

BARMING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 122nd ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL 2023 7pm
AT BARMING PRIMARY SCHOOL, BELMONT CLOSE

PRESENT: Cllr F Gooch in the Chair, Cllr B Vizzard, Cllr S Manser, Cllr Passmore and Mrs Nicola Attwood.

IN ATTENDANCE: 7 members of the public, Cllr Webb and guest speaker Mr G Gosden

APOLOGIES: None

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.</p> <p>Cllr Gooch then gave a brief report on the Parish Council's past year which included the installation of bollards at the parish hall, the repointing of the war memorial surrounding wall and steps and the installation of a new urinal sensor system at the parish hall and pavilion.</p> <p>The successful partnership with the Dawn Patrol Rotary Club which enabled a Hornbeam to be planted near Cedar Drive and hedging planted at the parish field was celebrated.</p> <p>Attendees were then informed about the allotment windfall money and the plans for the upcoming Coronation of Charles III.</p>
2.	<p>GUEST SPEAKER – Mr Graham Gosden MBC's Waste Service Manager</p> <p>Graham gave an extremely informative and interesting talk on the correct way to recycle, where the waste ends up, how waste is turned into power and what we can do to help to reduce the reject rate of our recycling bins. Did you know that you do not need to wash out your containers, just always make sure that they are empty! Cllr Gooch will feature some of the interesting facts in the next Barming News.</p>
3.	<p>KALC COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME</p> <p>Unfortunately, the winner of the award Reverend Wil North was not present to accept the award due to being on sabbatical. Cllr Gooch gave a speech informing residents as to why he was the deserving winner and the certificate was displayed. Cllr Gooch will pass on the certificate in due course.</p>
4.	<p>CLOSE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS</p> <p>Questions were taken from the residents regarding the parking issues around the school during pick up and collection times. Sometimes, it is absolute mayhem and it is a worry that one day a child will get hurt. Beverly Road is also an issue as parents and carers park on either side with their engines constantly running, not even the buses can get through. Cllr Gooch explained that we no longer have a dedicated PCSO, but the police are recruiting at the moment for Community Protection Beat Officers who may be able to assist in future. The parish council have also secured the installation of yellow lines at the top of Belmont Close, so this will then be a parking enforcement matter if they are not adhered to.</p> <p>Cllr Gooch concluded the formal part of the meeting at 20.22pm for refreshments.</p>