

ALKHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - MINUTES

MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2017

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**6:30pm PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MAIN MEETING:**

Planning to discuss:

- a) **DOV/17/00222 - St Anthony's Church, The Forstal, Alkham, CT15 7DF**  
Creation of three parking spaces, laying of hardstanding, installation of a drainage system, external lighting columns and reinforced matting to facilitate vehicular access

The Parish Council had no objections

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**1. Venue:**

Alkham Village Hall at 7:00pm

**2. Present:**

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| Parish Councillors:   | Neil Burrows, Den Barnard, Susan Lees, Anthony Barrier, Geoff Hillier. |
| Clerk:                | Janice Lambert   |
| Members of Public:    | 8  |
| District Councillors: | Nick Dixon   |
| Guest Speaker         | Mark Robson  |

**3. Apologies:**

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| Parish Councillors:   | Fiona MacAskill, Ruth Buddy |
| County Councillors:   | Geoff Lymer                 |
| District Councillors: | Pauline Beresford           |

**4. Minutes:**

The minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were received, approved and signed as a correct record.

**5. Parish Council Annual Report:**

[Presented by Chairman of the Parish Council Neil Burrows](#)

**6. Parish Council Annual Financial Report:**

[Presented by Janice Lambert, Clerk](#)

**7. Story of the Alkham Heroes who were killed in the First World War**

[Presented by Guest Speaker: Mr Mark Robson](#)

Mark Robson gave an extremely interesting presentation on the story of the Alkham Heroes who were killed in the First World. The sixteen villagers were:

Charles Henry Grainger  
Ernest Tupper  
Stephen James Maple

Arthur Henry Daniels  
Sidney Marsh  
George Rye

Cecil Allen  
George Collard  
Joseph Edward Mount

Signed (Chairman) .....

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Edwin Thomas Daniels  
John Rye  
George Bailey

Edward Collard  
Percy William Frank Parker  
Ralph Drake-Brockman

Albert Francis

Mark gave a very informative presentation talking about the lives of the men and their families. He showed some lovely photographs that he has sourced, showing the houses that the men lived in and of the men themselves.

Mark also asked for any information that the parishioners may have which would help him build up further knowledge. Full details of the presentation are on the Alkham Village website [www.alkham.org](http://www.alkham.org).

**8. Kent County Council Report**  
None

**9. Dover District Council Report**

District Councillor Nick Dixon reported that District Council have been liaising with Canterbury, Shepway, Thanet and Ashford Council to form one single Council. It was reported that Ashford had a few months ago decided not to be involved and that Shepway had also voted against. Dover District Council are therefore now assessing viability of a single Council made up of Dover, Canterbury & Thanet. The idea is to enable funding to continue into the local communities.

It was also reported that the variable speed limit on the A20 will come into effect in summer 2017. There had been a delay due to the environmental groups complaining about the gantry signs that will display the variable speed limits.

It was noted that the works at Russell Gardens are now almost complete with improvements made to the road and pedestrian layouts. There is also substantial work planned for Kearsney Abbey too.

The Port of Dover has awarded the contracts for the marine engineering works and the project is moving forward quickly. It is anticipated that Stage 1 (new piers, marina and the Cargo terminal) will be completed by the end of 2018. The St James development is also well on the way now, the shells for the multiplex cinema and the Travelodge are already up. It was reported that Enterprise, car and van hire will refurbish the current BP garage. It was noted there will continue to be disruption in and around Dover associated with the works at the Western Docks whilst works continue.

It was noted that traffic through the villages will be an ongoing issue all the time the variable speed limit is in place on the A20.

Cllr Burrows asked if the white lines will be replaced at Russell Gardens and it was confirmed that this would happen very soon.

**10. Any other questions**  
None

**11. Date of next meeting**  
Annual General Meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 8:00pm

Signed (Chairman) .....

Date .....