



## LAUGHTON PARISH THE ANNUAL MEETING 2019

Minutes of the Laughton Parish Annual Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> May at  
7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Laughton

There were approximately 25 people in attendance including the Chair Cllr Dart, Vice Chair Cllr Weller and councillors Breeds, Cook, Crozier, Hallam and Poore. Cllr Bennett representing East Sussex County Council and Cllr Watts representing Wealden District Council attended along with Mrs Sue Redshaw the tree warden.

### **1. Welcome by the Chairman,**

*Cllr Dart welcomed all to the meeting and gave thanks and appreciation to long standing councillors as well as the newly appointed members. Cllr Dart emphasised with great delight the council has full members. Cllr Dart highlighted to parishioners the first point of contact for any queries or a problem is the clerk. Cllr Watts and Cllr Bennett were congratulated on their continued appointments as councillors. Cllr Dart continued to thank the local volunteers for their contributions to the village such as tree warden, the Christmas festivity group and the new volunteers who will manage the planters on the B2124. The continued work of the community is important in making Laughton a lovely and vibrant place to live.*

### **2. Apologies for absence**

*No apologies received*

### **3. To accept the meeting notes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018.** *The minutes were agreed a true record and signed accordingly.*

### **4. Vert Wood Community Project –** *Members from the project welcomed all to the meeting. They explained they would show a video enhancing the progress that has happened over the last few years which involved the circle of life activities. After the video members highlighted important points from the video and asked the parishioners for any question.*

#### ***The meeting opened for members to ask questions***

*Three main concerns arose, while parishioners understood the valuable work the volunteers are carrying out.*

- *This has lead to increased parking concerns*
- *The byway gate has been left wide open on numerous occasions; ESCC locks it in the winter when it is subject to a legally enforceable Traffic Regulation Order. To help protect and maintain the area.*
- *Greater movement in the deer population.*

*These points were listened to and will be monitored by the group.*

- 5. Wealden District Council Report** – *Cllr Watts explained from the local elections boundaries and councillors seats have altered. The seats have decreased from 55 to 45 seats. The new council will be formed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Cllr Watts continues to sit on the South planning committee and the licensing committee. He drew the attention to the new crematorium in Horam and highlighted an open day around the 15<sup>th</sup> June, confirmation will be sent out shortly.*

*Cllr Watts also emphasised any issues with planning please email the parish clerk or him directly.*

***Cllr Watts left the meeting***

- 6. East Sussex County Report** – *The ESCC report was previously circulated and will be published on the parish website.*

*Cllr Bennett briefly explained he is the new deputy leader of the council.*

*If parishioners would like to ask any further questions they are asked to contact the clerk or Cllr Bennett.*

- 7. Question time – An opportunity to pose questions to the panel.**

*The meeting opened up to the parishioners so that they could ask questions to parish councillors or County councillor.*

### **A few questions were posed to the panel**

*-Parishioners had great concerns over the speed on the B2124 in both directions. This has been an issue over the last few years and is continuing to get worse. Cllr Crozier is setting up a speed watch and asks for volunteers. Cllr Bennett asked the clerk to report all the concerning issue in regards to the speed to him and he will ask the highway safety officer to visit.*

*- Parishioners are conscious the fly tipping may increase due to local refuse centres closing. Cllr Bennett report there has been no increase in fly tipping but if any incidents occur please contact the direct services.*

- *A parking query was asked whether Wealden District Council are implemented paying for parking. As this have been implanted in other areas. Cllr Bennett reported no plans to charge for parking at present.*
- *The volunteers for the planters spoke briefly in regards to refurbishing the plants and flowers. They will try and keep it going and water as much as possible. To help have a focal point for the parish. They asked perhaps a small donation for members with water meters and if further plants maybe required. Cllr Dart thanked them for their work and explained there are funds available. If they email the clerk for more information.*

*Cllr Dart ended the meeting by thanking all attendees*

*Meeting closed at 8.48pm*