

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2014

Present:

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, Ellison, & Compton. District Councillor Chandler.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Kittle.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the 20th November 2013

The minutes of the meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record of events.

2. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

Councillor Phillips has been in contact with Vogt Solar and reported that the Community Fund will be discussed and put in place upon completion of the works, expected to be in March/April 2014.

3. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

District Councillor Chandler reported the following:

Charges

Cabinet has agreed the fees & charges for the district which will feed into the budget (burial fees, parking charges etc). Not all charges are under DDC's control but of those that are, very few have been increased. Parking charges have not been increased at all.

Land Allocations

The Inspector will look at the land allocations document from 28th January, so anybody who has submitted a site will get notified. The process will take about a month.

The Inspector has said that DDC need to make progress in formulating a gypsy, traveller and show people policy, and will need to designate land. Until this is done, anybody who has land and wants to put a caravan on it and claim gypsy status they are more likely to get permission.

Preston & Salvatori

Meetings are ongoing with the developers. The local MP and DC Mike Conolly are attending these meeting and are considering the proposals being put forward. Preston PC is administering the meeting process and will then go back to the residents at Preston.

Discovery Park

There are now over 1200 people employed at 68 – a real success. The Park has recently featured in the Financial Times under the heading *Kent research site survives 'Armageddon'*.

4. Community Policing

The Clerk had contacted PCO Hannah Batley and received no response, but had emailed round the link to the Crime Statistics Report. Councillor Ellison agreed to check the website regularly and report back any information. Parishioners can visit www.kent.police.uk and click on "Your Area" to then search for themselves.

5. Holy Cross Church – High Speed Internet Update

It is understood that Nigel Hale has a contract from V-Fast and is looking over it. The Clerk agreed to contact Nigel and Mark Kilbey (PCC Secretary) for an update.

6. Goodnestone CE Primary School

The Clerk had nothing to report.

7. Footpaths

The Footpaths Officer, Councillor Kittle, was unable to attend the meeting but it was agreed that due to the current weather all footpaths would be rather muddy, and it would be easier to make an assessment on their condition and any problem when the weather improves.

8. Highway Matters

The Clerk reported that Kent Highways have been in touch as they intend to take enforcement action in relation to the condition of Short Street. The Clerk agreed to contact Kent Highways to find out more about this.

9. Table Tennis at Chillenden

The Council agreed which table tennis table to purchase and the Clerk agreed to speak to the Insurance Company to add the equipment to the policy, and to discuss Personal Injury.

10. Finances

• Payments for Approval

i. AON Insurance £452.89
Proposed by Councillor Phillips, Seconded by Councillor Ellison

ii. Table-tennis-tables.co.uk (equipment) £527.95
Proposed by Councillor Plumtre, Seconded by Councillor Phillips

iii. Table-tennis-tables.co.uk (assembly) £49.99
Proposed by Councillor Ellison, Seconded by Councillor Phillips

iv. Goodnestone PCC (replaces CHQ277) £668.40
Proposed by Councillor Phillips, Seconded by Councillor Compton

v. GW Finn & Sons £100.00
Proposed by Councillor Phillips, Seconded by Councillor Ellison

• Approval of Budget 14/15

The budget was discussed & approved and a Total Resource Requirement of £6098 was submitted to DDC (an increase of 3.4% on 13/14).

11. Planning

There were no planning applications / decisions to discuss.

12. Parish Clerk Vacancy

An interview has been arranged for a candidate following the meeting.

13. Written Correspondence

The Clerk had contact Roger Austin to quote for the repair of the Millennium Shed roof which has been damaged in the wind. The Council agreed to proceed with the works and the Clerk agreed to contact the Insurers to see if a claim could be submitted for this.

14. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

Councillors had no further matters to report.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.53pm.

Future Meeting Dates:

PC Meeting

Weds 26th March

Chillenden Church Hall

Annual Parish Meeting

Weds 16th April

Goodnestone Village Hall

PC Meeting – AGM

Weds 14th May

Chillenden Church Hall