particularly cooperation with other parishes to prepare for the next stage.
 - The importance of traffic monitoring and air quality checks was empathised with continuation sought.
 - ADC Councillor Steve McAuliffe explained how the Greens plan to fight unwanted developments in the future
 - A solution was sought to tidy up the playing field boundary with better disposal of the Cricket Clubs grass cuttings.
 - There was a further widespread discussion by the meeting covering topics like rights of way amongst others.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attended and participating and closed the meeting.

Signed

Chairman

Date