



ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the extraordinary Ardingly Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 19th June 2017 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Ardingly Recreation Ground, Ardingly

Present:

Mr. M. Brixey (Chairman)
Mr. J. Aloof (JA)
Mr. R. Lawson (RL)
Mr. W. Meldrum (WM)

Mr. K. Monk (KM)
Mr. S. Noel (SN)
Mr. D. Stutchbury (DS)

In Attendance:

Mrs. S. Mamoany (Clerk)
Mrs. S. Sparkes (RFO)

Comments from the public:

No members of the public were present.

1099.	Procedural Matters 1099.1 Apologies were received from Fiona Rocks, Rowena Chalk, Brian Strutton and Pam Dennis. 1099.2 No Declarations of Interest were made.	
1100.	Finance 1100.1 The Clerk reported that she and the RFO had met with the accountant Mark Mulberry from Mulberry & Co on the 12 th June 2017 to discuss the issues in relation to the 'other matters' from the external audit and the accounts for the year ending 31 st March 2017. The Clerk and RFO advised that the accountant was satisfied with the accounts for 2016/17 and had checked the points raised in relation to the bank reconciliation and the cash book calculation and had assisted with providing the calculations to confirm these. The only outstanding issue was an explanation required for the variance for box 3 in relation to grants and the Clerk and RFO are still working to provide an explanation of this. Following the meeting with the accountant, the RFO had circulated the final accounts, together with accompanying paperwork to explain the figures on the annual return to all members. WM expressed concerns that the balance shown on the balance sheet brought forward from 2015/16 accounts was not correct and felt that there was a possible error in the 2015/16 accounts. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Council had shown diligence in seeking the advice of an independent qualified accountant to check this year's accounts and address the 'other matters' and the accountant had not raised any concerns with any of	

	<p>the figures presented to him.</p> <p>It was noted as this is the first year the accounts have been produced on the Rialtus accounts system, then the accounts did not show comparisons from last years accounts.</p> <p>Moving forward with the new accounting software would put the Council in a much better position to receive regular up to date reporting and monthly bank reconciliations. Therefore, the Council are working towards having better systems and procedures in place.</p> <p>1100.2 The final accounts were circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The Council resolved to approve and adopt the accounts presented for the year ended 31st March 2017.</p> <p>1100.3 The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) for the year ended 31st March 2017 was read out to the Council by the RFO. The Council resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement and this was signed and dated by the Chairman and Clerk.</p> <p>1100.4 The Accounting Statements (Section 2) for the year ended 31st March 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting with documentation to support the figures and had been signed by the RFO. The Council resolved to approve the Accounting Statements and this was signed and dated by the Chairman.</p>	
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MEETING CLOSED AT 8.10PM