



# Minutes of the ASH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018, at 7.30 pm  
In the Ash Village Hall, Queen's Road, Ash

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Chairman: Mr G Foat – Chairman of Ash Parish Council  
Present: Twenty-nine parishioners, eight Ash Parish Councillors, Dover District Councillors Mr T Bartlett, Mr M Conolly. In attendance: Mrs C Haggart (Minute Taker)  
Apologies: Mrs F Crascall, Head Teacher, Cartwright & Kelsey CEP School; DDC Cllr Mrs S Chandler who was representing Dover District Council at a special event to commemorate the centenary of the Zeebrugge Raid.

## 18.01 Minutes

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mr P Chandler and agreed to accept the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 as a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

## 18.02 To receive reports and take questions:

i) Ash Parish Council Chairman's Report – Mr G Foat

(The complete report was distributed to every house in the parish).

Mr Foat welcomed the residents to the meeting. Three new councillors joined during the year – Mr Oliver Ansell, Mr Peter Chandler and Mr Martin Humphries.

Ash Parish Council is responsible for the recreation ground, the allotments and the toilets (but not the sports pavilion), the War Memorials at ASH and WESTMARSH, five bus shelters and several seats and litter bins.

- A new gate has been installed at the north end of the recreation ground adjoining Queen's Road.
- Pound Corner has been improved with the installation of two new benches.
- Planning and associated problems have given the Council a huge increase of work and also much extra expense. One of the plans that came to the Council from the Ash United Charities was for two new Almshouses adjoining the four existing ones in Queens Road. This, your Council supported.
- Dover District Council are reducing their council members from 45 to 32.
- There will be a litter day on the 14<sup>th</sup> July when all residents will be encouraged to clean outside their property and also help to clear the litter on the paths around the village.
- Stagecoach brought out new timetables. Ash will still have three buses an hour to Canterbury and Sandwich but Ash has no direct route to Staple or Woodnesborough. Also, the 13 and 13A routes have been renumbered 43 and this becomes the 81 at Sandwich to travel to Deal. An extra route has been added from Ash direct to Westwood Cross but does not continue to QEQM.
- Ash Post Office was closed and although the Parish Council understands that negotiations are taking place, no definite decision has been taken about where a future Post Office might be sited.
- The biggest change for Ash was proposed by the Cabinet of Dover Council when they raised the subject of pay parking in the larger rural villages with a District Council car park. This proposal has been opposed by all the villages and for the time being is not going ahead.
- Cop Street has water flowing from a pipe onto the road for the second winter. The problem is that Southern Water and Kent County Council are unable to agree on whose responsibility it is to solve the problem.

- BT telephone kiosks were due to be removed after consultation in 2016. This has still not happened.
- Weddington Lane Footpath history goes back to when the Ash By-pass was completed. The Parish Council had understood that it was a public right of way. KCC dispute this and work is being done to resolve the problem.
- Parking in the village has become at times nearly impossible both in the car parks and on the streets. Illegal parking on yellow lines is the worst problem as this leads to traffic jams which cause buses to be delayed.
- Planning issues that the Council has dealt with in the parish have been so complicated and time consuming that the Council has now advertised for an Assistant Clerk to enable the Council to function efficiently.

Thanks are due to the writers of ONLOOKER for the Parish magazine, also to our Environment Officer, Andrew and our Clerk, Christine. Work loads have been even heavier this year due to the NDP and planning submissions and appeals.

Q&A: The problems caused by the changes to the Stagecoach timetables and the end of the bus service to Staple for users, including school children were raised.

Q&A: In the proposed traffic calming measures, had the possibility of including a Speed Indication Device, a 20 mph speed limit and double yellow lines outside the shops been considered. The SID would be reconsidered; the 20 mph limit is not likely and the KCC had decided not to put in a bus clearway in the centre of the village.

Q&A: Chains linking the bollards in the centre of the village would be considered.

Q&A: (Section 106) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 refers to a contribution or obligation made by a housing developer to help deal with increased use of (or need for) local resources and/or amenities. The contribution which is usually financial needs to be directly related to the development and fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the size of a development.

ii) Parish Council Finance Report – Mrs Christine Haggart, Clerk

(The complete report is on the Ash Parish Council web-site).

