

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Doddington Village Hall on Monday 8 May 2017 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Kevin Attwood(Chairman), Cllr Steve Coates, Cllr Graham Cuthbert, Cllr Peter Duckworth, Cllr Kevin Fraser, and Cllr Colin Jones and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Also present were Cllr Sarah Barker (Chair of Kent Association of Local Councils), Community Warden Dave Osborne and fifteen members of the public.

1. WELCOME

Cllr Attwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING DATED 9 MAY 2016

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 May 2016 as a true record. Cllr Attwood duly signed the minutes as a true record.

10. PRESENTATION OF THE KALC COMMUNITY AWARD

It was agreed to move this item to the beginning of the agenda.

Cllr Barker said the first time she came to Doddington was about thirty years ago to visit the garage to give IT training and on another occasion to present an award to the butchers. Now she has returned to present the KALC Community Award.

Cllr Barker said Doddington is blessed with many community volunteers, helping with the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee, Doddington In Bloom, Neighbourhood Watch and Speed Watch as well as organising the annual Fireworks display, Fun Day, Newsletter, Facebook Page, plays and panto, music groups and so much more. The list is almost endless and reflects everything that is so good about village life here in Doddington.

The KALC Community Award is designed to acknowledge and give recognition to those that have made a significant contribution to their local community.

The KALC Award in Doddington was inaugurated in 2015, with Les Roberts being the first worthy recipient.

Cllr Barker said that she was very pleased to announce that the second recipient of the KALC Award is Graham Cuthbert. Graham has made a huge contribution to the local community over many years. He has played a diverse range of roles and is a long serving Parish Councillor, standing down as Chairman recently after ten accomplished years. He also sits on the Village Hall Committee and he was a Governor at Doddington School.

Graham regularly helps with fund raising events and, assisted by his wife Liz, Graham hosts the annual Fireworks Display at Palace Farm which raises significant funds for the upkeep of the Village Hall.

And, like a true son of the soil, Graham does not mind getting his hands dirty either, whether it is by strimming verges, clearing drains or helping with the upkeep of the Playing Field.

Graham is a lifelong resident of Doddington; starting as a farmer, he now runs a local tourism business which brings visitors to the area and benefits other Village businesses like the pub, the butchers and the garage.

Graham encapsulates everything that is good about supporting Village life with his selfless commitment and hard work. He is passionate about keeping rural communities alive for young and old, and a very worthy recipient of this Award.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments at 7.10pm and resumed at 7.40pm

3. REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN

Cllr Attwood said he has concluded his first year as Chairman and read his report, a copy of which is attached.

4. FINANCE – YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2017

A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting, copy of which is attached.

5. VILLAGE HALL REPORT

The Village Hall Committee had submitted a written report which been circulated prior to the meeting, copy of which is attached.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Cllr Attwood said a report from the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator had been received which will be discussed at the main meeting.

7. DODDINGTON IN BLOOM REPORT

The Group had submitted a written report which been circulated prior to the meeting, copy of which is attached.

8. DODDINGTON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Association had submitted a written report which been circulated prior to the meeting, copy of which is attached.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters were raised from the floor.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.47pm.