

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 20 MAY 2025 AT 7.30 P.M. IN YALDING VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

CHAIRMAN Geraldine Brown

ATTENDEES

Residents

Abi Stern
Andy Saunders
Angela Gent
Brenda Stewart
Celia Craske
Chip Wood
Chris Woods
Christine Walker
Darren Riches
Deeann Stead
Glenda Revel
Jane Wood
Jason Bryant
Kelly Woods
Ken Gough
Leila Bates
M D Townsend
Michael Stewart
Paul Revel
Peter Martin
Sheree Oakley
Sue Gerrish
Tim Chapman
Trish Oyler
William Holdstock

Representing

Aqua Chimp
EA
EA
Kent Resilience Team
Kenward Trust
Kenward Trust
MBC
MBC
South East 4*4 response
South East 4*4 response
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Speed Watch
Yalding Enterprise Park
Yalding Post Office
Yalding School PTA

Guy Bignell
Simon Curd
Henry Bethell
Sacha Taylor
Howard Kendall
Penny Williams
Mike Summersgill
Grace Couch
David Mills
Cameron Cheesman
Stuart Gatvell
Carl Bingley
Chris Kempton
June Chapman
Joanna Geary

Declaration of intension to record proceedings

There were none declared.

Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Katie Lam - MP

Claudine Russel – Councillor MBC

PC's George Head and Chad Maskell

Yalding Rifle Range

Tim Miller – Yalding and Laddingford Football Club

Joe Westgate

2. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 14 MAY 2024

It was Proposed Sheree Oakley; seconded Carl Bing 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 2024/25

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 109 other Parish Organisations, Partners and local Commercial Services.

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

2 organisation have been established since last year's report, the repair café and Aqua Chimp. 7 organisations are currently not active but hope to be reestablished.

Government and Agencies

Reports were received from Katie Lam (MP), Ex Kent County Councillor Simon Webb, Maidstone Borough Councillors Claudine Russell, Mick Summersgill and Grace Crouch, Tim Johnson Kent Highways, The Environment Agency, Kent Resilience, South East 4*4 Response, Golding Homes and Moat Homes.

Kent Police

A report was received from PC George Head

Kent Fire and Rescue

A report was received from Kirsty Driver, Information Officer Kent Fire & Rescue Service.

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6. FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR 2024/25

The Chairman reviewed the Parish finances for 2024/25 and reported that spend was largely on budget.

7. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET 2025/26

The Chairman gave a summary of the budget for 2025/2026, which is published in the meeting booklet.

8. PRESENTATION BY SOUTH EAST 4x4 RESPONSE

David Mills CEO South East 4x4 Response gave a presentation on their work. They were presented with a cheque for £500 as a thank you for the work they do to help The Parish during a flood event.

9. PRESENTATION BY AQUA CHIMP

Guy Bignell of Aqua Chimp gave a presentation on this new facility in Yalding.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- William Holdstock expressed his continue concern about speeding in Yalding High Street leaving the village towards Yalding Hill and Kenward Road. It was felt the Speedwatch was the best preventative measure, there was a plea for more volunteers.
- Carl Bing expressed his concern about blocked drains, The Chairman stressed that residents should report these not only to Yalding Parish Council but all on The Kent County Council Highways Portal.
- Jason Bryant expressed a concern that there was still no enforcement action on the balloon field. The EA said they would talk to him after the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:11

Signed.....

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