

**SEAFORD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING --- 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY 7.P.M.  
(ZOOM)**

ATTENDEES--- Keith Blackburn, Gail Elhinn, Hilary Miflin, Charlie Grimble, Cllr Richard Honeyman, Cllr. Stephen Gaunlett, Seaford Mayor Cllr. Rodney Reed, Jane Keel, Clem Collins, Zena Gibbs, Kevin Rice, Cllr. Olivia Honeyman, Cllr. Bill Payne, Cllr. Christine Brett, Simon Mcfarlane, Cllr. Sam Adeniji, Chris Conil, Jim Anderson.

APOLOGIES --- Neal Richardson, Richard Wright, Marjory Diamand, Cllr. Jean Cash.

1. Minutes of the last A.G.M. (published on the S.C.P. website) were approved.
2. Annual Report and Accounts (published on S.C.P. website and circulated to Directors) were approved.
3. Election of Examiner. The financial turnover of S.C.P. is insufficient to require examination or audit. Directors may undertake an audit if they consider it warranted. Clem Collins has agreed to serve as Accounting Advisor.
4. Election of Directors --- Gail Elhinn was elected to a new term of office. All other Directors are serving their 3 year terms of office.
5. Election of Officers --- Chairman, Keith Blackburn (Proposed:- Gail Elhinn. Seconded :- Charlie Grimble.  
Secretary and Finance Officer, Gail Elhinn (Proposed:- Keith Blackburn. Seconded:- Charlie Grimble. Both Duly elected.
6. Brief Updates from Member Organisations. (Some reports published on the S.C.P. website.)  
Tree Wardens --- Tree planting has been limited due to Covid restrictions. Numbers of Tree Wardens have increased. The group are involved with the CARES Project and a sister organisation "Seaford on the Verge", working with the Environmental Alliance.

Museum --- The Edwardian Shop has been revamped. The re-opening has gone relatively well. There are over 100 supporters.

Seaford Town Council --- This has been a difficult year, requiring officers to spend time working from home. Work has continued, as far as possible, on projects such as the Martello toilets, housing, war memorial Etc. Work on the issue of Talland Parade is ongoing. S.T.C. is keeping a close eye on the Lewes District Plan. Fortnightly updates on the Town Council's activities are available online.

Lewes District Council --- The first face-to-face meeting is on the 23rd. They are working towards being carbon neutral by 2030. £2.5 million has been secured for Exeat Bridge work. £9 million is needed and an application has been submitted for the funds. The Local Plan is the big emphasis and will bring up some controversial issues. As Chair of L.D.C., Christine Brett's focus will be on food security.

Rotary --- Fundraising was not possible but money is available to those needing help.

Seaford Environmental Alliance --- Much has been achieved in a relatively short time. The Hub will be opened next month.

Cooperation with CARES Projects has been undertaken to work on environmental issues. An Environmental Fair will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> August. Climate Change science, sustainable transport, wildlife, waste reduction, the CARES Projects will all be highlighted in the exhibits.

Flood Action Group --- The group is dormant at the moment but ready to react if anything comes up. Good lines of communication have been established with agencies involved in flood management.

Access Seaford --- They hope to get the bridge built soon over the railway track at Tidemills.

7. Chairman Keith Blackburn then presented a slide-show which gave a summary of the CARES Projects, the approach being undertaken and the issues. He stressed the guiding principles for each project which are improving the environment, developing community involvement and enhancing environmental education.

All the Projects are making good progress. Charlie Grimble, Project Manager for the Tidemills Project, has written to landowners regarding use of their fields for the Project.

The Cliff Gardens Project has a wealth of experience on its committee, which is proving invaluable.

The Trees, Hedgerows and Mini Meadows Project continues with planting and encouraging new mowing schemes.

The Local Green Spaces Project now has over 40 volunteers.

The Cycling Project has successfully passed the first stage in a sizeable bid for funds from the U.K. Community Renewal Fund and is now awaiting a final determination.

The Walking Project is working on linking town centre walks with radial walks in the National Park. Charlie Grimble is mapping walks, working with the Museum, health groups and walking groups.

Any Other Business --- None