

# BARLING MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Barling Magna held on Thursday, 19th March, 2015, in Chadwicks House, Barling Magna County Primary School, Little Wakering Road, Barling Magna, Essex, SS3 0LN commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present :-** Councillors Ashdown, Cohen (Vice Chair), Edmunds, Gardiner, Knight, Pearmain, Steptoe (Chair) and Street...

**In attendance :-** J. Watson (Clerk)

**Members of the Public :-** Mr Bach, Mr Benham, Mr Bulman, Mrs Chambers.

## MINUTES

- 1. To appoint the Chairman of the Annual Parish Meeting.**  
In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor Steptoe being the Chair of the Parish Council for 2014/2015, presided.
- 2. To receive the Chair's opening remarks.**
  - a. The Chair welcomed the Members of the Public to the meeting.
- 3. To receive, consider and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th April, 2014.**
  - a. Proposed Councillor Gardiner, seconded Councillor Knight that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th April, 2014 be approved. 4 for, 4 abstentions. Carried.
- 4. To receive the report of the Chair of Barling Magna Parish Council.**
  - a. The Chair gave his report for the year (*copy attached*).
- 5. To permit Parishioners to address the meeting.**
  - a. No Parishioners addressed the meeting.
- 6. To close the meeting.**
  - a. The meeting closed at 7.06 pm.

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**Chairman's Address**

Due to the premature resignation of the previous Chair, I only took office in November, 2014 which was more than halfway through the Parish Council year.

Our main focus has been on the Village Hall. As everybody will be aware we have had to close the hall until necessary repairs are carried out. We are currently looking at the cost of those repairs and this will be an ongoing project over the next few months.

The Wildlife Reserve continues to go from strength to strength and I would like to give my thanks to Councillor Knight and her small team of volunteers for the work she has done over the last year.

Finally, my thanks to the Clerk for his guidance and hard work during the year.

Mike Steptoe

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