Audit reports for the year ended 31 March 2017, along with the Auditor's Certificate are on the web-site. The 2018-2019 budget and estimated summary of Receipts and Payments for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 were delivered along with the notice of the meeting, to every house in the parish.

- The opening balance was £110,292 and receipts at 31 March 2018 were £80,323.
- There was an increase in the Parish Council tax of 8.5% which was an extra £5.15 per household for the year, per Band D property.

Final payments for the year were £69,626. The main differences in payments were:

- The £4,701 for the NDP was not grant funded
- The cost of the 2018 newsletter was paid in April 2018
- DDC The Street Toilets fourth payment for 2017-2018 will be in the 2018-2019 figures.
- Planning Advice at £4,492 was for two submissions for the major planning appeals for the Parish in November (Sandwich Road), March (Westmarsh Drove), support for the appeal in February (Wass Drove) and the submission on the White Post Farm Appeal (February).
- Part of the traffic calming project was started with the report on traffic flows through the village carried out at a cost of £2,251.
- Pound Corner for two new benches.
- Tree surgery cost of £880 was for the specialist advice on two mature trees on the Recreation Ground, one of which had to be felled. This was paid for in March.

- Other running costs were generally in line with the previous year's payments and came in under budget.

The current budget includes a 3% increase in the Ash Parish Council tax which is an increase of £1.94 per household for the year. Half of this increase is to make up for the loss of the Council Tax Support Grant which was funded by government and has now ended. Other items include:

- Increased employment, IT and training costs for an Assistant Clerk.
- Reserves have been used for the NDP.
- £4,500 for planning advice.
- Traffic Calming Project for the implementation of the village entrances and road markings, new signage and new double yellow lines.
- Renewal of the safety surfaces around the play equipment.
- Electrics in the Recreation Ground toilets.
- The rest of the running costs are in line with previous years.

The 2018 Reserves of £16,560 are for items such as:

- Possible elections and contingencies.
- Improvements to the parking area and the new pathway for the Recreation Ground.
- Work to have the old Weddington Lane made into a Public Right of Way.

The money for these projects has been carried over from the previous year's receipts plus reserves and are not funded by this year's council tax.

Future ring fenced reserves:

- Possible future expenditure on S106 projects.
- NDP should it not be completed by March 2019.
- Green Spaces (Saunders Wood and any open spaces) that would be of benefit to residents.

General reserves were at £50,478 and by March 2019 should be at £66,181.

The Council continues to be very mindful of the pressures on household incomes and will make sure that your money is spent carefully, while making provision for the future needs of the parish.

There were no questions.

iii) Ash Neighbourhood Development Plan – Mr Chris Turner, Chair of the NDP Standing Committee

(The full update and report was distributed to every house in the parish).

A neighbourhood development plan is part of the localisation agenda from central government to give people a say in what happens in their parish. The Ash Plan covers the whole parish from 2020 to 2037 and ties in with the Dover District Local Plan.

The key issues are:

- Housing
- Maintaining the character and visual impacts of the parish
- Identifying and protection green spaces, the environment and bio-diversity
- Encouraging and supporting existing and new employment
- Ensuring that health, leisure and infra-structure within the parish supports changes to the community over the plan period.

The NDP will not stop housing but through planning policies which may be unique to Ash, can help to influence the type, design, location and number of developments.

The Parish Council and volunteers have been working on the Plan for some time and this is because it is a complex plan based upon evidence. The has needed the collection and analysis of considerable amounts of information. Much of this has been done by volunteers which the Council would like to take this opportunity to thank for their continuing support and hard work.

The timetable is to complete the draft NDP by late summer, going to the Parish Council and the whole community in autumn, followed by a referendum in March / April 2019. If the NDP is successful it will be a legal planning document which can be used when there are proposed changes. It is the opportunity for the parish to influence its future.

Q&A: Government grants are available for some of the work and the technical assessments which the parish council have obtained. The cost of the referendum is paid for by Dover District Council.

Q&A: When there are changes to planning legislation or official guidance, the document can be changed. There is a requirement for a review every five years.

Q&A: The plan is likely to precede the Dover District Plan review however it is hoped that it will be in-line with their general strategy while keeping the plan based on the needs of Ash. There may be changes needed after the central government current review of the National Planning Policy Framework is completed.

