

MINUTES OF LYDDEN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held at 7.30pm on 9th May 2024 at Lydden Village Hall

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr R. Booth, Cllr. P Collins, Cllr. B. Collins, Cllr. M. Cregeen, W Smith, S Fuller and the Clerk Irene Bowie.

1) Chairman's welcome and apologies

No apologies received.

2) Chairman's annual report

Thank you all for coming this evening for LPC Annual Parish Meeting.

The Parish Council have had a good year and as we did last year, I want to extend all my thanks to the Parish Councillors for their hard work. There have been some changes with the Cllrs, and we continue to have spaces for co-option. The PC is of course a statutory body and the first level of government. There are limited powers a PC has but as we have demonstrated this year when problems have arisen, we are the first point of contact and can escalate any concerns. As ever, please report any concerns to us and report any highway matters to Highways England, any KCC matters to them, and so forth. Please do put yourselves forward to represent your community.

This year we welcome new Councillors Wendy Smith, Linda Smith and Susan Fuller. We also welcome our new Clerk Irene Bowie.

We very slightly increased our precept this year given the rise in living costs for everyone.

We have raised issues with regards to the parking and planning issues within the Village and also submitted our views on the DDC Local Plan. The website now has a planning portal with updated planning applications therein.

Thank you to all the residents and to all the activities that have been going on at the hall and around the village. Thank you to the Village Hall, which has continued to increase revenue and hold events including Quiz Nights.

Thank you too to the LVCG for all it does for the community; it is very much appreciated. Well, that's it for another year. Best wishes.

Ryan Booth
Chair to LPC

3) To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2023

These were approved and signed

4) Receipt of the unaudited accounts for the 203/24 financial year

These were received and signed

5) To receive an update from Dover District Council

No Report received.

6) To receive an update from Kent County Council

No report received

7) To receive short presentations by local community groups

- **Lydden Village Hall**

No report received

- **Lydden Primary School**

No report received

- **St Mary the Virgin Church**

No report received.

8. Allotment report

A short report was given by Cllr Cregeen. There is currently a waiting list for allotments. The main concern is water and its availability. At the moment there are no spare allotments

9. Question and answer session

There were none

8) The meeting closed at 8. pm

CHAIRMAN

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