

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Newenden Parish Council on 10 May in St Peters church at 7.30 pm

Present:

Mr D Rose (chairman)
Mrs J Eldridge
Mrs H Masters
Mrs T Gethin
Mrs L Larkin

Clerk

Mr J Leeves

There were 10 members of the public present.

Apologies for absence

1. Apologies were received from Mr and Mrs Edmonds and Mrs J Vinson.

Declarations of Interest

2. None.

Election of chairman

3. Mr Rose was nominated to be re-elected as chairman by Councillor Gethin. There being no other nominations Councillor Rose was re-elected as chairman and signed his declaration of office.

Election of Vice chairman

4. Councillor Eldridge was nominated for re-election as vice chairman. There being no other nominations Councillor Eldridge was re-elected as vice chairman.

Allocation of business responsibilities between Councillors

5. The chairman said that Councillors would retain their existing responsibilities and consequently there would be no change.

Minutes of Previous AGM on 4 May 2021

6. The minutes of the meeting on 4 May 2021 had already been agreed and there were no matters arising.

Annual Return for 2021-22

7. The clerk said that there were three parts to consider and he had already circulated the Annual Return to Councillors in advance.

Accounting statement

8. The clerk said that the only item of significance was the apparent increase in overall expenditure. This had resulted from the cost of repairing the path to the graveyard which had cost £3,000. The County Council had agreed to pay this cost but had not yet made the reimbursement. Councillors agreed the Accounting Statement.

Governance statement

9. The clerk said that the Council had made adequate consideration of risks in the year and had also considered other matters of governance. Councillors agreed the Governance statement.

Exemption certificate

10. Councillors agreed that an exemption from a limited assurance audit was appropriate.

11. The clerk said that the Annual Return would be available for inspection during the period of public rights.

Financial statement to 10 May

12. The clerk reported that the first half precept had been received but that the Borough Council had yet to pay the grant for grass cutting. He had also heard nothing from the Borough Council about the applications for grants towards the parish Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The chairman said that Councillor Walder had assured him that her member's grant of £500.00 would be available and some further grant would be forthcoming from the Council.

Invoices for payment

Mr S Pemberton	Grass cutting	£320.00
KALC	Annual subscription	£163.54
Aosom	Tents Plat Jubilee celebr	£235.96

Highways

13. Councillor Masters said that she had now received the report about the condition of Newenden bridge. Highways had also filled most of the potholes in Lossenham lane. Councillor Masters had been in touch with Highways about the very faint white lines at the entrance to Lossenham lane from the A268 Rye Road to try to get them repainted on the road.

Planning

Application 22/00446/AS

14. Councillor Eldridge said that this application was a resubmission with a different conventional design of a previous application which had been refused. She did not feel that any comment was required. The clerk was asked to make this comment to Ashford Borough Council.

Any other Business

New village hall

15. Mr Livesey asked about progress on the new village hall. The chairman said that the Parish Council was reviewing the situation and that there were tentative offers of funding available.

Defibrillator Training

16. It was recalled that several residents had asked to be trained on the use of the defibrillator. Councillor Larkin said that her training contact had suggested that up to twelve people could be trained. Councillor Gethin said that the names of people interested in being trained should be obtained by circulating a request for volunteers for training.

Date of next Meeting

17. The chairman said that the next meeting would be on 5 July.

Chairman.....

Date.....