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WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **THE WALBERTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**20 May 2025 at 7.00pm in The Pavilion**

### **Minutes**

Present: Councillors Andy Vawer (Chair), Douglas McElvogue (Vice chair), Toby Hewson, Louise Higham, Richard Riordan, Shona Turner (Clerk) and members of the public.

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Titmus
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the annual parish meeting held on 21 May 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. The Chair presented a report on the Council's activities for the past twelve months.
5. Presentations were received from
  - a. Andy Vawer on the Neighbourhood Plan review and biodiversity. In order to map the biodiversity within the Parish, Andy explained the benefits of using 'iRecord', a national database platform to record wildlife sightings. This application was easy to use and could be downloaded on to your mobile phone. If residents within the Parish helped to record the wildlife they see, this would assist the Parish Council in mapping and protecting the biodiversity within the Parish.
  - b. Suzanne Clark gave a presentation on traffic calming, explaining how it worked, its locations and that it was managed by volunteers. There was also the community speed gun, again this was managed by volunteers, with training from Sussex Police.
  - c. Richard Gooding representing the Royal British Legion – Richard thanked everyone who help fundraise for the Poppy Appeal each year and asked if any other people were able to help.
  - d. Brenda Bailey from Walberton Gardeners Club – Brenda provided an overview of the Gardeners Club's activities and summer show and thanked the Parish Council for letting the Gardeners Club tidy up Blacksmiths Corner. Brenda also explained the aspirations for entering 'Britain in Bloom' next year.
  - e. PCSO Caroline Wilson was unable to attend the meeting.

6. Questions and discussions arose around planning issues, traffic calming, archaeology, biodiversity and play areas.
7. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Signed ..... Date .....

Chairman