



**Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH Meeting  
held on Monday 24 April 2017 at 8.00 pm  
in the Fair Oak Village Hall**

**Present:** See separate list

**In attendance:** Cheryl Gosling, Linda Greenslade – Clerk and Deputy  
Colin Burchett, Ranger, Colin Hardwicke, Groundsman, Joanna Cahill, RFO

**Apologies:** Peter Broom, John Goss, Andrew Cossey, Rob Rushton, Des Scott.

**1 WELCOME**

Mrs Douglas welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting dated 25 April 2016 were noted and agreed as a true and accurate record.

**3 PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

Forthcoming events:

- Carnival Princess selection: Saturday 6 May
- Carnival Quiz: Tuesday 20 June
- Carnival Day: Saturday 24 June
- Wyvern 10K: 9 July
- Fair Oak Music Festival: 2 September

Communication

- Quarterly newsletters
- Website [www.fairoak-pc.gov.uk](http://www.fairoak-pc.gov.uk)
- Updates now on facebook page
- Also Parish Ranger and Knowle Park now have their own Facebook pages too

New Computer system

- Accounts
- Bookings
- Cemetery
- Allotments

## 2016-17 Highlights:-

### Crowdhill Green

- Community building
- Public art
- Management of open spaces

### New Parish Office

- Building works in progress
- Completion due autumn 2017
- EBC Local Plan Timetable - July 2017 – early 2019 for adoption
- Introduction of new Parish Council, Perry Harwood.
- Y-Zone – new contract for 5-year management plan in Partnership
- Remembrance Sunday – in partnership with local groups
- Carnival collection money - £616.25 went towards new Christmas motifs
- Six planters orders for 2017
- Up keep of Knowle Park
- New village seating
- Best Kept allotment competition
- Took over ownership of Wyvern Meadow
- New Grounds Maintenance Apprentice – Ed Miller
- Next Annual Parish meeting: 23 April 2018

## **4 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The RFO tabled the Financial Report for the year end 2016- 2017 which was noted.

## **5 FAIR OAK VILLAGE CENTRE**

The Clerk hosted an open forum for discussion on the demise of the Village Centre.

Suggestions included: pedestrianize village centre, infrastructure, foodbank, improved signage, art in empty shops, concessions for rent.

## **6 POLICE**

No one present and no report submitted.

## **7 PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

## **8 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

Reports were received from:

St Thomas Church, Fair Oak Widows, Street Pastors, Fair Oak and Horton Heath Age Concern, Wyvern College, Fair Oak Gardening Club, Horton Heath Baptist church, Fair Oak Cricket Club, Fair Oak Village Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Fair Oak Scouts, Fair Oak Junior School, community Speed Watch, and Healthwalks coordinator.

## **9 CLOSING ADDRESS**

Mrs Douglas thanked all Members of the Parish Council for their contribution to the Council over the past year. She also paid tribute to the staff.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.