

BARMING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 119TH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2018

AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH LANE

PRESENT: Cllr F Gooch in the Chair, Cllr S Manser, Cllr B Vizzard, Cllr F Willson, Mrs Nicola Attwood and guest speaker Mrs C Vizzard

IN ATTENDANCE: 8 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllr Doe, Cllr Stockell, PCSO Pay, Allotment Secretary, Horticultural Society, Village Hall and the Riverside Park Residents Association.

1.	<p>WELCOME AND ANNUAL REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN</p> <p>Cllr Gooch welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. The minutes from the previous year were agreed and signed off by the chairman; proposed by Cllr Vizzard and seconded by a member of the public who had also been present at the previous annual meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Gooch then reported on the Parish Council's year and gave thanks to all members, the Booking Clerk and the Clerk.</p>
2.	<p>GUEST SPEAKER – Mrs C Vizzard</p> <p>Mrs Vizzard gave a wonderfully informative talk on the history of the town centre of Maidstone, showing points of interest on a map dating back to 1650.</p>
3.	<p>REPORTS BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS – Each group's opportunity to say a few words about their past year</p> <p>Cllr Gooch read out some of the reports that had been received from organisations who unfortunately could not be present at the meeting.</p> <p>The representative from the History Society then gave a report of their busy year and also gave an insight to the future talks and visits which are planned for the coming year.</p>
4.	<p>OPPORTUNITY TO Question your Local Councillors</p> <p>A local resident acknowledged the wonderful work that Maidstone Borough Council have done on the cycle path, unfortunately the history of the wooden bridge needs to be reviewed as it is incorrect. He thought it was also a pity that cyclists, pedestrians and residents cannot just get along and enjoy the new towpath. Cllr Gooch understands that there are still issues and that this could result in a Kent Highways Regulation making it mandatory to dis-mount; it is a pity that common sense cannot prevail.</p> <p>The representative from the History Society asked for ideas to advertise local groups around the area so that new people coming in are aware of the wonderful groups that are available here. Some great ideas were received which included: leaflets inserted in developers welcome packs, at train stations, the Church Magazine, the Barming News and possibly small posters displayed on the parish notice boards.</p> <p>Cllr Manser asked about the new car park charges at East Farleigh train station. If you do not have access to a printer how do you go about obtaining a permit? It was confirmed by regular train users and people who had investigated this previously, that you can purchase one from the normal ticket machine which is located behind the signal box.</p> <p>Thanks was then given to Barming Parish Council for all of their efforts, which was lovely to hear and very much appreciated. The Barming Youth Club was mentioned as a lot of time, money and hard work did go in to the club; thanks was given to the couple who ran the club and they are still thought of.</p>
5.	<p>CLOSE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS</p> <p>Cllr Gooch then concluded the formal part of the meeting at 8.41pm for refreshments.</p>

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