

KELVEDON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held at 7.45 pm on Tuesday 12 March 2019 at The Institute, High Street, Kelvedon.

Present: Cllr I Jayatillake (Chair)

Cllr J Astley, Cllr J Anderson, Cllr S Goode, Cllr J Hooper, Cllr N Leach, Cllr C Martin, Cllr R Minns, Cllr E Ormond, Cllr M Pilbeam & Cllr A Tremain

Parish Clerk – P Potter; Clerk’s Assistant – S Green

District Councillor R Mitchell

Mr L Hawkins - Specials Policing Co-ordinator at Essex Police & one Special Constable

Ms J Williams - Witham Town Council

60 members of the public including representatives from:

The Royal British Legion; Kelvedon Players; Kelvedon & Feering Local History Museum; Kelvedon Neighbourhood Plan Group; Greenpeace; Kelvedon in Bloom; Kelvedon Community Festival, and volunteers from the litter picking group

1 Welcome and introduction of Councillors and Guests

Cllr Jayatillake welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Parish Councillors; Clerk; Clerk’s Assistant and guest speakers. Cllr Jayatillake’s report attached as Appendix 1.

2 Apologies for absence

None.

3 Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 25 April 2018

It was Proposed Cllr Anderson, Seconded Cllr Martin and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 25 April 2018 are a true record and were signed accordingly.

4 Community Special Constables - Community Special Constable Scheme

L Hawkins gave a detailed presentation on the Community Special Constable Scheme, high-lighting the following points:

- Specials are part-time volunteers who are fully warranted Police Officers with the same powers as regular Officers
- Scheme funded by local Councils
- Minimum commitment of 16 operational hours per Special, per month.
- Minimum cost - £1,000 per Special, pa

The Special Constable in attendance spoke about his role in Witham and the positive response received from residents.

Ms Williams (Witham Town Council) spoke highly of the Witham scheme emphasizing the difference made, since its inception.

Following a good show of hands in favour of introducing such a scheme in

Kelvedon, Cllr Jayatillake confirmed that this matter would be placed on the April Full Council Agenda for a decision on whether to proceed.

L Hawkins; Special Constable and Ms Williams left the Parish Assembly at 8.20 pm.

5 Report by County & District Cllr R Mitchell

Cllr Mitchell updated those present on the following ECC and BDC matters:

BDC -

- 50% recycling rate across the District
- Superfast Broadband now available in most of Kelvedon & Feering
- Local Plan submission not found sound by Inspector
- Monks Farm & Watering Farm sites - both now have outline planning consent
- Greenfields Housing development completed in Kelvedon
- Trialling of voter ID at local elections on 2nd May 2019

ECC/Highways -

- Commitment to follow up infrastructure projects i.e. A12/A120
- A12 - decision awaited on route
- A120 - Route D preferred option - funding due to be announced Autumn 2019
- Possible Library Closures - Cllr Mitchell supporting Kelvedon & Feering and Coggeshall voluntary groups who are looking for a realistic way forward
- Potholes nominated for extra funding
- Parking issues Kelvedon High Street - area to be looked at as a whole rather than piecemeal
- ECC have made £311,000,000 savings over last 4 years
- ECC commitment to spend £1,000,000 on mental health over coming year

Questions raised about parking problems outside St Mary's School.

6 To receive questions from the public

Questions were raised regarding possible future, large-scale development to the south west of Kelvedon.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm, when the Chair thanked everyone for attending.

Signed:

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