

**MINUTES OF YALDING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 AT 7.30 P.M. IN YALDING VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

CHAIRMAN Geraldine Brown

ATTENDEES

Residents

Mark Ashford
Tracey Ashford
Rodney Ballard
Jason Buckland
Tim Chapman
Angela Gent
Sue Gerrish
Ken Gough
Brian Harvey
Ursula Harvey
William Holdstock
Sheree Oakley
Trish Oylar
Glenda Revell
Paul Revell
Andy Saunders
Dee Ann Stead
Brenda Stewart
Michael Stewart
D'Arcy Trinkwon
Joy Virden
Mark White
Chip Wood
Jane Wood

Residents Representing

M D Townsend
Jane Wenban
Carl Bingley
Nick Holdbrook
June Chapman
Joanna Geary
Martin Gent
Anita Rossi
Jason Bryant
Allotments Association
Kenward Trust
Speed Watch
Speed Watch
Speed watch and Film Club
YALE
YALE
Yuletide Working Party
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Non - Residents Representing

Mark Green
Claudine Russell
Mike Summersgill
Joe Deveney
MBC
MBC
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Potential Micro Pub

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

Mike Summersgill – Councillor MBC

Yalding Parish Councillors, Pip Jamieson, Ian Simmons and Kelly Woods

Sally Harvey – Environment Agency

Clive Powell – Kent Association of Local Councils

Tim Miller – Yalding and Laddingford Football Club

Penny Williams – Kenward Trust (Jane Wenban is in her place)

2. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 20 MAY 2025

It was Proposed Sue Gerrish; seconded Paul Revel 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. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2025/26

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 (until 10 June), The Village Tea Rooms, The Doctor's 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.

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

2 organisations have been established since last year's report, Yalding Film Club and Yalding and Laddingford Entertainers (YALE), 1 has moved to Paddock Wood and 6 organisations are currently not active but hope to be reestablished.

Many organisations are reporting that they are struggling with volunteers, which shows that an active community really does rely on volunteers. Anyone who has a few hours to spare and would like to volunteer please contact The Clerk who will be able to put them in touch with a suitable organisation who needs support.

Government and Agencies

Reports were received from Katie Lam (MP), Maidstone Borough Councillors Claudine Russell, Mick Summersgill and Grace Crouch, Tim Johnson Kent Highways, The Environment Agency, Kent Resilience, Community Payback, Golding Homes and Moat Homes.

Unfortunately, no report was received for Kent County Councillor Robert Ford as he is currently out of the country.

Kent Police

A report was received from PC Chad Maskell.

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 2025/26

The Chairman reviewed the Parish finances for 2025/26 and reported that there was a large underspend because of projects that did not materialise.

7. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET 2026/27

The Chairman gave a summary of the budget for 2026/2027, which includes some of the underspend from 2025/26, it is published in the meeting booklet.

8. PRESENTATION ON POTENTIAL TOLL ON TOWN BRIDGE

The Clerk gave a brief update in the potential toll bridge project.

9. PRESENTATION FROM YALE

Martin Gent gave a presentation on the initial success of YALE and their future plans.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:10

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