

PRECIS MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH MARCH IN SHELDWICH PARISH ROOMS.

Apologies received from Cllrs Brookes and Atkins and Borough Cllr Prescott Present. Cllrs Harbour, Austin, Snell, Nimmo and Scutt.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

Great Spring Clean. Details had been given to several groups and Cllr Austin confirmed that Badlesmere would be litter picking on the weekend of the 11th/12th.

Kent Men of Trees Competition. Details have been received and it was agreed that the Parish Council would enter the 3 villages as in previous years.

Planning. 17/500656LBC. Post Office Cottages Lees Court Road. The Parish Council support the application for the removal of windows and insertion of by-fold doors.

Joint KALC/KFAS event. Cllr harbour attended this joint KALC event with Kent Federation of Amenity Societies. Cty Cllr Bowles and Carter and the Chairman of Thanet council were speakers. Finance and devolved powers were discussed and there was a good question and Answer session.

Speedwatch . It was reported that there is good support within the Parish boundary for the purchase and use of the Speedwatch equipment. Volunteers have already been identified within all 3 villages. It was agreed to proceed with the purchase and hopefully this will have arrived in time for the Annual Parish Meeting on the 29th March.

Finance. Cheques to KALC for councillors training events were signed, a cheque to the clerk for expenses and the Speedwatch equipment purchase.

Annual Parish Meeting. This is at 7.30 on Wednesday March 29th in the Parish Rooms. There will be a talk and general discussion on the Speedwatch scheme and hopefully the equipment will have arrived for a demonstration.

Summer meeting dates. Confirmation of the availability of the hall has not yet been received but the 11th April in Badlesmere Village Hall will be the next meeting. Once confirmation is received the programme will be published.

Parish Clerk vacancy. The vacancy created by the Clerk's forthcoming year as Borough Mayoress has attracted 3 applicants and one interview has taken place and another two are arranged for next week.

Open Spaces Publication. The magazine was handed to Cllr Nimmo.

Churchyard maintenance. The 3 year programme is now ended and the Parish Clerk will contact the Parochial Church Councils to obtain 3 estimates from each for the maintenance.

Green Grid Forum. Cllr Austin will be attending on the 25th April

The meeting closed at 8.30. After which the KALC membership survey was completed.