

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2013 AT
FAIRSEAT VILLAGE HALL, VIGO ROAD, FAIRSEAT AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Harry Bott Chairman
 Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer Vice-chairman
 Cllr John Brooker
 Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth
 Cllr Miss Janet Howie
 Cllr Michael Osborne

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler Kent County Council
 PCSO Laura Bullen
 3 members of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr George Goring and Cllrs Matthew Balfour and Mrs Ann Kemp, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

2 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2012

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14 May 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman gave his report:

It gives me pleasure to present my sixth annual report of the Stansted Parish Council.

Planning

During the year we have had 37 applications submitted of which 25 were approved or had no objection, 2 refused, 4 withdrawn and 6 are pending.

Highways

Highways continues to have its niggles but once again KCC have delivered overall in keeping the highways upto scratch.

Rural broadband

Two years after being one of the pilot schemes for rural broadband, we are still awaiting KCC to move onto the next stage. The only advantage of the wait is that technology is improving dramatically and the final solution when it comes through is likely to be more beneficial than what we would have had two years ago.

Parish Land

A tender was held for the upkeep of Parish land and this has resulted in an overall saving for the parish.

Play equipment

We are accruing funds to replace the play equipment on Stansted's recreation ground. This will take a couple of years to complete.

Brownes Bequest

We have changed the way the Browns bequest is distributed and residents over will no longer receive £10 each at Christmas, instead we will be making an annual donation to Age Concern at a level that matches the income. This will allow the existing reserves to be protected for some anticipated expenditure that will be coming up in the next few years.

Thanks

Stansted and Fairseat is a fun and happy community and to provide such a great place to live requires people to give up their time for free and I would to thank all those who have helped over the year. There are too many to thank individually but the following individuals shine out and must be thanked, namely our County Councillor Sarah Hohler, Borough Councillors Matthew Balfour and Anne Kemp and our Clerk Mrs Roxana Brammer who have given us all the necessary guidance and support to keep everything going!

4 AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2012

The audited accounts for the year to 31 March 2012 were received. No questions were asked.

5 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Mrs Hohler said that there were budget difficulties. Highways were doing better. The Conservative majority on the Council had been reduced at the recent elections from 60 to 6.

In the absence of the Borough Councillors, there were no reports.

6 REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

a Police Report

PCSO Bullen reported there had been 6 crimes in the parish during April. There was talk of setting up a Neighbourhood Watch in Stansted. Peter Chessell was the co-ordinator for Fairseat. She said she would be spending time in the school, getting to know the children. She would like to do a regular surgery. In other villages this was tagged on to village events, eg coffee mornings. Cllr Bott suggested she could hold a surgery at the regular Farmers' Market.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A resident asked if the rural broadband was ringfenced. Cllr Bott replied that he understood that it was.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

SignedChairman

On theday of2014