

**GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013**

**Present**

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, Kittle & Ellison. District Councillor Sue Chandler.

**1. Apologies**

Councillor Compton and PCSO Gary Painter were unable to attend the meeting.

**2. Election of Chairman**

The Clerk asked for nominations for the post of Chairman. Councillor Plumptre was nominated by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Kittle and was duly elected as Chairman.

**3. Election of Other Offices**

*3.1 Vice-Chairman*

Councillor Kittle nominated Councillor Phillips and this was seconded by Councillor Plumptre.

*3.2 Footpath Officer*

Councillor Ellison nominated Councillor Kittle and this was seconded by Councillor Phillips.

*3.3 Tree Officer*

Councillor Phillips nominated Councillor Plumptre and this was seconded by Councillor Ellison.

*3.4 Internal Auditor*

Councillor Ellison nominated Councillor Compton and this was seconded by Councillor Kittle.

*3.5 Pond Warden*

Councillor Plumptre nominated Councillor Ellison for this new position and was seconded by Councillor Kittle.

**4. Declaration of Acceptance of Office & Register of Interests**

Councillor Plumptre signed the Declaration of Acceptance Office for the position of Chairman.

**5. Minutes of the Meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March were signed as a true record of events by the Chairman.

**6. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda**

There is no update on the potential VFast mast that is thought to be being erected on Holy Cross Church. Consultations are ongoing.

**7. Proposed Solar Farm at Knowlton**

James Stone from Vogt Solar presented the background to the planning application that has been submitted to DDC. Following the presentation and lengthy discussion it was decided to hold a community meeting / exhibition to allow parishioners to find out more about the proposal and the potential positive and negative impact this may have. Following the community meeting, the Parish Council will be respond to the planning application. The clerk agreed to contact DDC Planning Department to explain the reason for the delay in submitting a response.

## **8. Dover District Councillors Report**

Councillor Chandler reported the following:

### **8.1 AGM**

Following the AGM the Executive Committee remains the same as it was, so two of the DDC cabinet members are Sue Chandler and Mike Conolly who deal with Housing / Community and Finance respectively.

### **8.2 Housing Benefit**

The changes brought in to housing benefit have produced a trickle of phone calls but not the numbers that many expected. There have been many mutual exchanges, and also those who are downsizing.

### **8.3 Land Allocations Document**

The District Council has approved some amendments to this, including at the Leisure Centre and the St Bart's area, where the landowner withdrew. The Sandwich retail allocation has been removed. Preston has been enabled expansion as a site was found. The Land Allocations Document will soon be on the DDC website to view and comment on.

## **9. Community Policing**

PCSO Painter was unable to attend the meeting and Councillors had no new concerns to report.

## **10. Goodnestone CE Primary School**

Head Teacher Katy Brooks had not reported any issues or recent news to the Clerk and Councillors had nothing to report. The fence at the rear has now been erected.

## **11. Footpaths**

The Stile from Fairfield up to the wood needs repairing. Councillor Plumptre will ask Steve Bennett to fix it. The clerk agreed to find out when cow parsley was going to be cut along the EE269.

## **12. Highway Matters**

Potholes are marked for repair. The clerk agreed to contact Kent Highways to find out when these will be repaired, especially those along Buckland Lane.

## **13. Finances**

### **13.1 Payments for Approval**

The following item was approved for payment:

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| i.  | KALC Membership & Notices | £180.24 |
| <i>Proposed by Councillor Plumptre and Seconded by Councillor Ellison</i> |                           |         |

## **14. Planning**

There were no planning applications to discuss. The application for the Solar Farm will be discussed following the community meeting as is not yet available to view online.

## **15. Written Correspondence**

There was no written correspondence to discuss.

## **16. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters**

Councillors had nothing to report.

There being no further items to discuss the meeting closed at 9.03pm.