

DUNKIRK ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on 19 May 2014

Present: John Peto (Chair), Jeff Tutt, Vaughan Howland, Sandra May, Phillippa Clarkson, Paul Mellett, Andrew Bowles, Louise Blackshaw (Clerk)
George and Brenda Bobbin, The Mayor and Mayoress of Swale
11 parishioners

1. Introduction

John Peto welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He introduced George and Brenda Bobbin, the newly elected Mayor and Mayoress of Swale and Andrew Bowles (KCC Member for Swale East and Leader of Swale Borough Council)

2. Presentation on war memorial research – “Not Just a Name”

Sue and Julian Owen gave an interesting presentation on their research behind the names on the local war memorials of Boughton, Dunkirk and Hernhill and the website they are developing. The website is due to be up and running in the summer.

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20 May 2013

The minutes of the previous APM were agreed and signed.

4. Annual Report of the Parish Council

John Peto gave a report on the activities of the parish council over the previous year. The main issue has been planning and John explained that DPC try to represent the views of the parish. Another key issue is enforcement and the council are working with Swale Borough Council on this.

John introduced the newest members of the council – Councillors Paul Mellett, Phillippa Clarkson and the new Clerk, Louise Blackshaw.

5. Statement on the Parish Council accounts for Year ending 31 March 2014 and financial plan for the current year

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the previous year's accounts and the budget for 2014/15. A detailed copy of the accounts is available for anyone who wishes to inspect them.

6. To receive any reports or comments on the Parish Council activities by any Borough or County Councillors present

Andrew Bowles (KCC Member for Swale East and Leader of Swale Borough Council) has produced a written report which was subsequently circulated.

7. To invite any questions from the public

The following issues were raised by parishioners present:

Road surface on Courtenay Road towards Dargate Hill is in a bad condition and felt to be dangerous – to be reported to KCC Highways.

Andrew Bowles gave an explanation on how the works are prioritised and also explained that the KCC Highways Budget for the current financial year is £100k for the whole of Swale (a large proportion of this money has been allocated to Oversland Bridge which has been an issue for some time).

Junction of Dawes Road/Thread Lane is dangerous – a “Slow” sign was suggested and cutting back of the hedgerow in that area. To be reported to KCC Highways.

Road Sign at the junction of Canterbury Road/London Road/A2 is constantly being turned round causing the sign to point in the wrong direction and needs tightening up. To be reported to KCC Highways.

Lorry Park at Gate Services – lorries are parking on the kerb blocking pedestrian access to the station. Bollards on the kerbside were suggested. To be reported to KCC Highways.

8. Close

John Peto thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Louise Blackshaw
Clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council

Signed

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Chairman

Date