### **18.03 Reports from and Questions for the local charities and trusts:**

#### **i) Ash United Charities**

##### **- Benevolent Fund, Resthaven Almshouses, Frank Kingsland Trust – Mrs Mary Smith**

There are six small bequests (the last made in 1642) that make up the Benevolent Fund and its aims are to aid those in the parish who may need help. The Trustees are able to consider requests and if you know someone who may need help, please ask them to contact the Fund.

The Ash United Charities owns two bungalows and the four Resthaven Almshouses. These provide long-term residential accommodation for retired, elderly residents of Ash, some of whom have been in residence for over twenty years. There is an on-going programme of maintenance of the properties and the finances are sound. It has been a difficult time and the advice and support of the Canterbury Almshouses has been appreciated. The trustees carried out the work on updating the previous application for the two new alms houses. Thank you to the trustees – Mr M Cooper, Mrs C Palmer and Mr R Hudson for their work on the application and the management of the existing properties.

There were no questions.

#### **ii) - Frank Kingsland Trust – Mr Graham Foat**

This trust was set up by Mr David Downes (deceased) and Mr Michael Griffiths from the bequest by Mr Frank Kingsland. This year the trust has donated £10,000 to the Cartwright & Kelsey School towards the new playground equipment and a small donation to the Ash Guides. An offer has been made to a local organisation following a request for support.

Q&A: The organisation cannot be named as no formal offer has yet been made in writing.

Q&A: The aims of the organisation are similar to the Jack Foat Trust and the Resthaven Almshouses.

#### **iii) Jack Foat Trust – Mrs Nina Vallack**

The Trustees' Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 are available for inspection.

At this time, the Trust's assets were valued at £2,144,940 of which half is represented by the land and property owned by the Trust.

Up to the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017, the Trust had distributed a total of £412,000 to village amenities since it was set up in 1990.

In the past financial year, the following charitable payments have been made:-

- The Cartwright & Kelsey School has received £17,500 to replace play equipment which had come to the end of its useful life plus £2,800 towards IT equipment and sports items. The grant for IT equipment enabled the school to access other funds, to complete their update.
- The Parochial Parish Council received £3,000 towards the tree surgery work in St Nicholas Churchyard. This was to help maintain its good condition as the parish burial ground. We stress it was not a contribution towards the removal of the poplar tree.
- The Chequers Society received £1,380 to pay for the structural survey on the property.

At almost £25,000 in total this has been one of our most “charitable” years for some time.

The Trustees would like to thank the members of the Ash Horticultural Society who have taken over the management of the garden in The Street which forms the boundary to the Trust’s Street Field. And thanks also to all the dog walkers and other members of the public who keep an eye on various things in the Trust’s open spaces and report back. It is appreciated.

Q&A: There is no sign on the field to the rear of New Street saying it is Jack Foat Trust Land and this will be checked.

iii) Ash Educational Charities – (Cartwright, Kelsey & Godfrey Charities) - Mr Chris Pratt

The charities own and rent out the Old School buildings in The Street. The total investment funds of the Trust are £188,023. Income from the rent of the Old School goes towards the donations to residents in Ash with educational needs. This year donations totalled of £12,103. Each year donations are made to the Cartwright & Kelsey Primary School and this year it included a donation of £8,146 towards a specialist reading system, as well as the bibles for the leavers. There were £1,500 of individual grants for books to those young people going onto further education and other grants for educational benefit. Details on applying for the individual grants for books are published in the parish magazine. Thank you to the trustees for their continuing work looking after the finances of the Charity.

There were no questions.

DDC Councillors Mr T Bartlett and Mr M Conolly joined the meeting after attending Wingham Parish Annual Meeting.

#### **18.04 Village Hall Reports and Questions**

i) Ash Village Hall – Mr Tony Jones, Chairman

The management committee is made up of elected members and it is very representative of the groups that use the hall. The hall hiring remains quite good.

During the year the interior of the hall was redecorated. The emergency lighting has been updated to comply with safety standards. A new kitchen unit and gas cooker has been fitted and the outside walls had to be repointed due to damage done by vandalism.

There has been a slight loss this year, as the hire charges were kept the same due to competition from the new hall in Woodnesborough.

