

Meopham Parish Council

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Minutes of the 128th MEOPHAM Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 8th March 2023, at 7.30 pm held at St Johns Centre

In the Chair:

Cllr S Buchanan, Chairman, Meopham Parish Council.

Also Present:

From Meopham Parish Council: - Cllrs D Bramer, M Bramer, G Green, J McTavish, J Ogden, A Rose, and D Sims.

S Fishenden (Clerk - taking the minutes) and C Collings (Assistant Clerk)

Community Warden Mandy Cason plus 15 members of the public

Invited speakers:

Matthew Scott, Kent Police & Crime Commissioner

Kirsty Gaunt, Gravesham Borough Council

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed those present to the 128th Annual Parish Meeting, a particular welcome was given to our guest speakers Mr Scott and Ms Gaunt

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from

Cllr Roger Gough – Leader of Kent County Council

Cllr Sue Gofton – MPC Councillor

Cllr Cheryl Price – MPC Councillor

Cllr Barbara Wade – MPC Councillor

3. To approve the minutes of the 127th Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 27th April 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2022 were approved.

4. To receive presentations from the following:

4.1 Kirsty Gaunt, Gravesham Borough Council – Voter ID

Ms Gaunt explained the incoming Voter ID rules;

Voters in England will now need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections. This will apply to:

- UK parliamentary elections, including general elections, by-elections and recall petitions
- Local elections and by-elections
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections

For those who don't have photographic ID, they can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate from Gravesham Borough Council

Ms Gaunt confirmed she would remain around after the meeting to deal with any individual queries.

4.2 Matthew Scott, Kent Police & Crime Commissioner

Mr Scott provided a verbal update on Kent Police. He provided local statistics for the parish of Meopham.

He explained the incoming Neighbourhood Plan model which would be adopted in June 2023, would see a beat officer assigned to the ward which will see an improved presence within the area.

Questions were asked of Mr Scott, which he answered or agreed to follow-up with a response.

5. To receive the Annual Report for 2022-2023

The annual report for 2022-2023 was noted.

6. Public Question Time

There were no immediate questions. Residents were reminded they could talk to Parish Councillors afterwards about any issues or concerns they had.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm