

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING GREAT CHART VILLAGE HALL MONDAY 18 May 2026

There were approximately 30 members of the public present, which included members of the Parish Council.

Cllr Malcolm Wiffen - Chair

Aniko Szocs – Parish Clerk & Paula Cowperthwaite – Deputy Clerk, Catherine Stevens-Community Engagement Officer, Stuart Lund- Parish Steward

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.20 pm by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending.

2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting in May 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2025 were proposed by Cllr Darvill and seconded by Cllr P Barker and were duly approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. Community Award

The recipient of the Kent Association of Local Councils Community Award was presented with the award for all their voluntary work and for their Make Lunch initiative.

4. Chair's Report

Cllr Wiffen gave a short report, which is available to read in the Annual Report of 2025-2026 and on the website.

5. Borough Councillor's Report

Singleton East – Cllr Barrett, not in attendance.

Singleton West:

Cllr Sally Gatherern not in attendance.

Weald Central Ward

Borough Councillor's Report – Cllr Jessamy Blanford report is available in the annual report.

Washford Ward:

Cllr Clive Hallett – not in attendance.

6. County Councillor's Report

South Ashford Councillor's Report – apologies received.

Ashford Rural West Councillor's Report – apologies received.

7. Accounts and Reports from Parish Charities and Organisations

Reports were received from the following schools and groups:

Mr Alan Watson, representing Speedwatch, highlighted the benefits of having a Speedwatch team.

The following groups gave either verbal or written reports:

- Great Chart Primary School
- John Wesley Primary School
- Singleton Village Hall
- Great Chart Village Hall
- The Bean Fund- This charity will cease to exist.
- Toke and Streeter, Alm Houses
- Great Chart Playing Fields
- Singleton Giant Association
- St Mary's in Great Chart
- 1st Great Chart Scouts
- Singleton Spaces & Singleton Environment Centre
- Singleton WI.
- Great Chart Cricket Club
- DreamDragons
- Pilgrims Football Club

8. Public Forum

No questions raised.

The meeting closed at 20.50 pm