There is concern about the roof as it is believed to be the original and this would make it over 100 years old. We intend to seek professional advice as to how we should proceed with a solution.

On behalf of the Committee, thank you to the Parish Council for its continued financial support.

There were no questions.

ii) Westmarsh Village Hall – Mr Andrew Harris-Rowley, Chairman

The new committee continues to work hard building on the improvements started last year and replacing and repairing day to day items. The focus has been on increasing attendance. The website has been improved and Facebook and door to door leafleting has been used to advertise events.

Regular bookings have increased, as have one-off events, children's parties and village events for the community.

The committee is aiming to achieve Quality Mark status for the hall.

The Westmarsh Village Hall is a wonderful resource with a good kitchen, ample parking and outdoor space that can be used for many functions and is open and available for bookings by the hour or day. We hope to see everyone continuing to use it in the coming year.

There were no questions.

### **18.05 Cartwright & Kelsey School Written Report – Mrs Fiona Crascall**

(The full report was read to the meeting and is on the Ash Parish Council web-site).

Mrs Fiona Crascall was appointed as Headteacher at Ash Cartwright and Kelsey in March 2017, taking up post in September 2017. The school has been through challenging times receiving two 'requires improvement' Ofsted inspections in 2015 and June 2017.

Cartwright and Kelsey is a fantastic school - blessed with amazing children, talented staff and a wonderful learning environment with spacious grounds. The values that we live by at our school are: joy, perseverance, creation, friendship, forgiveness and community.

Our new mission statement, launched in October 2017 is:

*Our school and our Christian values will enable children to exceed their potential by educating the whole child and recognising everybody's God given talents. We will pinpoint exactly what children learn and set appropriately challenging tasks. Collaboratively we will create happy, resilient, inquisitive and independent life-long learners by providing children with the education they deserve.*

One of our key strengths is our curriculum. Children are very enthusiastic about their topics.

We had a monitoring visit from Ofsted in March to confirm what we already knew - the school has purpose and direction and pupils' safety, well-being and learning are at the heart of the school. The inspector also commented:

*'You have overhauled the systems for teaching, managing behaviour, assessment and safeguarding. You and the other leaders are positive role models and are very visible around the school. You have a good understanding of the adults' and pupils' strengths and weaknesses. You respond quickly and provide hands-on support, which is much appreciated by the staff. You have formed a cohesive team of enthusiastic staff, several of whom are developing leadership roles and already making a significant positive impact on the teaching of English, mathematics, physical education and the wider curriculum'.*

As a school team we were delighted with this feedback.

I often recall an old African proverb I learnt during my early years at university (a while ago!) - 'It takes a whole village to educate a child'. We have received generous donations from the Jack Foat Trust and the Cartwright, Godfrey and Kelsey charities that have enabled us to update the ICT equipment for the children, purchase new PE equipment, help with the cost of our year 6 residential trip, buy an Accelerated Reader programme for KS2 and we are now in a position to replace the old adventure playground (which was unfortunately condemned at the end of last year). We have a hard working and committed PTFA that have also contributed to school improvements and a governing body that are dedicated to the school. Reverend David Moulden visits the school weekly to lead an act of collective worship and Ann Foat ensured that some of the funds raised from the sale of the Ash calendars will benefit the children - enabling year 5 to attend the science jamboree this year. Working together we can achieve great things.

### **18.06 No written resolutions had been received.**

### **18.07 Written Report from Kent County Councillor Mrs S Chandler and Questions**

(The report was distributed and read out at the meeting and is on the Ash Parish Council web-site).

The Council finished 2016/17 with a small surplus, the 17<sup>th</sup> year this has been achieved and it looks likely that 2017/18 will be the 18<sup>th</sup>. Since 2010 this has been done despite the reduction in real terms funding.

The budget for 2018/19 includes raising the Council tax by just under 5% including the additional raise for social care. Councillors very much regretted that this proved necessary but consultation indicated that residents were accepting of a raise that would be “ring fenced” for protecting front line services. This has proved necessary although some additional money from Government for social care has helped. The raise in Council tax equates to £1.01 per week for a Band D property.

