

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Elmsted Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 6th May 2014**

Present	Cllr Argar in the Chair	Cllr Francesconi
	Cllr Phipps	Cllr Rountree
	Cllr Fox	

There was one member of the public in attendance.

Cllrs Burge and Castle sent his apologies for absence.

Cllr Argar declared an interest in the land at Stowting..

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

The collapsed road has now been repaired and is now open. Some pot holes have been filled, others have not.

War Memorial Update

The Chairman was hoping to have a date for installation but has not been able to obtain this as yet, the Councillors will be made aware once a date is received. It was thought a good idea to arrange a commemorative event for the fence, perhaps on 4th August as this is the official anniversary of the first world war. Cllrs Fox and Phipps agreed to create a sub-committee with 2 Councillors from Hastingleigh Parish Council to take this idea forward.

Election of Officers

Cllr Argar vacated the Chair. Cllr Francesconi proposed and Cllr Phipps seconded that Cllr Argar be elected as the Chairman. There being no other nominations, Cllr Argar was duly elected and took the Chair again.

Cllr Argar proposed and Cllr Fox seconded that Cllr Francesconi be elected as Vice-Chairman, there being no other nominations, Cllr Francesconi was duly elected.

Correspondence

The Clerk had received and circulated correspondence. A consultation on the designated land at Stowting had been received. All were in favour of this.

Financial Statement was approved.

Cheques were signed for KALC, Evington Hall, CPRE, Tracey Block and Allianz Cornhill

Signing of Annual Accounts

The Annual Accounts were presented and the Accounting Statement and the Annual Governance Statement were signed.

Planning

A response had been sent regarding the ménage opposite Holt Lodge, it is requested that there be no flood lights or a PA System.

Councillors

Cllr David Monk reported that Shepway had kept the Council Tax down by ½%. There is a lot going on in Folkestone this year for the commemorative year of the First World War, the War Revival at the racecourse, the air show and the memorial arch being opened. There will also be the Triennial Event too. Homes and jobs will be created in the main town areas.

Cllr Monk was asked if there was any plan to upgrade Hythe Swimming Pool. A report is due out soon. Cllr Monk was also asked if he could expand upon the land in Cheriton that is to be reassigned for development. Cllr Monk said there was nothing in the plans for developing this area in question.

Shepway was congratulated on how lovely Hythe is looking.

Cllr Susan Carey had sent a report which was read and will be kept on file.

Public Participation

The public had no comment to make

Any Other Business

The Chairman asked whether it would be possible to purchase 4 Neighbourhood Watch signs. Cllr Monk offered to reimburse the purchase of 2 of these signs.

Pot Holes continue to be an issue.

The Clerk asked if it would be possible to alter the meetings to a Thursday as she has recently taken another job and the meetings clash. It was agreed that this would be possible and the Clerk would confirm the meeting dates.

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 11th September 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.20 PM.