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**The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting  
Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council (CWRPC)  
Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 commencing 7.05 pm.**

**Present:** Cllr S Flint (Chair), Cllr J Ruddock-West (Vice Chair), Cllr W Farrer, Cllr N Hamblin, Cllr A. Harvey, Cllr M Lonsdale-Cleeve, Cllr C Hallworth

**In attendance:** Cllr Alison Wilson (WDC), Stephanie Dubas (Parish Clerk), Prof Brian Hill Village Hall, Debbie Turner & Paul Griffiths RACCA, Chris Smith Village Churches

**Members of the public: 5**

<b>1. Welcome by the Chair</b>	The Chair welcomed everyone to the Parishioners community meeting. <a href="#">Chairs Address APM</a>
<b>2. Approval of the APM Minutes 12/05/2025</b>	<b>Resolution: Approved</b>
<b>3. Reports from Councillors</b>	<p><b>Resolution: Reports Noted</b></p> <p>a. Appendix 1 Planning Summary 2025/26 verbal summary by Cllr Wiggy Farrar. Parish has an important voice in planning matters and highlights issues not always noted without Cllrs input.</p> <p>b. Tree Warden Verbal Update: Cllr Hamblin notes many residents are more aware of the rules and regulations in the conservation area. Assistance has been provided to residents going forward with applications to Wealden Council. Information is on the village boards.</p> <p>c. Footpath Verbal Update: Cllr Ruddock-West noted the application for Pitts field was submitted to ESCC Rights Of Way. The Application was supported by evidence of use for over 20 years provided by 16 residents. We await the consideration of East Sussex County Council.</p> <p>d. In October following walking the public footpaths in the Parish, the Parish Council reported to ESCC. Cllr Ruddock-West was pleased to report the Rights of Way team actioned these replacing signs and writing to owners of stiles in disrepair etc. Some of styles are in disrepair, and volunteers are requested to assist with repairs. Cllr Ruddock-West will explore this.</p>
<b>4. Reports from outside groups and associations</b>	<p><b>Resolution: Reports Noted</b></p> <p>The Chair expressed thanks to the volunteers for the work they do on behalf of the villages.</p> <p>a. Report Litter Watch Annual Report <a href="#">Litter Report</a></p> <p>b. Report Village Hall Annual Report <a href="#">Village Hall</a></p> <p>c. Report RACCA Annual Report <a href="#">RACCA</a>: Plea issued to all residents to join the RACCA in its activities and running committees as health and age of members is limiting continuation of this vital arm of the community.</p> <p>d. Report Church Warden Annual Report <a href="#">Churches Report</a></p>



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<p><b>5. Public session</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Concerns were raised about the chestnut trees on Church Lane in Follenger's field which is for sale. Wealden will not take action. Ivy can be cut off at the base taking precautions as noted by the tree warden and will preserve the trees, please contact Cllr Hamblin to co-ordinate any action. Cllr Hamblin will contact Wealden to request an inspection as there appears to be evidence of blight.</li> <li>2. Trees in the Church yard are a concern, and the action is for residents is to liaise with the Church Warden.</li> <li>3. The Parish Clerk will contact the ROW team regarding the progress of Pitts field footpath resurfacing.</li> </ol>
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**Closure:** The Chair thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the Annual Parish Meeting.  
Meeting closed at 19:35

<b>Signed: Chair: Cllr S Flint</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

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