



LEZIATE & ASHWICKEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON Friday 19th OF MAY 2023 FROM 7.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr Jason Ess (JE) – Chair. Cllrs. Adrian Bramwell (AB), G Mathias (GM) Borough Councillor Michael de Whalley (MW), and the Parish Clerk.
One member of the public present.

1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –
Cllrs Moriarty and Anota

**3. Approval of the circulated minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 9th of May 2022 – proposed AB, seconded GM and all in favour who attended that meeting.
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4. Chairman's Annual Report

It has been an eventful year with many challenges. Thank you to our Borough and County Councillors for their support throughout the year and thanks to Caroline, our clerk for her dedication and enthusiasm.

Thanks were also given to our amazing litter picker, the church warden and the village hall committee.

Improvements have been made to both play areas during the year.

Projects:

Village Hall car parking area – funding required

Neighbourhood Development Plan – to be revisited

Broadband speed updates continue in the parish and should be completed by December 23.

Issues:

Continued anti-social behaviour in the summer months, parking and speeding.

Due to a lack of interest, the Speedwatch team has been disbanded and equipment returned.

The Ashwicken Lakes project appears to be defeated but we need to be mindful moving forward in case it reappears.

The Sailing Club area requires urgent work as now looking derelict.

Thank you to all who have contributed over the last year.

5. Borough Councillor's Annual Report

Cllr de Whalley was pleased to be re-elected along with Bal Anota and best wishes go to Colin Manning for all his years of service.

Concerns on the Local Plan as it was suspended by the examiners and wording changes have taken place but no underline work.

The National Planning Policy changes are due in November 2023.
The Town Fund projects are running behind and there could be some re-thinking for the new administration of the Borough Council. The issues at Leziate & Ashwicken are very much a part of my business and I hope to have more clout now.

6. Report from County Councillor Jim Moriarty – see appendix 1

7. Parishioners Open Forum

The recent front page article in “Your Local Paper” was raised regarding comments made by the Chairman regarding the Ashwicken Lakes project. JE advised that personally he supported the idea but in another more suitable area and the Parish Council objected to the project along with many residents.

Cllr de Whalley advised that the “floating” accommodation would not be allowed which would cut the amount of accommodation along with the increased height if accommodation built on land.

Meeting ended at 7.38pm

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