

**WEST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014**  
**AT THE GOOD INTENT PUBLIC HOUSE**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Scott in the Chair, Cllr Martin, Cllr Merritt, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Stockwell, Cllr King, Borough Cllr Mortimer, Borough Cllr Collins and Mrs Amanda Broadhurst

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 8 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Swan

**1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Scott welcomed all present. He went on to explain that a booklet was available for all present which contained the Parish Council and Village Organisation's reports.

**2. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT – *Borough Cllr Collins***

Borough Cllr Collins informed all present of the Committees that he is involved with at the Borough Council, including the Property & Investment Committee. This group makes recommendations on investments that may help generate income to try to help lower the council tax paid by residents. The Borough Council has recently purchased a small hotel which is used as temporary accommodation for people who are made homeless. This is assisting with the huge cost of helping people who find themselves in this situation. Cllr Collins stated that he had gained a grandchild for each of the three years for which he has been a Borough Councillor! Cllr Collins concluded by stating that the next year will be extremely challenging for the Borough Council.

**3. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT – *Borough Cllr Mortimer***

Borough Cllr Mortimer started by thanking the Parish Council for the work that they undertake. He reported that, over the past year, he has helped residents with numerous planning applications and also continues to try to assist with issues relating to Tutsham Farm. Borough Cllr Mortimer spoke about the Local Plan and what the impact will be on West Farleigh, with the proposed level of development in Coxheath.

**4. VILLAGE ORGANISATION'S REPORTS**

Cllr Scott reminded all present that a booklet had been produced with reports from the village organisations for residents to take away with them to read.

Mr Hill gave apologies for the Rev. Peter Callway who had been intending to come along to the meeting. Unfortunately he has had an accident and so is unable to attend. Mr Hill also gave apologies for Valerie Grainger who is unwell. Cllr Scott wished them both a speedy recovery.

A resident wished to offer a vote of thanks to members of the Parish Council for the work that they complete around the village.

Cllr Scott thanked the Councillors for the support that they have given him and added thanks for the work they complete as volunteers. Cllr Scott also thanked the Clerk for her hard work.

Cllr Scott concluded by welcoming Jill and her husband Keith to the village.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Cllr Merritt informed all present that the sign for the new play equipment has now been installed and stated that a vast array of objects had been found whilst digging the necessary hole. These had included cups and saucers, bricks and a very unusual metal peg. After discussion it was agreed that a picture be placed in Life-line to see whether anyone could identify what the item is. It was also suggested that Maidstone Museum may be able to assist with identifying the peg. Cllr Stockwell commented that he had previously heard that the green was a tip up until Victorian times.

The formal part of the meeting concluded at 20.20pm followed by refreshments.