

**GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 14th MAY 2014**

Present:

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, Compton and Ellison.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from District Councillor Bartlett.

2. Election of Chairman

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

3. Election of Other Offices

3.1 Vice-Chairman

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

3.2 Footpath Officer

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

3.3 Tree Officer

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

3.4 Internal Auditor

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

3.5 Pond Warden

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

4. Declaration of Acceptance of Office & Register of Interests

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

5. Minutes of the Meeting of the 26th March 2014

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 26th March were signed as a true record of events by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

There had been no further contact from Vogt Solar regarding the Community Fund. The Clerk agreed to contact Vogt Solar to see if things could be moved forward.

7. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

No District Councillors were able to attend due to a date clash with Dover District Council's AGM.

8. Community Policing

The Clerk read out PCSO Hannah Batley's May report for Goodnestone. Between 14/4/14 and 14/5/14 there was one vehicle theft and one abandoned 999 call.

9. Goodnestone CE Primary School

The school had not reported any issues or recent news to the Clerk and Councillors had nothing to report.

10. Footpaths

There was nothing new to report.

11. Highway Matters

11.1 Road sweeper

The Clerk reported that there had been complaints that the DDC road sweeper does not include Short Street on its route through Chillenden, though Councillor Phillips reported seeing it on Short Street that week. The Councillors were not sure that it was necessarily helpful anyway, given the fact that it is designed for urban/suburban roads, as it would seem to drag mud and debris from the edges into the middle of the road.

11.2 Short Street, Chillenden

The Clerk reported that Highways did not seem keen for a site meeting to take place, and that they felt that they could not do much beyond asking Mr Gibson to try to keep the road clean. The Councillors felt that this was not sufficient, as the problem was not going to go away by itself. The Clerk agreed to push for a meeting with a Highways representative. Councillor Ellison agreed to seek the opinion of an NFU representative.

11.3 Millers Farm Fence

The Clerk informed the Council that the tenant at Millers Farm had agreed to rectify the planning issues with the current fence within 30 days of 13th May.

11.3 Historic road sign

The Clerk reported that a parishioner had drawn her attention to a historic road sign in poor repair and part hidden by hedge at the crossroads to the north end of Chillenden. The Council agreed to contribute towards its maintenance, and Councillor Phillips agreed to obtain estimates for repainting it.

12. Goodnestone Village Fete

This year's fete has been confirmed as taking place on the first Saturday in July and will be organised by Bridie Birch and Denyer Kittle.

13. Finances

13.1 *Payments for Approval*

The following items were approved for payment:

i. Kent Association of Local Councils £180.24
Proposed by Councillor Ellison, Seconded by Councillor Phillips

ii. Clerk's expenses £54.66
Proposed by Councillor Phillips, Seconded by Councillor Compton

14. Planning

There were no planning applications or decisions to discuss.

15. Written Correspondence

The Council was made aware of a copy of a letter sent to Kent Highways by a parishioner, regarding Short Street, Chillenden. This was discussed under item 11.2.

16. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

Councillor Compton reported a recent bad spate of dog fouling on School Lane, Goodnestone. Councillor Compton agreed to attempt to resolve the matter with the culprit verbally, and the Clerk agreed to look into further action to be taken if this was unsuccessful.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Future Meeting Dates:

PC Meeting Weds 9th July Goodnestone Village Hall