

Minutes of the Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 17th May 2017 at Greenstead Green Village Hall at 7.00pm.

These are draft minutes and yet to be agreed by the Parish Council.

Present.

Cllr. Thelma Ardley.

Cllr. Bill Dixey.

Cllr. William Fossick - outgoing Chairman

Cllr. Paul Foster.

Cllr. Derek Mason.

Cllr. Pat Wickes.

Amanda Degnan – Clerk to the Parish Council.

Cllr. Jo. Beavis – County Councillor

Cllr. John O'Reilly-Cicconi – District Councillor.

Together with 10 members of the public.

36/17 Apologies for absence. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Chris Butler.

37/17. Election of Chairman. Chairman to sign the declaration of office.

Cllr. Fossick announced that he was standing down as Chairman and proposed Cllr. Foster. This was seconded by Cllr. Ardley. All were in favour and so Cllr. Foster was duly elected Chairman.

38/17. Election of Vice Chairman.

Cllr. Butler had informed the council prior to the meeting that he wished to stand down as Vice Chairman. The Chairman, Cllr. Foster, proposed Cllr. Mason. This was seconded by Cllr. Fossick. All were in favour and so Cllr. Mason was duly elected as Vice Chairman.

39/17. To appoint representatives to the outside bodies as set out below: The following appointments were approved en-bloc.

a). Essex Association of Local Councils.	Cllrs. Fossick and Mason.
b). Braintree Association of Local Councils.	Cllrs. Ardley and Foster.
c). Village Hall Management Committee.	Cllr. Butler.
d). Playing Field Management Committee.	Cllrs. Fossick and Butler.
e). Civil Defence Emergency Committee.	Cllr. Fossick.

f). Earls Colne Airfield Liaison Committee.	Cllr. Foster and Derek Wickes (Resident Rep.)
g). Planning Committee.	Any three Councillors.
h). Footpaths Representative.	Cllr. Butler.
i). Tree Warden.	Cllr. Dixey.
j). Health Committee Representative.	Cllr. Foster.
k). District Neighbourhood Watch.	Cllrs. Foster, Dixey and Jean Hastings.
l). Community Transport Representative.	Cllr. Mason.
m). Internal Auditor.	Richard Edwards Group.
n). Responsible Financial Officer.	Amanda Degnan.

Prior to the Full Parish Council meeting, the new Chairman, Cllr. Foster, expressed his and the Parish Council's thanks to Cllr. Fossick for his 30-year stewardship of the Parish Council and his strong leadership. The Council were very lucky to have had such a knowledgeable Chairman and are pleased that he is continuing as a Councillor until the next election. Cllr Foster then handed Cllr. Fossick a thank you gift of wine on behalf of the Parish. Cllr. Fossick expressed his thanks to everyone.

Cllr. Foster also thanked Cllr. Butler for all his help and advice particularly with his knowledge of the local area and hedgerows.

Cllr. Foster then welcomed the new clerk, Amanda Degnan, to the Parish. He then thanked Jo Beavis, the former Parish clerk, for all her help in Greenstead Green and congratulated her in her new role as County councillor. He also thanked the Councillors for their help and the Parishioners for turning up as it was very important that the actions of the Parish Council are conducted in public and subjected to scrutiny.

Signed.....

Chairman – Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council.

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