

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - MINUTES

MONDAY 9TH APRIL 2018

1. Venue:

Alkham Village Hall at 7:30pm

2. Present:

Parish Councillors:	Neil Burrows, Den Barnard, Geoff Hillier, David Beaney, Martin Hibbert
Clerk:	Geoff Hillier (Standing in for Janice Lambert)
Members of Public:	15
County Councillor:	Geoff Lymer
District Councillors:	Nick Dixon
Guest Speaker:	John Keeble
Chairman of KALC:	Sarah Barker

3. Apologies:

Parish Councillors:	Anthony Barrier, Ruth Marczin-Bundy
District Councillors:	Nick Dixon, Pauline Beresford

4. Minutes:

The minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2017 were received, approved and signed as a correct record.

5. Presentation of Long Service Award to Susan Lees

The Chairman of KALC, Sarah Barker presented the award certificate to Sue and expressed KALC's appreciation of her work over the years. Cllr Burrows also said some words of thanks for Sue's long service both as a Clerk and Councillor.

6. Parish Council Annual Report:

[Presented by Chairman of the Parish Council Neil Burrows](#)

7. Parish Council Annual Financial Report:

[Presented by Geoff Hillier as Clerk](#)

8. Presentation from the Folkestone National Coast Watch Station

[Presented by Guest Speaker: John Keeble - Folkestone National Coast Watch Station](#)

John Keeble gave a talk and slide show outlining NCI's volunteer role and activities keeping watch on some 96 sq miles of coastal waters. It was an informative and interesting presentation. The Folkestone National Coast Watch are a complimentary service, additional to the Coast Guards, they do not replace the Coast Guards but work as volunteers to support the Coast Guards.

The history is that 20 years ago there were 30 light ships, 43 Coast Guard Stations and 160 lighthouses all maned. They are all now closed or automated. In 1994, 3 people started the NCI. There are now 52 around the country. Eyes Around The Coast, Folkestone, was founded in 1998. In 2016 there were 60 plus watch keepers and 5,705 hours of watch keeping at the watch station. The area they cover is from Dover Point to Dungeness and 6 miles out to the first sea lane. All reports always go to the Coast Guards first.

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9. Kent County Council Report

Councillor Lymer talked on the theme of the damage done to Kent Roads by foreign lorries whose destinations are all over the country and is pushing for finances towards road repairs. The conversion of street lighting in Kent to LED lighting should save some £5million per year. Fatal accidents on Kent roads have fallen but serious accidents have increased. It was reported that Kent was ahead of EU targets for waste management. He reported that emissions are reducing but the most polluted part of Kent was the Deal/Walmer area. He reported that 200 young unaccompanied children are being cared for by KCC. Ofsted reports 91.7% of Kent schools are classified as outstanding. It is also reported that Type 2 diabetes is becoming a drain on KCC costing £45million per year.

10. Dover District Council Report

None

11. Any other questions

None

12. Date of next meeting

Annual General Meeting on Monday 14th May 2017 at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed: Chairman

Date