

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 17 MAY 2022 AT 7.30 P.M. IN YALDING VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT**

Geraldine Brown Chairman	Jason Bryant (JB)
June Chapman (JC)	Sue Gerrish (SG)
Ken Gough (KG)	David Law (DL)
Andy Sanders(AS)	Dee Ann Stead (DS)
Joe Westgate (JW)	

Kent County Councillors Simon Webb  
Maidstone Borough Councillors Claudine Russel, and David Burton

**ATTENDEES**

**Residents**

Jackie Akhurst	Kevin Martin
Mark Ashford	Trish Oyler
Lesley Barnard	Glenda Revell
Hazel Blackmore	Paul Revell
Peter Blackmore	Julia Russel
Lisa Brooks	Dylan Smith
Herbert Boxall	J Smith
Rachel Curley	Brenda Stewart
Alison Cresswell	Michael Stewart
George Cresswell	N Stoke
Elke Day	Darcy Sutton
Stephen Day	Fiona Thomson
Sharon Daves	Christine Walker
Andree Dunk	E Wengan
Brian Harvey	Chip Wood
William Holdstock	Jane Wood
Kevin Jeffery	Chris Woods
Charles Lister	Kelly Woods
Daniel Martin	Angela Wyatt
Helen Martin	Gary Wyatt

**Representing**

The Church	Rev Paul Kish
Mother and Toddlers	Joanna Geary
Yalding School PTA	Joanna Geary
Story Time	Joanna Geary
Scout Group	Dee-An Parsons
Sea Scouts	Martin Gent
Yalding Post Office	Tim Chapman
Golding Homes	Steph Goad
Kent Assoc.of Local Councils	Charmaine Keatley
Kent Police	PCSO Nicola Morris
Yalding Enterprise Park	Paul Medhurst
	Leanne Broadhead

**Declaration of intension to record proceedings**

There were no declarations of intention to record proceedings.

**Chairman's Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and Introduced the Councillors, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Environment Agency, Kent Highways, Cecily Rennie – Golding Homes, Yzanne Justice – Moat, Rose Hennis – Play Place. Joy Virden resident.

**2. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 27 APRIL 2021**

It was Proposed DS, seconded AS and all agreed that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

**4. CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR 2021/22**

The Chairman prepared and read out her report on the past year's activities and achievements.

The Chairman gave extra thanks to Orchard View Garage for the sponsored van they have provided to The Parish. Nivak for the use of their van and HW Martin for managing the Jubilee road closures free of charge.

The report can be found in the Annual Meeting booklet, which is available at the meeting, in The Library, The Post Office, The Village Tea Rooms, The Doctors Surgery and on The Parish Website.

## **5. TO NOTE THE ANNUAL REPORTS AND THANK THE CONTRIBUTORS**

### **Yalding Parish Charities**

Reports were received from The Yalding Almshouse Charities and The Yalding Education Foundation.

### **Yalding Parish Organisations, Partners and Local Commercial Services**

Requests were issued to 120 other Parish Organisations, Partners and local Commercial Services.

102 reports, some combined into larger reports, were received. Only 8 parties declined to report or didn't reply.

Unfortunately 10 are no longer operating, 2 are not active but hope to return, however 6 have been added since last report in 2019.

### **Government and Agencies**

Reports were received from Helen Grant (MP), Kent County Councillor Simon Webb, Maidstone Borough Councillor David Burton, Community Payback, our Community Warden Dawn Riach-Brown, The Environment Agency.

No report was received from Golding Homes or Moat Homes.

### **Kent Police**

A report was received from PCSO Nicola Morris.

### **Kent Fire and Rescue**

A report was received from Grant Brooker Water Rescue and Flooding Tactical Advisor National Resilience, Kent Fire and Rescue.

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## **6. FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR 2021/22**

The Chairman reviewed the Parish finances for 2021/21 and reported that spend was largely on budget or under budget. There was a substantial carry over on projects that could not be completed during lock down such as the upgrade of The Kintons play equipment.

## **7. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET 2022/23**

The Chairman gave a summary of the budget for 2022/2023, which is published in the meeting booklet. Reserves are high due to the car park takings, which will be spent on the electricity, as well as the carry of unspent budget from previous years for upgrading our play facilities.

## **8. CONFIRMATION OF TRANSFER OF LAND AT THE KINTONS**

The Chairman confirmed that the track and woods at The Kintons will be transferred From Countryside Properties to Yalding Parish Council. The transfer deeds were signed by The Chairman, The Vice Chairman and The Clerk.

## **9. KENWARD FARM**

The Chairman confirmed that the Yalding Parish Council had been shocked by the extent of the polyhouses at Kenward Farm. A formal complaint had been submitted and dismissed by Maidstone Borough Council (MBC). An planning consultant has been employed and a further letter has been sent to MBC, this has been acknowledged but unfortunately a reply has not yet been received.

Julia Russel a resident gave a presentation with regard to her concerns with this development and confirmed she is part of the group Groundswell of concerned residents that have also complained to MBC and are also waiting a reply.

MBC Councillor David Burton explained what would happen if the application was found to be fraudulent.

Dylan Smith a resident of Kenward Road reported that the polytunnels to the North of Kenward Road have also been extended and that there is now extensive flooding on Kenward Road in times

of heavy rain and expressed concerns about the proposed development in The MBC local plan. The Chairman confirmed that Yalding Parish Council will be attending the public examination to object to this development and urged residents to also attend. Councillor Burton explained the MBC Local Plan process. The Chairman further explained how the examination will work.

Jackie Akhurst another resident also spoke about her concerns about the traffic and speeding on Kenward Road and her worries that this is getting worse.

**10. PRESENTATION BY THE YULETIDE WORKING PARTY**

JB gave a presentation on this year's Yuletide Market and thanked all involved.

He explained that the market only breaks even at a cost of approximately £3000, the biggest cost being the road closure. The Clerk explained why these costs are so high.

He appealed for help due to the amount of effort that needs to be put into this and several volunteers have stepped down. He also asked for ideas for more stall holders.

**11. PRESENTATION REGARDING YALDING DRAMA**

Michael Stewart gave a presentation on previous drama productions in The Parish. He explained that Covid stopped this and that now some of the talent has moved out of The Parish and some can no longer commit as much time; he made a plea for new people to revive it.

**12. PRESENTATION BY YALDING ENTERPRISE PARK**

Paul Medhurst, the owner of Yalding Enterprise Park (YEP), and Leanne Broadhaed the architect gave a brief presentation on the development, showed their plans and answered questions.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no any other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:15.

**Signed**.....

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