

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024 AT 7.30 P.M. IN YALDING VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Geraldine Brown Chairman	Jason Bryant
June Chapman	Ken Gough
Sue Gerrish	Andy Sanders
Dee Ann Stead	

Maidstone Borough Councillors Claudine Russel and Mike Summersgill
County Councillor Simon Webb

ATTENDEES

Residents

Ian Archer
Karen Archer
Leila Bates
Toby Bates
Margaret Bourne
Heather Chrzan
Martin Chrzan
Alison Cresswell
George Cresswell
Rhea Harrison
Sig Harrison
William Holdstock
Pip Jamieson
Gail Johnson
Martin Johnson
Jackie Miller
Peter Martin
Trish Oyler
Darren Riches
Anita Rossi
Julia Russell
Ian Simmons
Sue Simmons
Dylon Smith
Janet Smith
Fiona Thomson
Christine Walker
Chip Wood
Jane Wood
Kelly Woods

Representing

Church
EA
Garden society
Golding Homes
Kenward Trust

Kent police

Sea Scouts

Speed Watch

WI

Yalding Enterprise Park
Yalding Football Club
Yalding Post Office
Yalding School PTA
Yalding Taxis
YALSA

Paul Kish
Simon Curd
Joy Virden
Terry Spillard
Howard Kendall
Andy Watson
Penny Williams
PC Bingham
PC Maskell
Mike O'kill
Daniel Everest
Ben Kirby
Carl Bingley
Karen Archer
Sarah Hughes
Sheree Oakley
Chris Kempton
Tim Miller
Tim Chapman
Joanna Geary
Michael Stead
David Law

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 Police, Kent County Council, Maidstone Borough Council, The Environment Agency and Golding Homes representatives.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Alison Broom – CEO MBC

Grace Crouch – Councillor MBC

Joe Westgate – Councillor YPC

2. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 16 MAY 2023

It was Proposed Tim Miller, seconded Mike Stead 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 2023/24

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

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 111 other Parish Organisations, Partners and local Commercial Services.

89 reports, some combined into larger reports, were received. Only 9 parties did not reply, these were mainly local business.

1 organisation has been reestablished since last year's report, with only 6 organisations either not currently active or no longer running.

Government and Agencies

Reports were received from Helen Grant (MP), Kent County Councillor Simon Webb, Maidstone Borough Councillor Claudine Russell, Susan Laporte Kent Highways our Community Warden Diane Wakeling, The Environment Agency, Kent Resilience, Golding Homes and Moat Homes.

Kent Police

A report was received from Sargeant Paul Cook.

Kent Fire and Rescue

A report was received from Andreia Cobb, Information Officer Kent Fire & Rescue Service.

All the reports are published 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.

6. FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR 2023/24

The Chairman reviewed the Parish finances for 2023/24 and reported that spend was largely on budget.

7. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET 2024/25

The Chairman gave a summary of the budget for 2024/2025, which is published in the meeting booklet.

8. PRESENTATION WITH REGARD TO THE WORK OF KENWARD TRUST

Penny Williams CEO and Andy Watson youth projects from Kenward Trust gave a brief presentation on the work that they carry out at the trust.

9. PRESENTATION WITH REGARD TO A POTENTIAL COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT

Howard Kendall Trustee at Kenward Trust gave presentation on a potential Community Energy Hub to be led by Kenard Trust.

10. PRESENTATION FROM YALDING SEA SCOUT GROUP

Mike O'Kill and Dan Everest of Maidstone West Scouts gave a presentation looking for adult leaders in Yalding.

11. PRESENTATION FROM THE YULETIDE WORKING PARTY

Jason Bryant Chairman of The Yuletide Working Party gave an update and asked for volunteer support.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:13

Signed.....

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