

GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

**MINUTES OF GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY HELD MONDAY 8 APRIL 2024 7PM
AT THREE OAKS VILLAGE HALL**

CLLRS: Cllr GRAHAM FURNESS Cllr MARTIN GRIFFITHS Cllr PETER KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN
2 MEMBERS of ARC **PARISH CLERK:** BRYONY YOUNG

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: Cllr ANDREW MIER Cllr CARL MAYNARD Cllr TIM GROHNE Cllr BEVERLEY COUPAR	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND MINUTES RESOLVED: Declarations of interest - None. That the Chair of the Council is authorised to sign the minutes of the last Parish Assembly held 17 May 2023	
3	ARCHIVE RESOURCE CENTRE (ARC) – David Breakell (Treasurer to the ARC) : Treasurer and Chair attended and gave an overview of ARC – The Archive Resource Centre covers the parishes of Fairlight, Guestling and Pett in East Sussex, England. This website records, in photographs, recordings and documents, the histories of the communities found within the boundaries of these three neighbouring rural parishes, including Pett Level and Three Oaks. The mission statement is to collect, preserve and make available for public viewing and individual research, the archival heritage of the three parishes of Fairlight, Guestling and Pett. They need people in Guestling assist with any information they may have. Thank-you to the Parish Council for last years grant and have submitted grant request for this year to be discussed at the next meeting. Trying to digitise all information and get more members.	
4	SLOW THE FLOW Scheme – Apologies received from Ollie Hunter ARC attendees x 2 left 7.50PM	
5	THREE OAKS VILLAGE HALL – Martin Griffiths: The village hall has had a successful year, feedback from residents has been very positive. The hall is being used most days of the week and at weekends. The hall has regular coffee mornings, a hearing aid clinic, craft club and there has been various other social activities. There have been new curtains and paint and a grant was obtained for new kitchen facilities along with a very kind single private donation for new chairs. A grant from Rother District Council has enabled install of low energy lightbulbs and the toilets are due to be refurbished in the very near future , funded partly by grants from Rother District Council, Sussex Police and the Parish Council. Future planned events: Open Day 27th April, Band and BBQ – 13 July and ongoing coffee mornings	
6	REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Welcome to Guestling Parish Assembly 2024. The members of the Parish Council continue to do their very best to serve and enhance the Parish of Guestling. We remain committed to maintaining and improving the QE2 Playing Field alongside the ever expanding, hard working team at Hastings Athletic FC. Lat year I reported we are looking to replace the 1960's pavilion with an updated structure. That still remains an ambition. Guestling Bowls club continue to flourish. The Parish Council continue to support Guestling Church with representatives attending the Remembrance Day service to Lay a wreath along with the Football Club. This year was particularly well attended by the British Legion and the Scouts making for a packed Church and a very special service. After a lot of hard work from our Clerk and some residents of Three Oaks, the village finally has a decent broadband service. Thank you for that. We continue to lobby Highways and our ESCC councillor regarding the state of the lanes. The hard work involved in this has been taken on by some intrepid Three Oaks residents who have measured, photographed and reported the ever returning scourge of damage that is currently a very troublesome part of rural life. Clearly this has not been helped by the wettest winter on record. We continue to be represented at R.A.L.C meetings. We support extra grass cutting for urban areas. We have offered and still are offering grants to local community groups and projects.	

	<p>Hopefully some of you will have noticed that the wooden fingerposts within the Parish are currently being repaired and painted, looking very smart.</p> <p>We have planted 3 memorial Oak trees at the QE2 field.</p> <p>A working party has been formed to look at affordable housing within the Parish.</p> <p>We continue to respond to all planning applications.</p> <p>We support the Archive Resource Centre who we heard from earlier, in their continuing important endeavours to continue recording, storing and archiving local history so that it is not lost for good.</p> <p>The Draft Rother Local Plan 2020-2040 will soon be open for public consultation.</p> <p>The Parish Council will be looking at the best way to engage in discussions about the Local Plan with residents.</p>	
7	<p>PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: None</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting closed 8pm</p>	
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