

Minutes of the 126th MEOPHAM Annual Parish Meeting
held on Tuesday 27th April 2021, at 7.30 pm
held virtually via Zoom

In the Chair:

Cllr S Buchanan, Chairman, Meopham Parish Council.

Also Present: From Meopham Parish Council: - Cllrs Bourke, D Bramer, M Bramer, C Dalby, G Green, P Luxford, J McTavish, J Ogden, A Rose, B Wade and S Eggesden, (Clerk - taking the minutes), County Councillor Bryan Sweetland and Community Warden Mandy Cason plus 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the following:- Borough Cllr Aslam

2. Chairman's Welcome to guests, electors, members of the public and the Press

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the virtual Annual Parish Meeting. She was pleased to report on the final completion of the Judsons Pavilion last year and the wonderful job that the SUPPORTING MEOPHAM, superneighbours had done during the pandemic.

3. Minutes of the previous (125th) Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the 125th Annual Parish Meeting held on 30th April 2019 were confirmed as a true record.

4. To note the Annual Report for 2020-21

The report was noted and it is available on the parish council website for members of **the** public to view.

The Chairman reported that the Council is saying goodbye to the Clerk, Sarah Eggesden, after 6 years at Meopham Parish Council.

5. Questions from the Public

The Chairman read out an email received from a member of public regarding looking into the possibility of a road crossing at the Meopham Green end of the village. Members of the council shared the resident's concerns and it was agreed to add this to our Highways Improvement Plan, which is a wish list that we submit to KCC for consideration. The Clerk would inform the resident of this.

There were no further questions from members of the public.

Cllr Sweetland supported MPC including the suggested road crossing on the HIP but advised that due to the location, Highways would need to consider if putting a crossing there might actually be more dangerous.

Cllr Luxford joined the meeting at 7.42pm

Cllr McTavish reported that the Speedwatch initiative will be starting up again as KCC have now given permission but we need to recruit more volunteers so she asked: can everyone help to promote this initiative. Kent Police will be organising the training.

Cllr Rose joined the meeting at 7.46pm

Cllr Sweetland provided an update on the Meopham School planning application. As over 80 objections had been received this will go to a committee meeting in June where there will be an opportunity for a member of the Parish Council to speak.

Community Warden Mandy Cason reported that she had visited Judsons to check on the youths there following a recent incident. The Chairman thanked her for this.

Cllr Ogden asked for it to be minuted, as this is the Clerk's last Annual Parish Meeting, that the Council appreciates her efforts during her time with Meopham Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 7.51 pm.