**WEALD PARISH COUNCIL**

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th NOVEMBER, 2024

AT 7.15 P.M. in the MEMORIAL HALL

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs R Wood (in the Chair), Mrs L Harris, Mrs C Beddoe, Mr S Brennan, Mr R Trapp, Mrs R Hewett and Ms J Humphreys.

Also attending were District Councillor Thornton, the clerk and fifteen members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –** County Councillor McArthur, District Councillor Hogarth.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – there was none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON the 16th OCTOBER, 2024** – these were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**

**Mrs Hilary Allen**

The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, noted with great regret the recent death of Mrs Hilary Allen. Hilary contributed a great deal to Weald over many years. She will be greatly missed and the Parish Council send their deep condolences to Paul and to Hilary’s other family members.

* + - 1. **PC Meetings in 2025**

It was confirmed that meetings will be held on the following dates in 2025:

15th January

19th February

19th March

16th April

21st May (Annual Parish Meeting)

18th June

16th July

17th September

15th October

19th November

17th December

* + - 1. **Children’s Play Area – Inspection and recommended works - update**

At the meeting Ms. Humphreys provided a detailed list of costs per item of work that was identified to be undertaken by a second prospective contractor. The clerk requested that the Finance Committee review the costings provided by the original contractor and the second contractor and recommend to the Parish Council which contractor provided the best value to the Council and the community.

* + - 1. **Recreation Ground – usage fees review – update**

Feedback from some of the groups currently using the Recreation Ground is still outstanding.

* + - 1. **Bank Mandate – update**

Some information requested by the Parish Council’s banker is still outstanding. Urgent steps are being taken to resolve this.

* + - 1. **gov.uk domain**

The clerk advised that the Parish Council is in touch with the government agency, the Parish Council Domains Helper Service, part of the Department for Science, Innovation & Technology, to arrange for the Parish Council to move to a gov.uk domain. Further updates will be provided at later meetings of the Parish Council.

* + - 1. **Weald Speedwatch Group – news**

The clerk advised that the formation of Weald’s Speedwatch Group is now being advertised by Kent Police and on various social media and the Parish Council fully support this initiative and invite local residents to sign up to the Group.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Circulated to members.

1. **PLANNING**

Details of current planning applications are available on the Parish Council website.

1. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Meeting adjourned at 7.45 p.m.

The Meeting resumed at 7.55 p.m.

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None raised.

 The Meeting closed at 8.10 pm