The additional Government funding is being spent on:

- improvements in social care such as increasing payment to home care providers. There is also a great deal of work being done on integrating social care and health care to improve the outcome for residents. Emphasis on preventative care and returning the elderly home with the right level of care is also a priority.
- Integration in social and health care is also making great progress for children with the new contract for mental health care being the first combined contract between KCC and health providers. This and the Headstart programme being rolled out across Kent will address the long held concerns about the mental health of our young people.
- Most of the schools in our Division continue to do well, with a couple of exceptions. KCC have agreed to phase in the proposed new formula funding for schools over the next 2 years because this protects to a degree the funding to small primary schools.
- The cuts in Community bus services have been removed from this year’s budgets and 6 months of consultation will now take place as a sensible way forward is explored. Funding is unlikely to remain at the current level and innovative ways need to be found to provide the transport that is essential to rural villages. I have been working with Craig Mackinlay to see what can be achieved for our area, particularly, of course, in Staple where the Stagecoach service was regrettably removed.
- Highway maintenance and repair continues to be a huge part of the budget, as with all Counties we face a backlog of repairs. The pot hole blitz at the end of 2017 using local companies to deliver repairs was successful and will continue once the weather improves. Last month’s bad weather proved challenging but fortunately in our corner of East Kent we had less snow than elsewhere in the County and the Highways and local contractors were able to keep roads clear. The freezing rain was a rare and very difficult situation as the ice formed so quickly and despite the gritters being out in force, it proved impossible to entirely conquer it. The Government has now given extra funding to help repairs following the cold spell which adds an additional £3m to bring the total budget to £11m, let’s hope the weather improves soon so we can get on with those repairs. Do use the online reported tool for potholes, flooding and other highway issues.

Finally I would like to remind Community organisations and local Groups that I do have a Members grant fund, details of the criteria can be found on the KCC website, but do contact me directly if you wish on 07989134576 or at [Sue.chandler@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Sue.chandler@kent.gov.uk)

Q&A: Local residents want the increased traffic from new housing developments to be managed by a roundabout on the A257 for access to Chequer Lane. However, the view of KCC Highways is this is not justified by the increase in traffic from 100 new houses, compared for example, to the need at Whitfield from 1,500 plus new houses.

### **18.08 Report from the Dover District Councillors and Questions – DDC Cllrs Mr T Bartlett, Mrs S Chandler and Mr M Conolly**

(The complete report was distributed at the meeting and is on the Ash Parish Council web-site).

DDC Cllr M Conolly presented the report on behalf of the three DDC ward councillors for Ash.

- Retirement of Council Leader Paul Watkins after over 30 years of service to local government in East Kent. This contribution was recognised as the Council made him an Alderman of the District, along with another long serving councillor, Jim Hood. Keith Morris has taken over as Leader.
- The new St James shopping and leisure centre opened in March 2018. The task now is to help the regeneration of Dover Old Town.
- District Leisure Centre construction has started in Whitfield. This is a £26 million investment and will have state of the art facilities, including a competition grade swimming pool, the only one in Kent. This is on-track to open in the Spring of 2019.
- The regeneration of Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens has started, assisted by a major Heritage Lottery grant. A revamped café will be part of the new facilities.
- The restoration of Deal pier costing £700,000. This will repair the concrete and steel work, replace all the benches and include the re-opening of the end of pier café.
- Sandwich Town Council in co-operation with the Dover District Council and County Council are working together to relieve the traffic issues and to deliver the broader plan for the future of the town. This will include the regeneration of the area in front of the Guildhall and an upgrade to the Museum. The Age Concern shop in Sandwich will also be taking over the functions of the Council Helpdesk.
- Homelessness applications. This increase is a nationwide problem. A cross party working group has been established and officers are now working to a four point plan which has seen applications and acceptances start to fall. A key element is to stop having to use bed and breakfast accommodation and so the Council is buying more houses to enable it to meet its statutory duty.
- Revising ward boundaries and the reduction of District councillors with the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. These proposals been out to consultation over recent weeks. It is likely that there will be a reduction in councillor numbers from 45 to 32, with our ward reducing from three councillors to two.

Representing your Parish and residents:

- Planning issues. In the past year we supported the objection to development along the Sandwich Road which Dover District Council refused. This decision was upheld by the Planning Inspector on appeal.
- Unlawful development of a traveller site at Westmarsh Drove. As well as issuing Stop Notices, we have obtained three successful prosecutions for the contravention of these notices. The appeal against this enforcement action, which de facto becomes a planning application, was held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The decision is that the site is not suitable in the long term and only temporary permission has been granted for eight pitches for three years.
- Planning officers from the Council are continuing to support the Ash Neighbourhood Plan.

