



Minutes of the Fairlight Residents Association AGM held on 13th May 2015 at 8.30pm

Committee present:	Trevor Lewing	Chairman
	Peter Norris	Vice-Chair
	David Lucas	Secretary & Planning Officer
	Stephen Leadbetter	Treasurer
	Joyce Grant	Committee Member
	Ken Hall	Committee Member
	Joan Hall	Committee Member
	Mary Stewart	Committee Member
	Sally Watson	Committee Member

Copies of the Agenda for the evening, Minutes of the 2014 AGM and the Treasurers report for 2014/15 were distributed before the meeting to all members. A total of 27 people attended.

Welcome

Trevor Lewing welcomed everyone and thanked all for attending, and gave thanks to Pauline and Jill for doing the teas. He also thanked Katy Bourne, our local Police and Crime Commissioner, who gave a very interesting talk before the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Moira & Ron Childs, Sue & Pete Norris, Mr & Mrs Dave Thatcher, Elaine & Haydon Luke, Mr & Mrs Pryor, Frank & Dot James, Sheila & George Hensher and Rev. Val Gibbs.

Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 14th May 2014.

Trevor asked for the minutes of the previous AGM to be confirmed as a true account of that meeting. This was proposed by Sylvia Gladman and seconded by Keith Jellicoe.

Matters arising from the minutes/review of actions

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Annual Report.

The Chairman, Trevor Lewing, made the following statement -

It has been an interesting, busy and rewarding year. The highlight of which with no doubt was the Variety Night in February in support of Stage 3 of the coastal protection scheme. The Association raised over £1300. My thanks go to all concerned in making it a most enjoyable occasion. I am pleased that other societies have followed in supporting the cause.

Last September we held an evening with an Oompah band which though not well attended gave those who did a good night out. The quiz night in October was its usual success and we are grateful to Alan Grant, assisted by Joyce. They are repeating the event this October with different questions! Thanks also extended to Sally Watson and Mary Stewart for organising the catering.

The Association attended the Village Hall Fairs and Fairfest. At Fairfest we combined forces with Haydon Luke in promoting his book and displaying the Archives. At the VH summer fair in June we had our archives on display but in December we tried something a little more adventurous by inviting residents to view the records in the meeting room, along with a visual display of

village events from more than twelve months. We will be doing something similar next month at the Summer Fair. Please come along and see us.

We have invested some funds into the archives and our archivist, Paul Draper has been working hard in scanning and re-organising the records. There are some here tonight for your perusal. I was particularly interested to see the minutes dating back to 1929. They seem to have the same problems then as we do now, for example cliff erosion and pot-holes. I believe I am correct in saying that the Residents Association then, was the fore runner of the PC. Paul will be submitting articles to the Fairlight News. He is always pleased to receive items, especially from current events.

The Fairlight News is received by over 60% of the village. The editorial team of Joan, Ken, Mary and Sally are to be congratulated for its success. As ever, we are always in need of articles. Please, if you submit articles, we would prefer them sent by email and arrive by the dead line dates to be sure of inclusion. You are encouraged to include photographs.

I must give our thanks to the distributors who deliver in all weathers, particularly in March, as they collected subscriptions and also delivered invitations for membership to other households, and I am pleased to say that the recruitment drive was a success.

We have had many encouraging feed-backs and it has also been enjoyed by our friends in Fairlight, Australia. Last June, we welcomed the chairman, his wife and daughter from Fairlight Precinct in Australia.

In January, we were pleased to welcome David Lucas on to the Committee as Planning Officer and he also took on the post of Secretary with immediate effect. I look forward to continuing to work with him. The down side of his appointment was that we said au revoir to Lyn Mosley who has done a brilliant job over the last 5 years. She has been a great support to me for which I personally thank her. David has a tough act to follow. [Lyn was presented with a gift, as a thank you from everyone, by Sally Watson. Sally stated that Lyn had been an excellent secretary, and she had improved the magazine to the quality it is today] .

Of course, I have spoken on the presumption that both David and I are later accepted back on to the Committee.

During the last 12 months the Association has financially supported Fairfest, Activate, the Pett Level Rescue Boat and will continue to support village organisations practically and financially where possible.

In June, the Association was represented at a meeting alongside the PC & FPT with UK Power Networks for a general discussion on the state of the power network within the village. Frequent power cuts, a fire and bad weather have all added to the problems of an old system, which needed addressing.

Finance

INCOME

- 1) Overall income increased by around £ 685 compared to 2014.
- 2) Member subscriptions were slightly up but only by £40.
- 3) We made about £260 from the quiz night but lost £130 on the Oompah band.
- 4) The variety night was a financial success showing a profit of over £1000 of which more later.
- 5) Advertising for the magazine generated £1100 less than last year.

EXPENDITURE

1. We spent £440 on printing, scanning and storage largely to assist in preserving the village archive.
2. Donations made were much increased from last year at £2821 compared to £1260 last year.
3. We donated £1370 to the Fairlight Preservation Trust giving them all the profit from the Variety Night, and also bearing the cost of the food from our funds, as we think the cause so important.
4. Other donations were £200 to PLRB, £350 to Fairfest, £250 to MOPPS, £200 to Activate for a Cycling course and £300 to help buy pottery equipment.
5. Magazine production costs were about £1000 more than last year due to an increase in pages and more use of colour.

OVERALL

- 1) Expenditure was £2364 greater than income but we still hold very healthy balances totalling £10,662 split between current and reserve accounts and cash.
- 2) The balances will reduce as we have committed to a further donation of £2000 to FPT once work to the cliff defences is agreed.
- 3) We will accept requests from groups and individuals for funding for worthwhile projects and consider them on their merits.

Election/re-election of committee members

Trevor explained to the meeting that under the rules of the Association the following are nominated for election or re-election -

Chairman	Trevor Lewing	Nominated for re-election
Secretary & Planning Officer	David Lucas	Nominated for election
Committee members	Joyce Grant	Nominated for re-election
	Ken Hall	Nominated for re-election
	Mary Stewart	Nominated for re-election

These elections were proposed en bloc by Keith Pollard and seconded by Alan Grant.

There are currently 552 member households of the Association.

Any other business

No issues had been brought up under any other business and so Trevor again thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and closed the official meeting at 8.45 p.m.

There was a short open forum that allowed members to raise any issues of note or concern; these are not minuted as they fell outside of the formal meeting.