

# EAST WITTERING & BRACKLESHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT 7.00PM AT BRACKLESHAM BARN, BEECH AVENUE, BRACKLESHAM**

<b><u>PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS</u></b>	Cllr. Brian Reeves	Cllr. Darren Banks
<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Cllr. Teri Dixon	Cllr. Mike Lawson
	Cllr. Alan Whitcher	Cllr. Dawson Parker
	Cllr J O'Sullivan	Cllr. Pamela Kensington
<b><u>DISTRICT AND COUNTY</u></b>	District Cllr. Keith Martin	District Cllr. Susan Taylor
<b><u>COUNCILLORS PRESENT:</u></b>	WSCC Cllr. Pieter Montyn	
<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE</u></b>	East Wittering and Bracklesham Parish Clerk, Sam Tate	13 x members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and made introductions

### **1. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12 April 2018 were confirmed by those attending as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

Two matters were raised by members of the public at the 2018 meeting and an update was provided as follows:

#### ***1) Could Palm Trees be planted on the seafront at Kosy Kot?***

This has not been progressed at the moment, as the area is being reviewed by the landowner, Chichester District Council, with a view to improving facilities and amenities. The Parish Council are working with the District Council on this project and will seek to ensure that landscaping and planting improvements are incorporated into the final scheme.

#### ***2) Could daffodil bulbs be planted in the grass verges on the entrances to the villages to make them more attractive?***

The problem with this approach is WSCC grass cutting service, which begins each year in March, and will mow over any flowers in the verges just at the time when they would be coming into bloom. The Parish Council is investigating the feasibility of installing planters in key locations which can be mowed around instead.

### **2. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman gave a report on the activities of the Parish Council during the past year, after which the meeting was opened to questions from the public.

- 1) One member of the public asked if anything could be done to tidy up the centre of the village and improve the general street scene? The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had identified this as a priority and were hoping to develop ideas through the forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan and Vision development processes and were anticipating using some of their CIL funds to deliver this work.
- 2) One member of the public asked if the Council knew what was happening at Earnley Concourse and if there was any possibility that it could be adopted as a community asset or hub. District Councillor Keith Martin responded with an update on the current situation; the site is currently owned by a private developer and is in generally very poor condition having been empty for a considerable time and subject to a major fire in the autumn of 2018. Earnley Parish Council are awaiting details of the proposals for the site, but the expectation is that all of it will be cleared except for the existing listed building as it is not in a salvageable state.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Date \_\_\_\_\_