

Broomfield & Kingswood Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of the Parish Council held at Kingswood Primary School, Cayser Drive, Kingswood on Monday 14th May 2012.

Present:

Cllr Terry Baker (Chairman)	Cllr Paul Beaney	Cllr Peter Coleman	
Cllr Mike Evans	Cllr Peter Forster	Cllr Mike O'Neill	(Vice Chairman)
Cllr Justin West			(7)

Cllr Jenny Whittle – County Councillor, Maidstone Rural East
Cllr Peter Parvin, Leeds Ward Member, MBC

Mrs G Gosden – Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

There were eight members of the public present, there were no questions asked.

Councillor Baker opened the meeting at 7pm

1. Apologies for Absence

Victoria Wallace – CEO, Leeds Castle
Beryl Andrew – Coffee Shop
Mary Poulton – Drop In
Norman King – Footpaths Officer
Christine Sharp – Friends of L & B Churches
Peter Roberts – Kingswood Church & CANS
Tony Doust – Photography Group
Lisa Reilly – Pilates Group
Alan Poulton – Scout Group Chairman
Rev Nigel Fry – St Margaret's Church
Pat Lyne - WI

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2011

Agreed and signed by Cllr Hoy in June 2011

3. Chairman's Annual Report (2011/12) – Vice Chairman, Cllr Peter Coleman – retained on file

4. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman (2012/13)

Cllr West Proposed Terry Baker for Chairman seconded by Cllr Beaney and agreed by all.
Cllr Forster proposed Cllr O'Neill for Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Evans and agreed by all.

Cllr Baker then took the Chair for the meeting.

5. Kent County Council Report (2011/12) - Cllr Jenny Whittle, Maidstone Rural East

Cllr Whittle gave her thanks for those who supported the Safari Supper recently. She is due to discuss with Cllr O'Neill the location and distribution of salt bins around the villages. Cllr Whittle congratulated the success of the initial application made by Peter Corfield on behalf of the Parish Council for Super-fast Broadband, and advised that it is hoped that between KCC and DEFRA Super-fast broadband will be rolled out across Kent (residents are still being requested to complete the questionnaire on the KCC website). Information is available on the KCC website regarding a new initiative – Kent Jobs for Kent Young People, in the hope of helping the 23% unemployed young people in the county. KCC have frozen Council Tax for a second year.

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Many complaints have been received about the changes to the 59 bus service; however Arriva had decided to withdraw the 59 bus service, but KCC has stepped in and is supporting a limited bus service, but this is still under review. There has been a noticeable reduction in complaints about roads in the area since KCC changed highway contractors to Enterprise.

6. Maidstone Borough Council Report (2011/12) - Cllr Peter Parvin, Leeds Ward

There were local elections in May, MBC remain controlled by the Conservatives by a majority of five seats. Maidstone remains in 1st place in the UK for employment and 8th in the UK as the best place to live. There is a lot of investment in Maidstone and empty shop premises are being filled. A new private hospital is scheduled to be built at junction 7 of the M20. The renovations to the High Street will be completed before the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. MBC sent Her Majesty greetings and congratulation on her jubilee and received a personal reply. The newly modernized Maidstone museum is enjoying success with more visiting exhibitions. The regeneration of Mote Park has been completed. Cllr Parvin informed the meeting that after 16 years as a Borough Councillor it is his intention to retire at the next election.

7. Responsible Finance Officer's Report (2011/12)

Mrs Gail Gosden read out her report – retained on file

8. Election of Committee Members

8.1 F & GP Committee

Terry Baker
Paul Beaney
Peter Coleman
Mike Evans
Peter Forster
Mike O'Neill
Justin West

8.2 Planning Committee

Terry Baker
Paul Beaney
Peter Coleman
Mike Evans
Peter Forster
Mike O'Neill
Justin West

8.3 Sports Field Committee

Terry Baker
Paul Beaney
Mike Evans
Peter Forster
Mike O'Neill
Justin West

8.4 Staff Committee

Terry Baker
Mike Evans
Mike O'Neill

The committee memberships were agreed by all.

9. Election of Representatives to Other Bodies

- 9.1 Joint Parishes Group - Terry Baker, Mike Evans & Mike O'Neill
- 9.2 Kent Association of Local Councils – Mike Evans & Mike O'Neill
- 9.3 Kingswood Primary School – Terry Baker
- 9.4 Neighbourhood Plan / Steering Group – Terry Baker
- 9.5 Network of Rural Business Forums (NRBF) – Justin West & Mike Evans
- 9.6 Police Forum - Peter Coleman & Peter Forster
- 9.7 Rural Transport Group – Mike O'Neill
- 9.8 Twinning Group – Peter Coleman
- 9.9 Village Hall Committee – Peter Coleman & Mike O'Neill

Councillor O'Neill proposed these members represent the above external committees, seconded by Cllr Evans and agreed by all.

10. Reports – External Organisations (2011/12)

- 10.1 Leeds Castle – Mrs Victoria Wallace, Chief Executive Officer - report received and read by Clerk
- 10.2 Kingswood Primary School – read by Ms Emma Hickling, Head Teacher

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- 10.3 Neighbourhood Policing - PCSO Richard Kirby- no report received
- 10.4 Parish Footpaths Officer – Mr Norman King – report received and read by Clerk.
- 10.5 Parish Tree Warden – Mrs Marguerite Wood – no report received.
- 10.6 Parish Website – report read by Mr Clive Stanley

All reports received retained on file.

12. Reports - Parish Clubs and Organisations

Art Club – report read by Mrs Jean Scott & retained on file.
Book Club – report read by Mrs Sue Chambers & retained on file.
CANS Youth Club – report received and read by Clerk & retained on file
Coffee Shop – report received and read by Clerk & retained on file.
Drop In - report received and read by Clerk & retained on file.
Friends of Leeds & Broomfield Churches – report read by Cllr Evans & retained on file.
Kingswood Church – report received and read by Clerk & retained on file.
Kingswood Model Railway Group - report received and read by Cllr Beaney.
Kingswood Photography Group – report received and read by Clerk & retained on file.
Neighbourhood Plan – report read by Cllr Baker and retained on file.
Kingswood Pre-School – report read by Ms Emma Hickling & retained on file.
Neighbourhood Watch – report read by Cllr Evans & retained on file.
Pilates – report received and read by Clerk & retained on file.
Scout Group – report received and read by Clerk & retained on file.
St Margaret's Church – report read by Cllr Evans & retained on file.
SuperFast Broadband – report read by Mr Peter Corfield & retained on file.
Twinning Group - report read by Mr Tony Skinner & retained on file.
Village Hall – report received and read by Clerk & retained on file.
WI – report received and read by Clerk & retained on file.

13. Any Other Information

There was no other information.

14. Date of Next Annual Parish Meeting

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 13th May 2013.

There was no further business; Councillor Baker closed the meeting at 8.35pm

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