

Bredgar Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting
31st May 2018
Bredgar Village Hall

Present: Chair Cllr. Penny Twaites;
Joint Vice Chair Cllr. Brian Clarke; Joint Vice Chair Cllr. Jane Collins;
Cllr. Dick Clack; Cllr. Susie Hickman and Cllr. Bev McCourt.

Clerk: Teresa Hudson

In Attendance: SBC Cllr. Monique Bonney

Members of the Public: 33 members of the public were present.

Chair, Cllr. P. Twaites, welcomed members of the public to the meeting and presented the annual Chair's Report. A copy will be published with these Minutes.

Cllr. Clarke gave a brief update on the campaign to lower the speed through the village. This is further reported in the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on 30th May 2018.

Local Plan

The Chair and SBC Cllr. Monique Bonney informed the meeting that SBC are consulting on a new Local Plan and the prospect of housing developments in and around Swale.

The number of properties in Sittingbourne is 18800; the new local plan would potentially add another 11000.

Central Government has increased the number of properties to be built from 776 per year to 1054 per year.

Local industry employment is around 16000. This does not include retail or home workers.

A comprehensive questionnaire is available online where residents are able to participate in the consultation. Cllr. Bonney and the 5Parishes group have collated the most important, relevant questions into a leaflet to assist parishioners. Not all questions need to be answered.

Responses must be submitted by 8th June 2018 after which submissions by developers will be accepted.

An Options document will be published next summer.

Cllr Bonney's presentation was followed by a question and answers session and the Chair thanked Cllr Bonney for her attendance and useful talk.