

**2018**  
**LAMBERHURST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th APRIL**

**Present:**

**The Vice-Chairman, LPC John Uren**

**Secretary, John Mottershead**

**40 members of the public (including Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk)**

**Graham White, Sam Nicholas, Nick Hepher,**

**Jim Boot (Community Planner, Associate with Action for Communities in Rural Kent).**

1. Chairman's welcome.

The Vice-Chairman welcomed all those in attendance and offered apologise from DC

SH then addressed the meeting, talking first about potholes and the need for the public to report them. She pointed out that the current fillings that can be seen are temporary measures until they can be fixed properly. She went on to talk about speeding, and what is being done.

A member of the public asked about parking on the pavement; and SH promised to look into ways of dealing with it.

2. Invitation to County/Borough Councillors, if present, & other Local Representatives, to speak or give their reports.

The Borough Councillor then addressed the meeting. He talked about litter, and how this is being dealt with. He mentioned some of the good causes that he hopes to raise money for on a charity bike-ride. He took some questions from the public and thanked all for inviting him to the meeting.

GW Then addressed the meeting in his capacity as Chairman of the Bonfire Committee. He said that there is currently enough money to

run another 2 bonfires as accounts stand. He asked for volunteers to join the structured bonfire society. Positions that need filling are VC, Chairman, and H&S officer.

Next to speak was NH who talked about the village cinema. He drew attention to the next showing (28<sup>th</sup> April). This showing has been brought about by an Arts Council initiative. If it is successful, then more are likely to follow.

JU finished up this section by talking about the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in November.

3. Parish Council Chairman's Report for the past year.

JU read the Chairman's Report – Attached as appendix 1

4. Lamberhurst Neighbourhood Plan – Update

SN gave a presentation about the Lamberhurst Parish Neighbourhood Plan (a copy of the presentation is attached as appendix 2).

She finished by mentioning the litter-picking on May 12<sup>th</sup>

The meeting then continued with a discussion regarding the Neighbourhood Plan, with questions being asked; and answered by both SN and GW. The most important point was that the Neighbourhood Plan will have the same legal status as the Borough's Local Plan. If we get involved as a community; we have the opportunity to create a Neighbourhood Plan which reflects everyone's aspirations for the village. If we do not take advantage of this opportunity, then the Local Plan will just be imposed upon us. Both the LP and NP (once it has passed a referendum), will become part of planning law.

5. Open session.

JU asked for questions from the floor

A member of the public asked about speeding, and a discussion ensued about what has been done, and how effective it has been to date. Suggestions from the floor included simple but effective posters; and enforcing parking so that the road is not as wide.

SN mentioned Speedwatch; and said that the village will continue with the campaign to try and prosecute speeders. She acknowledged that it's an ongoing problem.

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Another questions was asked about recycling, and it was replied that this is a TWBC issue.

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JU summed up and thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting finished at 21:50

*Dr.D.Cruse,*  
LPC Chairman