**Minutes of the Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council AGM held on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at Greenstead Green Village Hall at 7.00pm These are draft minutes and yet to be agreed by the Parish Council.**

**Present.**

Cllr. Chris Butler

Cllr. Bill Dixey.

Cllr. Paul Foster. Chairman.

Cllr. Derek Hambling

Cllr. Ian Pleasance

Cllr. Derek Mason. Vice-Chairman.

Cllr. Pat Wickes.

Amanda Degnan – Clerk to the Parish Council.

District Cllr. Peter Schwier

Together with 1 member of the public.

To note: Prior to the AGM starting the Councillors handed in their Acceptance of Office, Interests and Electronic communications agreement forms to the Clerk. The AGM then commenced at 7.05pm

**36/19 Apologies for absence.** County Cllr. Jo. Beavis.

**37/19 Election of Chairman. Chairman to sign the declaration of office.** Cllr. Paul Foster was nominated to be re-elected to the post of Chairman by Cllr. Derek Mason and seconded by Cllr Chris Butler. All were in favour. Therefore Cllr. Foster was duly re-elected as Chairman. The Chairman signed the declaration of office

**38/19 Election of Vice Chairman.** Cllr. Derek Mason was nominated to be re-elected to the post of Vice Chairman by the Chairman, Cllr. Paul Foster, and seconded by Cllr. Derek Hambling. All were in favour. Therefore Cllr. Mason was duly re-elected as Vice-chair.

**39/19 Vote of thanks to former Councillor Thelma Ardley.** The Chairman, Cllr. Foster, expressed the Parish Councils thanks to former councillor Thelma Ardley who had stood down at the last election. She was a respected and well-known councillor for White Ash Green. It was noted that she had been passionate that the views of residents in White Ash Green were heard at the Parish Council meetings. Her interests included the issue of speeding, litter picking, Speed camera trials in Gosfield Road, the maintenance of Love Lane and planning issues in the area. She had produced a list of names for new roads in the Oakwood development which had been accepted by the developer and Braintree District Council (BDC). The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks for all her work and has a small token of the council’s appreciation he proposed purchasing Wyevale vouchers to the cost of £25.00. to be given to her. This was unanimously agreed.

The Chairman, Cllr. Foster, then introduced Cllr. Ian Pleasance who had replaced Thelma Ardley. Cllr. Pleasance explained he had lived in White Ash Green for five years, was also interested in the issue of speeding and had worked on forums when living in N.E. London so was used to working with councillors. The Chairman, Cllr. Foster, welcomed him to the Parish Council.

**40/19 To appoint representatives to the outside bodies as set out below:** The following appointments were approved en-bloc:

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| **a). Essex Association of Local Councils.** | **Cllr’s Foster and Mason** |
| **b). Braintree Association of Local Councils.** | **Cllr’s Pleasance and Hambling** |
| **c). Village Hall Management Committee.** | **Cllr. Butler** |
| **d). Playing Field Management Committee.** | **Cllr’s Butler and Mason** |
| **e). Civil Defence Emergency Committee.** | **Cllr. Mason** |
| **f). Earls Colne Airfield Liaison Committee.**  | **Derek Wickes and Cllr. Pleasance** |
| **g). Planning Committee.** | **Any 3 councillors** |
| **h). Footpaths Representative.** | **Cllr. Butler** |
| **i). Tree Warden.** | **Cllr. Dixey** |
| **j). Health Committee Representative.** | **Cllr. Foster** |
| **k). District Neighbourhood Watch.** | **Jean Hastings, Cllr’s Dixey and Foster** |
| **l). Community Transport Representative.** | **Cllr. Wickes** |
| **m). Internal Auditor.** | **Richard Edwards Group.** |
| **n). Responsible Financial Officer.** | **Amanda Degnan.**  |
| **o) Greenwatch** | **Cllr. Hambling** |

There being no further business. The AGM closed at 7.20pm.

**Signed……………………………………………………………………….**

**Chairman – Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council.**

**Date………………………………………………………………..**

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