GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY 2012

Present

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, Ellison and Compton.

1. Apologies

Councillor Kittle sent his apologies as did District Councillors Bartlett, Conolly & Chandler.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of the 23rd November 2011

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the chairman.

3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Community Policing

PC Callaghan reported an increase in crime in the area, especially metal thefts. Parishioners are urged to use the non-emergency number 101 to report crimes and suspicious activity. This will then enable Kent Police to profile the area as if crimes are not reported then resources will not be allocated to the area as the statistics will show there is not a need for extra policing, even if this is not the case.

PC Callaghan will contact the Clerk regarding the "Handy Van" scheme and will also see if any shed alarms are available for those who may require them.

The Clerk will produce and arrange for distribution of a leaflet promoting the 101 non-emergency telephone number.

5. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

District Councillors had a District Council Meeting to attend however prior to the meeting Councillor Conolly reported that a decision is expected in May on the Boundary Commission changes, There is no further news on "PILE-OFF" and should the Council wish to find out more about the possible high speed broadband for Thanet then the Clerk should contact Laura Sandys MP. The Clerk agreed to do this.

6. Diamond Jubilee

Councillor Kittle was unable to attend the meeting but it is understand provisional plans are underway to hold a Jubilee Event on the Millennium Field. The Clerk agreed to contact Councillor Kittle to find out more.

7. Finances

i. The following was approved for payment:

Goodnestone Village Hall £500

Proposed by Councillor Plumptre and seconded by Councillor Ellison

ii. Approval of Budget 12/13 for Precept

After reviewing the annual accounts and the proposed budget it was agreed to increase the Precept request by 10% for the year ending 31st March 2013 resulting in a figure requested of £5900

8. Planning

There were no applications to discuss.

9. **Goodnestone CE Primary School**

The new building was officially opened on January 5th and the school have moved the classroom out of the Village Hall. The Hall will continue to be used for school dinners and for some PE activities.

10. Affordable Housing Scheme

The scheme is still on schedule and those who have accepted offers of a property will be moving in during March. There is still one shared ownership property available and English Rural are currently interviewing applicants. As the s/o property was not initially filled during the application process the eligible area has now been widened to include the parish of Wingham.

11. Footpaths

It was reported that the footpath crossing the road between Goodnestone and Chillenden (Chillenden Church Hall) was looking in good condition and appeared to have a new set of steps and gate.

12. Highway Matters

The Clerk has reported two street lamps that are not working and the works are being programmed in. The salt bin at the junction of Cave Lane and Goodnestone Hill has been filled and the Gullysucker will be visiting the corner on Cave Lane where water pools after heavy rain. The salt bin in Rowling has been replaced (twice).

13. Village Website

The PC minutes are now available on the website and an amended Village Welcome Pack will soon also be on there. The Clerk will contact Jon Aldington to add the details of the 101 non-emergency Police phone number. The Clerk will produce a flyer advertising the website.

14. Written Correspondence

The Clerk reported that a resident had emailed reporting litter at the bottom of Park View Close on the border between the Close and Fairfield. The Clerk will clear this.

15. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

Councillors had nothing to report.

16. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Parish Council Meeting March 14th Annual Parish Meeting April 25th Parish Council AGM May 16th

There being no further items to discuss the meeting closed at 21:03hrs.