

Westham Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at Westham Village Hall, on the 19 May 2025 at Westham Village Hall, Peelings Lane, Westham BN24 5HE

Present: Cllr D Upton (Chair), * Cllr D Axell, Cllr P Baldwin, Cllr L Comfort, Cllr F Durling, Cllr M Fairweather, * Cllr K Farley, Cllr C Hanson, Cllr M Hallett, Cllr R Mayfield, Cllr P Quanstrom

Also at the Meeting:

ESCC Cllr N Geary, Wealden DC Cllr C Primett

S. Sanders (Parish Clerk)

2 members of the public

1. Apologies

Cllr A Taylor, ESCC Cllr D Shing

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. 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:

Solar lighting installed at the car park next to Stone Cross School which will help users of the car park during the winter months. Also, the pathway along side the car park will be lit up as people walk along due to the sensors installed in the lights.

The all access all weather path has been finished in Adur Park. A small number of repairs are needed but these will be carried out by the original contractor in the coming weeks.

This year local contractors have been used to carry out grass cutting and grounds maintenance in the parish. This has proved very successful and will be continuing into the next year.

The Council will continue to use a Pond Management contractor to carry out the maintenance of the pond in Westham during the year.

The war memorial situated at St Luke's Church, Lion Hill has been cleaned, repointed and all lettering on the memorial repainted.

Butchers Field in Westham is now a Field in Trust with a Deed of Dedication signed by the Council. This will ensure that the field is safe from development in perpetuity.

4. Questions from members of the public

A number of questions on parish matters were asked by members of the public

5. Report by ESCC Cllr Nuala Geary

Cllr Geary had kindly attended the meeting to give an update on ESCC news in the parish area.

Cllr Geary informed the meeting that the process for devolution is underway with a Government deadline for submission of the final plan by the 26 September at the latest.

A Scrutiny Committee has been set up by ESCC for the whole process of devolution. A first meeting had already been held.

How this process is going to impact on Town and Parish Councils in the future is yet to be seen.

Cllr Geary then answered a number of questions from Councillors and members of the public.

The Meeting closed at 7.40pm

