Challock Parish Council Annual Meeting Minutes

Memorial Hall

Tuesday 20th July 2021, 7.30pm

Members of public present: approximately 4

Present

Michael Fisher (Chair) Dianne Sandy (Clerk), Max Thomas & John Ramsden.

Apologies

Russell Jaques (Vice Chair), Tracy Brown, Tony Aitken, Duncan Hardie, KCC Ward Councillor Charlie Simkins & ABC Ward Councillor Larry Krause

Welcome

Cllr Michael Fisher welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chairman’s Report

Cllr Michael Fisher reported on the following:

Report from Charlie Simkins KCC Councillor for Ashford Rural for the year to May 2020/2021

Councillor Thomas read out KCC Ward Councillor’s report:-

Open Forum for Village Clubs & Organisations

**Friends of Challock Church**

John Burden Chairman of Friends of Challock Church reported the friends raise funds for the upkeep of the building, fences and grounds maintenance. Many events were put on hold last year due to the pandemic and are looking to hold the Flower Festival 28th – 30th August titled “new beginnings”. The event is organized by the church and support by the Friends of. It will be an outdoor event and a marquee erected for social distance measures. Various groups will be providing refreshments and flower arrangements.

A concert by Ashford choir is planned for 9th October providing covid rules haven’t changed.

Christmas Fayre at the village hall is planned for Sunday, 21st November with 20 stall holders.

Currently considering holding a carol service. In the past has been well attended but yet to agree.

The Country Fayre has been put on hold and it is now planned for 10th September 2022. A lot of work has already been done. The Fayre will be held on the cricket ground and in the village hall. The Parish Council have given permission for cars to be parked on the Lees. Preparations and organizing will re-emerge in the coming months and not the same magnitude and will act as test water for re-occurring of the goose fair.

**Rewilding Group**

The first season in which 5 areas of the Lees to be developed over time with the involvement of the school for area 5. This area has been successful whilst the other areas not quite so successful. The group has recently planted over 1000 wildflower plugs grown by the group in some of the areas.

Parish Forum

Parishioner requested consideration for the installation of CCTV camera’s and asked if the MUGA will be floodlight. The Parish Council responded they had made enquiries to Ashford Borough Council and Kent Police for grants for CCTV but received no response.

Parishioner’s concerns of the MUGA being in use late at night and floodlit not good for wildlife.

Parishioner asked if there is a maintenance program for the new equipment from the S106 developer contributions.

The Chairman confirmed under the S106 developer contributions allocation of ongoing maintenance is also included.

**Michael Fisher Chair thanked everyone for attending.**

**Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.**

**Next Annual Parish Meeting to take place 2022 date to be confirmed.**