

**GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 19TH JANUARY 2011**

Present

Councillors Plumptre, Compton, Parsons and Kittle. District Councillor Conolly. PC Keningale, PCSO Faulkner, Mr Jon Aldington.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies to record.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of the 17th November 2010

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 17th November were signed as a true record of events by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

Further to the recent Planning Application the Clerk reported there had been no decision regarding the proposed new building at Goodnestone School.

4. Community Policing

PC Keningale reported that the area which he is now required to cover has trebled and introduced his new PCSO, Mark Faulkner, whose main role is to combat anti-social behaviour. The level of crime in the area has been low, please contact 01622 690690 if you wish to report an incident that is not a 999 emergency.

5. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

Councillor Conolly reports:

Finance: the Council will be presenting its budget in February and we will see then exactly where cuts will have to be made to balance the books following the major reduction in the central support grant and what we have been able to protect. As a partial but by no means total solution to the problem we are pressing ahead with closer integration of management with Shepway, including having a shared Chief Executive. He/she should be in place by June. The shared services agenda continues to develop across three East Kent authorities (Dover, Thanet, Canterbury, but Shepway are staying out of this for the time being.) HR, payroll and audit are already shared and IT, Customer Service and Revenues & Benefits will follow during 2011. A further tranche is planned for 2012. The Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) to manage the 18,000 council-owned homes in East Kent is up and running. The Shadow Board has been appointed and is working towards a start date of April 1st.

The planned demise of the Audit Commission is seen as a benefit as their reviews have tended to create an (understandable) box-ticking culture among officers which has led them to seek the 'gold stars' rather than concentrate on delivering value for money to the council tax payer. As DDC's Local Development Framework is well advanced there is a possibility of Government support for 'well planned housing schemes already underway.'

Affordable Housing: The Appeal against planning refusal for Miller Close Phase 2 in Wingham

was rejected by the Inspector. Ash and Preston Parish Councils are both working on affordable housing schemes.

6. Broadband

Jon Aldington was invited to address the Council regarding the options available to increase the internet speed within the Parish. There are various options available and it was decided that a Community Meeting be held on Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30pm in Goodnestone Village Hall to determine the level of interest. Mr Aldington is to invite Lyndon Gurr, who is the Kent County Council community broadband liaison officer to attend the meeting. Lyndon has been dealing with a number of community broadband projects across the county and has a lot of useful information, including information on KCC grants.

7. Post Office & Community Shop

The recent Community Meeting was well attended by members of the Parish; however there was not the required number of volunteers to start the process of setting up a Community Shop at this stage. Talks are in progress between Sean Carter of Action within Communities in Rural Kent and Nigel Hale regarding the possibility of siting the Post Office within Holy Cross Church for 4 hours per week.

8. Affordable Housing

The Clerk reported that there will not be a decision from DDC planning until the legal section 106 has been signed, which then changes the planning approval from 'intention to grant', to full planning consent. The s106 has now been agreed and the final version is being prepared, ready for signing and engrossing. The tenders for the build contract were issued last month and are due to be returned next week.

9. Local Development Framework Site Allocations Amendment

Further to the recent correspondence from DDC regarding the addition to the LDF Site Allocations Document of a proposed site behind Yew Tree Farm in Goodnestone the Council decided there was no need to respond at this stage.

10. Planning

- Ref:DOV/10/00719 The Engine House. Knowlton, Goodnestone
Proposal: Change of use and conversion to holiday let and erection of a two storey side extension

The Council agreed to assess the application online before returning any comment.

11. Footpaths

Footpaths are regularly used and are still wet and muddy.

12. Highway Matters

All missing signs have been reported & replaced. To report potholes or any other highway issues please visit www.kent.gov.uk then *Roads and Transport* then *report a highway fault*.

13. Finance

- Payments for Approval
 - i. GW Finn & Sons (Pond & Fairfield Licence Fees) £100.00
Proposed by Councillor Parsons and seconded by Councillor Kittle
 - ii. Clerks Expenses £40.00
Proposed by Councillor Plumtre and seconded by Councillor Compton

- Approval of Budget 11/12 for Precept
After discussion the budget was approved and a precept request of £5355.00 was agreed.

14. Written Correspondence

The Clerk has received correspondence from Parishioners regarding dog fouling and fly tipping. The Council agreed two leaflets would be produced and circulated. Councillor Plumptre agreed to clear the rubbish at the bottom of Park View Close / Fairfield.

15. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

There was nothing to report.

16. Any Other Business

Councillor Kittle informed the Council of the recent decisions made regarding GP Commissioning.

17. Date of Next Meeting

23rd March 2011

Goodnestone Village Hall

20th April 2011

Annual Parish Assembly

There being no further items to discuss the meeting closed at 9.40pm.