

BARMING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 121ST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH APRIL 2022

AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH LANE

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 9 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllr S Manser, Cllr A Doe

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 including new water heaters in the parish hall and pavilion toilets, planting at the allotment northern boundary, transition to online banking and the new fire door at the parish hall.</p> <p>The Clerk was thanked for all her help particularly with conforming to all the covid regulations, setting up zoom meetings and the return of face-to-face meetings.</p>
2.	<p>GUESTS SPEAKERS</p> <p>GUEST SPEAKER – Cllr A Williams</p> <p>Cllr Williams gave an overview on the speed watch initiative which BPC are working on within the parish. A number of local residents have previously voiced their concerns regarding speeding vehicles within the area. Willing volunteers were invited to join the team and were asked to leave their details so that training could be arranged as soon as possible.</p> <p>GUEST SPEAKER – Mayor of Maidstone, Cllr F Gooch</p> <p>The Mayor talked about her role as the civic figurehead and ambassador for Maidstone, helping to promote business, and helping raise the profile of charities and the wonderful work carried out by so many dedicated volunteers. The Mayor also reported on some of the fantastic events that she has attended during her mayoral year both within the Borough and across Kent.</p> <p>GUEST SPEAKER – Cllr C Passmore</p> <p>Cllr Passmore gave an informative presentation on the Local Government Boundary Review which included the consultation process and how our Borough Ward and Parish Boundaries will be affected. A review of Parish boundaries will be carried out by Maidstone Borough Council next year.</p>
4.	<p>CLOSE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS</p> <p>Questions were taken from the residents and then Cllr Gooch concluded the formal part of the meeting at 8.39pm for refreshments.</p>

