

BROOKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at The Village Hall, Brookland, on Monday 15 May 2017 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors, Mrs S Saxby (Chair), Mrs K Coleman,
Mrs V Wallington, and Mr C Hill

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were no Members of the Public in attendance.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for Absence was received from District Councillor, Mr C Goddard.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously accepted and signed by Mrs Saxby.

Proposed Mrs Wallington Seconded Mrs Saxby

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no Matters Arising.

5. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs Saxby reported that the Council has had a good year. Councillor Burgoyne has resigned and the Clerk was asked to write and thank him for his help and support whilst on the council. A Notice of Vacancy will be put in the Marsh Harrier and on the Website.

6. PARISH COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This was presented and an opportunity given for questions and comment.

7. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Hills was not at the meeting.

8. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

It has been another challenging year for Shepway District Council but careful financial budgeting and management means that we are still able to deliver all services and more.

I still remain Chairman of the Development Control and Licensing Committee and sit on the Resources and Scrutiny Committee which enables me to scrutinize issues before they are put to the Cabinet and the full Council.

There are two major developments within our District, Otterpool Park and the Lorry Park both of which I am monitoring closely.

More locally, I am appointed as a representative on the Lydd Airport Consultative Committee and hopefully the land ownership issues will soon be resolved as the development is much needed for our Parish and future employment in our area.

I am also appointed as a District Council representative on the Romney Marsh Internal Drainage Board.

I am the Chairman of the Romney Marsh Forum which is a platform to work with Cllr Hill on any issues involving Brookland and the whole of the Marsh.

Dog fouling and fly tipping is a concern for many within the Parish and I can confirm that environment officer patrols are done on a regular basis however the culprits have not been caught in the act at the present time and we will continue to patrol and monitor the areas.

The District Council gives each Councillor a Ward Budget each year which enabled me to give financial support to several local organisations on the Marsh, if anybody knows of any local groups\organisations who would like to apply for funds please contact me.

I work closely with the Police and would like to thank them for their support. I would also like to say thank you for all the hard work to Cllr Mrs Carole Waters who has stepped down as County Councillor this May and welcome Cllr Tony Hills who I hope to work closely with in his new role as County Councillor.

I will continue to work for the good of local people and help to provide a safer, cleaner and thriving place for all to live in. Finally, I would like to thank the Parish Clerk, Mrs Batt for her assistance and support over the last year.

9. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no questions and comments from the floor.

There being no other questions from the public the meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

Signed Dated
Chairman