The progress we have made has been in spite of the continuing decline in Government funding. The Revenue Support Grant has reduced every year for the past four years and will disappear completely by 2020. The span of the New Homes Bonus scheme has been reduced from six years to four. The Business Rates system is chaotic. Nevertheless, the medium term financial plan looks a lot more positive than it did a year ago because:

- Additional Business Rates revenue through all the new commercial developments in the District.



- Expected returns of several hundred thousand pounds from our Treasury investments. The new strategy implemented in 2017/18 has given significant increase in returns in 2018/19.
- Commercial property investments will realise around £650,000 per annum.
- Civica will take over the functions of Revenues and Benefits and Customer Services from East Kent Services and this will save at least £250,000 per annum.

These changes will give greater financial security and hold the DDC element of the Council Tax below the maximum allowed by Government, by far the lowest council tax level in East Kent.

Challenges for the year ahead:

- Continuing to grapple with the homelessness issue and bring down the numbers and costs of those in temporary accommodation.
- Working with the Government, the County and the Dover Harbour Board to plan for Brexit – whether hard or soft – and its impact on traffic through the port and on our roads.
- Negotiations for a new waste collection and street cleaning service, as our current contract has only two years to run.
- Implementing the recommendations of the Boundary Commission as smoothly as possible, recognising that the May 2019 election will be based on these.

The three of us will continue to provide a link between DDC and the communities it serves, to help with individual issues in areas such as planning and to be a voice for you. We don't always get it right. We certainly don't always win. But we will always do our best.

Q: The first six items of the report covered Dover, Deal and Sandwich – where are the items on the villages?

A: Items of particular relevance to the villages are always considered but it is also relevant to include in the annual report of the District Council the larger population centres.

Q: Dover District Council has not done enough to provide places for travellers. When is DDC going to do something about this and why is it not in your challenges for the year ahead?

A: In the past, it has not been easy to get people (or villages) to volunteer land for traveller sites. As a broader issue, this is likely to be one of the challenges in the current review of the Local Plan for the year ahead.

Q&A: There were major investments including the purchase of the B&Q lease at Whitfield, also the leasing of some of the DDC offices to other organisations and some property in the centre of Dover. The rent from these leases will provide the new income.

Q&A: (The answer to this question was provided for the minutes.) There have been 19 housing units, with a further 5 under negotiation, procured by DDC to provide temporary accommodation for homeless people in the district.

Q&A: In the proposals for boundary changes, there is no change proposed for the ward boundary for Little Stour and Ashstone (the Dover District ward which includes the parish of Ash). There may be a proposal for the parliamentary boundary to move Ash from the Thanet constituency to the Dover constituency.

Q&A: The proposed re-organisation of wards in Dover District aimed to more evenly distribute the number of electors amongst councillors. The recommendation which included reducing the number of councillors from 45 to 32 was an officer recommendation, accepted by the Council. This part of the review was a consequence of a central government programme to stream-line local authorities.

Q&A: (The answer to the question was provided for the minutes.) As of the end of February 2018, there were 558 properties that had been empty longer than 6 months, 260 longer than 2 years. The estimate for Ash is there are 15 empty properties. In 2017/18, DDC brought 30 properties back into use through their intervention.

The Chairman thanked the District Councillors for their report and for their regular attendance at the monthly meetings of the Parish Council.

**18.09 Any Other Business Concerned with Parish Affairs**

- i) Litter seems to be increasing in the village and in particular in the centre of the village. Would it be possible to put a new litter bin at The Street entrance to the footpath to Glebelands? This would be considered by the parish council.

Residents are encouraged to take part in the Village Clean Up Day when an organised litter pick will take place around the village, with residents encouraged to litter pick the public areas outside of their homes.

The problem of litter being thrown into gardens, street verges and in the countryside was also raised and the question asked – is the government dealing with it?

- ii) Noise from fireworks frightening livestock was discussed. The Parish Council understands that this is also a national problem which the government are considering.

The Chairman thanked all those present for attended the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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