

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 16 MAY 2023 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)	Andy Sanders(AS)
Dee Ann Stead (DS)	Joe Westgate (JW)

Maidstone Borough Councillors Claudine Russel and David Burton

ATTENDEES

Residents	Representing	
Carl Bingley	Church	Paul Kish
Elke Day		Peter Crompton
Stephen Day	Clockhouse Farm	Oli Pascal
Mr Franklin	KCC Community Warden	Dawn Riach- Brown
Mrs Frankley	Maidstone Borough Council	M Evans
Callum Finley	Mother and Toddlers, Yalding School PTA, Story Time	Joanna Geary
William Holdstock	Mother, Baby and Toddlers	Stacy Codling
Jacque Jolliffe	Riverside Pre-school	Sam Anderson
David Law		Harmany May
Daniel Martin	Sea Scouts	Martin Gent
Matt Milner		Ben Kirby
Peter Martyn	WI	Sue Crompton
Trish Oyler		Sarah Hughes
Graham Spillman		Sheree Oakley
Christine Walker	Yalding Cricket Club	Richard Bolsin
Sally Wilson	Yalding Enterprise Park	Paul Medhurst
Symon Wilson	Yalding and Laddingford Football Club	Tim Miller
Jane Wood		Paul Sangster
	Yalding Post Office	Tim Chapman
	Yalding Taxis	Michael Stead

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.

The Chairman explained the changes in the election system and the fact that Councillors were elected this year non contested, however in 2024 there will be another election which we hope will be fully contested. For this year, the Council will not co-opt but will run with eight Councillors.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Alison Broom – CEO MBC; Tony Nolan and Nicola Morris – Kent Police; Sally Harvey, Mark Douch, Kathy Aucott – Environment Agency; Rose Hennis – Play Place; Peter and Hazel Blackmore.

2. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 17 MAY 2022

It was Proposed Trish Oyler, seconded Christine Walker and it was 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 2022/23

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

The Chairman gave extra special thanks PCSO Nicola Morris for managing all her hard work and dedication to the parish over the past 10 years.

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 107 other Parish Organisations, Partners and local Commercial Services.

99 reports, some combined into larger reports, were received. Only 7 parties did not reply, these were all local business.

3 new organisations have been added and 1 restarted since last years report, with only 1 organisation not active and 1 no longer running.

Government and Agencies

Reports were received from Helen Grant (MP), Kent County Councillor Simon Webb, Maidstone Borough Councillor Claudine Russell, Community Payback, our Community Warden Dawn Riach-Brown, The Environment Agency, Kent Resilience and Golding Homes

No report was received from Moat Homes.

Kent Police

A report was received from PCSO Nicola Morris.

Kent Fire and Rescue

A report was received from Owain Thompson Information Officer Kent Fire & Rescue Service.

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6. FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR 2022/23

The Chairman reviewed the Parish finances for 2022/23 and reported that spend was largely on budget. There was a substantial carry over on the upgrade of The Kintons play equipment as it was delayed pending a substantial grant, which we were fortunately awarded.

7. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET 2023/24

The Chairman gave a summary of the budget for 2023/2024, 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. PRESENTATION FROM CLOCKHOUSE FARM

Oli Pascall, Managing Director of Clockhouse Farm gave a presentation about the farm and the expansion at Kenward Road. He then took questions and comments from the floor.

9. PRESENTATION BY YALDING AND LADDINGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

Tim Miller Yalding and Laddingford Football Club Chairman gave a presentation on the current position, and vision of Yalding and Laddingford Football Club. He also made a plea for volunteers, land and funding.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

• LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

The local plan examination for the Yalding policies will be 23 May 2023.

• PARKING IN YALDING VILLAGE

The Chairman expressed her concerns about the parking problem in the village and said she was trying to persuade Countryside Properties to provide better car parking.

• **HELP WITH EVENTS**

The Chairman made a plea for younger volunteers for parish events.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:45

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