



KINGSNORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting **Held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 in the Kingsnorth Sports Pavilion at 6.00pm**

Present: Cllr Breese, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Cosgrove, Cllr Giles, Cllr Hayward (Vice Chair), Cllr Hicks, Cllr James Ransley (Chair), Cllr Townend, Cllr Wedgbury.

Also, present: Peter Le Rossignol (Parish Manager), Matt O'Neill (Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor), Marie Russell (Assistant Clerk – Admin), 23 members of the public were present at the meeting.

1. Welcome by the Chair and Introduction of those in attendance.

2. To note those, present and receive apologies.

Cllr Jones submitted his apologies prior to the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Parish held on Tuesday 14th March 2023.

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting and if in order sign as a true record.

PROPOSED BY CLLR GILES

SECONDED BY CLLR HICKS

ALL THOSE IN FAVOUR - 7

ALL THOSE AGAINST - 0

ABSTENTIONS - 2

Motion moved.

4. Updates from Community Organisations.

a. Park Farm Rangers FC

Andy Munroe provided a presentation and added thanks to Kingsnorth Parish Council for the grants and support they have received from Councillors and staff.

b. Kingsnorth Church

Rev. Adam Childs introduced himself to members of the public, provided a report on behalf of the church and thanked Kingsnorth Parish Council for their support and grants.

c. Kingsnorth Village Hall

Cllr Breese provided an update for the Kingsnorth Village Hall which included showing pictures of the new kitchen which Kingsnorth Parish Council helped towards with a grant.

d. Kingsnorth Primary School

Kingsnorth Primary School Head Teacher Ian Witts provided an update on behalf of Kingsnorth Primary school and gave thanks to Kingsnorth Parish Council for their continued support.

e. Any other organisations in attendance can speak at this point.

Peter New (Neighbourhood Watch) introduced himself and reported on his role within the Ashford District.

5. Annual Report from Kingsnorth Parish Council.

At this point, the Parish Manager played a video which he and the Assistant Clerk (Admin) had put together, highlighting what the Parish Council had been working on over the past year. The video will also be uploaded onto the Parish Council website and posted on social media for residents to view.

6. Annual Finance Report of Kingsnorth Parish Council.

The Parish Manager shared a PowerPoint presentation on the annual finance report and showed a Parish Precept comparison chart.

The presentation will also be uploaded onto the Parish Council website and posted on social media for residents to view.

No questions were raised by Councillors or members of the public on the presentation.

7. Climate Change Annual Report.

The Parish Manager shared a PowerPoint presentation to show how the Parish Council are working hard to reduce their carbon footprint.

No questions raised by Councillors or members of the public.

8. Open Forum

This is an opportunity for members of the public to bring to the attention of the Parish Councillors any items they consider should be addressed that relates to their local community. Matters can be raised without prior notice.

Cllr Ransley reported on how and why the Parish Council came to surrender their lease with Ashford Borough Council at the Kingsnorth Recreation Centre.

All members of the public spoke in turn to voice their concerns, upset, anger and disappointment on the recent sale of the Kingsnorth Recreation Centre and the new owner's decision to end Little Acorns Nursery lease.

There being no further business, Cllr Ransley closed the Annual Parish meeting at **7.21pm**.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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