

Westham Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at Westham Village Hall, on 15 April 2024 at Westham Village Hall, Peelings Lane, Westham BN24 5HE

Present: Cllr D Upton (Chair), Cllr L Comfort, Cllr F Durling, Cllr M Fairweather
Cllr R Mayfield, Cllr P Quanstrom
S. Sanders (Parish Clerk)

1. Welcome from the Council Chairperson (Cllr Daniel Upton)

Cllr Upton welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting. He then gave a brief outline of some of the achievements that had been made by the Parish Council this year including:

Large scale improvements to Adur park have taken time to put in place.

The all access path all weather path is nearly finished - unfortunately, the weather has played havoc with completion of the path which has been very frustrating for the Council.

The children's play area has to be completely dry before the new safety surfacing can be installed. This will be as soon as the weather improves.

A new metal security fence has been erected along the Friday Street boundary of Adur Park. Hopefully, this will stop trespassing into the park. The travellers were removed again last year.

The Council cannot afford to keep paying in excess of £5,000 a year to repair and clean up the park.

A Pond Management Contractor has been engaged to carry out the heavy lifting in the pond as an accountable company in addition to the 'hard working volunteers.'

The Council is now introducing more independent local contractors to carry out grounds work in the parish.

New posts for the village signs (Hankham and Stone Cross) have been installed and the original signs refurbished.

2. **Apologies** – Cllr D Axell, Cllr P Baldwin, Cllr K Farley, Cllr C Hanson, Cllr A Taylor

3. **Declarations of Interest** - None

4. **Presentation on the Wealden Draft Local Plan**

Mr N Daines gave an informative and valuable presentation on the Wealden Draft Local Plan to a large audience covering the details of how to comment effectively about the plan. All details of the plan were available on Wealden District Council website.

5. **Questions from members of the public**

A number of questions were asked and were answered during the meeting

The Meeting closed at 7.56pm