

# WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

### **Minutes of Wadhurst Parish Council Annual Parish Assembly, which was held at The Commemoration Hall, Wadhurst at 1900 hours on Thursday 30th May 2024.**

Present: Cllr Gadd (Chair), Cllr C Moore, Cllr P Moore, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Smith, Cllr Tincombe and Cllr Ramsden. Clerk/RFO: Claudine Feltham.

Participants: there was a fantastic turnout of over 30 groups and organisations from Wadhurst represented at the Annual Assembly.

Residents: we were joined by many residents through the evening.

The meeting was opened at 1900 hours by Cllr Gadd (Chair of the Parish Council).

Following the welcome to all in attendance, the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Assembly (2022) were approved as a true record and adopted.

Cllr Gadd gave an overview of some of the initiatives that had been carried out during the last two years, which included:

- Working with the church to purchase St Georges Hall from the church. The parish council would then upgrade the hall and allow its reopening for community use.
- Purchase of a woodland in Tapsells Lane, which is currently undergoing health & safety works before being opened for public use.
- Continued hard work by the parish planning committee to ensure any development in Wadhurst is both the right type and in the right location, whilst protecting special areas.
- Protection of Bewl – the largest gull roosting site in Western Europe. The planning committee have been fighting to protect this area so that it can remain as a tranquil space.
- After seven years the Neighbourhood Plan has been made by the residents of Wadhurst with the assistance of members of the parish council.
- Provisions of grants for community events.
- Refurbishment of the public toilets at the Commemoration Hall. Although sadly these have been subject to much vandalism.

Cllr Gadd advised that WDC Cllr Glynn-Ives and WDC Cllr Howell were also present and able to answer questions on Wealden related issues, such as; parking, bin collections and planning. Also, that ESCC Cllr Standley was present and could answer questions relating to ESCC such as potholes, parking and schools.

Ian Noel, the Wadhurst Tree Warden, also advised those present about the recent issue of trees being felled from the front of Uplands Academy.

Everyone was welcomed to enjoy the wine and cheeseboards.

Meeting closed: 2100 hours.