

**GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 2011**

Present

Councillors Compton, Gibson, Plumptre, Kittle & Parsons. District Councillor Bartlett.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies to record.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of the 19th January 2011

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 19th January were signed as a true record of events by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

There were no matters arising.

4. Community Policing

PC Keningale was unable to attend the meeting.

5. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

Councillor Bartlett reported:

Finance: The budget has been set for the coming year. Council Tax has not been raised by DDC and they have tried to save money without cutting front line services. The Council have managed to save the money needed to keep the budget in order by when staff leave they are not replaced externally and the figure saved was £2.4 million this financial year. This was also as a result of shared services and soon there will be one Chief Executive for Dover and Shepway.

Housing: ALMO (Arms Length Management Organisation) is now responsible for all the council properties in the district. DDC will remain as the owner and landlord of council house. ALMO will deal with the management of grass cutting and re-letting properties etc.

Pfizer: Council leader Paul Watkins is on the task force that has been set up to try to help as many of the existing staff there as possible.

Crime: Operation cubit (abandoned vehicles) is working very well. From 7th -11th March there were 30 abandoned and untaxed vehicles taken of the streets. Owners received a £100 fine to reclaim their vehicle & storage costs of £21 per day.

Community Payback: The Kent Probation team nominate schemes if anybody is in need of help from those on community payback, e.g. clearing of overgrown paths etc. Please visit www.kentprobation.org for more information.

Welcome to White Cliffs Country: That's the message in an exciting new multi-media tourism campaign for White Cliffs Country 2011, which was launched at Dover Town Hall on 22nd March. The annually produced Visitor Guide has been redesigned and fully updated with latest

information and photography showcasing the district. The guide is packed with information on great days out and places to stay in White Cliffs Country.

6. Broadband Meeting Update

A community meeting resulted in a group being formed to look into this further. The group will report their findings at the Annual Parish Meeting.

7. Re-opening of Post Office & Public Consultation

Following the community meeting the Post Office has now reopened in Holy Cross Church for 2 hours twice a week. The Post Office is holding a public consultation to determine whether this will be a permanent arrangement.

8. Affordable Housing

Work is due to commence shortly now that planning permission has been granted. English Rural has asked the PC for suggestions for the naming of the new housing area and the three choices decided upon were Manicom Close, Fairfield View and Gabriel Richards Close.

9. Planning

There were no new applications to discuss.

10. Footpaths

Councillor Plumptre agreed to look into the provision of a kissing gate at the entrance to William Wood as there is no suitable access for dog walkers.

11. Highway Matters

The clerk agreed to look into the cost of replacing the two saltbins in Rowling.

12. Finance

- Payments for Approval
 - i. Clerk's Salary £810.73
Proposed by Councillor Kittle and seconded by Councillor Parsons
 - ii. Clerks Expenses £70.39
Proposed by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Gibson

13. Written Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

14. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

There was nothing to report.

15. Any Other Business

The Council thanked Councillor Parsons for his Chairmanship for the past 2 ½ years.

16. Date of Next Meeting

20 th April 2011	Annual Parish Assembly
11 th May 2011	Annual General Meeting

There being no further items to discuss the meeting closed at 8.47pm.