

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 13th JULY 2011

Present

Councillors Kittle, Compton, Phillips, Ellison & Plumptre. Katy Brooks – Head Teacher, Goodnestone CE Primary School.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies to record.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of the 11th May 2011

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 11th May were signed as a true record of events by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

Councillor Ellison reported that the results of the Parish Broadband survey were emailed to members on the Parish email list and a summary of the results will be submitted to the Community News section of the KM Newspaper.

4. Community Policing

PC Keningale replacement was not able to attend the meeting.

5. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

District Councillor Bartlett reported the following:

- i. Following the district election, Councillors Bartlett, Chandler & Conolly were re-elected for the Little Stour & Ashton Ward. The Cabinet has been reduced from 10 to 8 members, and Sue Nicholas has replaced Bernard Butler as Chairman of DDC. Sue Chandler is Deputy Leader of DDC.
- ii. The new indoor tennis centre at Deal recently opened and has 4 courts. The cost of this was met by the Lawn Tennis Association and the insurance payout received following the destruction of the previous “bubble” centre caused by wind.
- iii. The Olympic torch will arrive in Dover on 18th July 2012 following its arrival at Land’s End on 19th May. It will travel 8000 miles across the UK arriving at the Olympic Stadium on 27th July.
- iv. Bridging the Gap is a small grant scheme run by DDC in partnership with the Coalfields Regeneration Trust. The programme offers grants from £500 to £5000 to voluntary and community groups for projects that can be completed by 31st March 2012. A group can have one grant in any 12 month period and each application must be for a different activity. Contact Carol Davies on 01304 872081 or email carol.davies@dover.gov.uk for more information.
- v. The role of Chief Executive intended to be shared between Dover & Shipway District Council is not shared following a tied vote.

- vi. The new refuse system will be rolled out from September which will include a kitchen caddy and an improvement on the plastics that are able to be recycled using the black box. All residents have been sent a leaflet documenting the changes.

6. Goodnestone CE Primary School

Head Teacher Katy Brooks was invited to update the Council on the forthcoming building works taking place at the school. Ms Brooks reported the following:

- i. The building works are definitely going ahead. Despite a budget cut causing a shortfall in funding, meetings with KCC and the support of Kent County Councillor Leyland Ridings helped secure the additional funding required.
- ii. BEC Construction Ltd from Ramsgate has been appointed as the contractor for the project and will leaflet residents affected by the works. The workmen are to only use the avenue for access. Despite a delayed start, works are due to be completed by January 13th 2012.
- iii. In September the school will have 72 pupils, including 12 new starters (from 28 applicants).

7. Affordable Housing Scheme

Work is continuing and is on schedule.

8. Gala Tent Marquee

Following damage cause to the large end panel the hirer responsible is to pay for a replacement. This will be purchased by the Council and reimbursed by the hirer.

9. Planning

There were no applications to discuss. The clerk reported recent decisions made,

10. Footpaths

The council agreed the clerk should contact the farmer who has responsibility for reinstating the footpath from the lone tree at the top of the field down towards Chillenden in advance of ploughing next year to remind him to do so.

11. Highway Matters

The clerk agreed to contact Kent Highways regarding the sharp bend at the top of Saddlers Hill to discuss the options available to try to make it a safer bend.

12. Finance

The following items were approved for payment:

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| i. | Clerk's Expenses (6 x books, 1 x gift) | £125.90 |
| | <i>Proposed by Councillor Plumtre and Seconded by Councillor Ellison</i> | |
| ii. | Kent County Playing Fields Association | £20.00 |
| | <i>Proposed by Councillor Phillips and Seconded by Councillor Kittle</i> | |
| iii. | BTCV Community Network Membership | £35.00 |
| | <i>Proposed by Councillor Compton and Seconded by Councillor Phillips</i> | |
| iv. | Roger Austin Grounds Maintenance(2 invoices) | £948.00 |
| | <i>Proposed by Councillor Ellison and Seconded by Councillor Compton</i> | |

- v. Kent Association of Local Councils £4.50
Proposed by Councillor Kittle and Seconded by Councillor Plumtre
- vi. Gala Tent (payable to clerk) £119.00
Proposed by Councillor Plumtre and Seconded by Councillor Ellison

13. Written Correspondence

There was no written correspondence to discuss.

14. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

Councillors had nothing to report.

15. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14th September 7.30pm Goodnestone Village Hall

There being no further items to discuss the meeting closed at 8.50pm.