

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 9th JULY 2014

Present:

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, Compton and Ellison. District Councillor Bartlett. Prospective Councillor O'Sullivan

1. Apologies

There were no apologies to report.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 14th May and EGM of 24th June 2014

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May, and the EGM of 24th June 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. Councillor Vacancy (Agenda item 13)

Michael O'Sullivan, as the only candidate to come forward, was appointed as a Parish Councillor by the Chairman. Councillor O'Sullivan signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and his Register of Interests.

5. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

District Councillor Bartlett reported the following:

Dover Town Investment Zone

A Compulsory Purchase Order for Burlington House and the County Hotel, both obstructions to the plans for the St James' regeneration zone, is now underway, and should mean that the development can progress.

The first public scrutiny/performance meeting of the scheme was held on 21st June. The developers, Bond City, reported that they had made significant investment already in the scheme, to remind detractors of their commitment. There will reportedly be 445 car parking spaces in the development, and Centurion House on Bench Street is to be demolished to make way for a pay-and-display car park.

DDC AGM

All councillors retained their positions.

Discovery Park, Sandwich

The park now provides employment for 1582 people in 83 companies, with more in the pipeline.

Lottery Funding for Kearsney Abbey

DDC has secured £3.1 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund for a major restoration project in Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens as part of the 'Parks for People' programme (the largest ever Lottery bid submitted by DDC). They have also been awarded development funding of £274,100 to help progress the plans "which aim to unlock the heritage, tourism and community value of the most popular parks in the Dover district by:

- Restoring a rare example of garden design in Russell Gardens by the renowned Edwardian landscape architect, Thomas Mawson, and promoting it as a major attraction;
- Restoring the Festival of Britain open air theatre in Kearsney Abbey to bring new audiences to the parks and to host community events;
- Interpreting the parks' heritage and celebrating links with Dover's industrial past and the mills of the River Dour;
- Extending the café in Kearsney Abbey to create a multi-use venue with facilities to support new volunteering, training, and education programmes, and for events hire;
- Providing opportunities for people to get involved through volunteering, and for the community to take greater ownership by creating a 'Friends of Kearsney' group;
- Improving sustainable travel/access to, between, and within the parks, and;
- Raising standards to achieve 'Green Flag' status."

Preston and Salvatori

Quinn Estates have not submitted any plans as yet but are expected to do so in the next couple of months for a reduced number of homes. Preston lost the Inspector's decision on low-cost housing because the pavements were deemed 'too dangerous'. Quinn Estates have now decided to include some low-cost homes in their plans.

Lights Out in Dover District

DDC is taking part in the nationwide Lights Out project on Monday 4 August 2014 to mark the hour that Britain entered World War 1 one hundred years ago – involving a range of local buildings.

The Lights Out project invites communities across the UK to turn off their lights from 10pm to 11pm on 4 August, leaving on a single light or candle.

Community Policing

The Clerk read out new PCSO Doreen Lee's June/July report for Goodnestone, which stated that one call was made to Kent Police relating to Goodnestone. There were no concerns as a result of the one call and no anti-social behaviour calls.

6. Goodnestone CE Primary School

Councillor Plumtre reported that the Headmaster of Nonington Primary is organising a federation between his own school and Goodnestone CEP.

7. Footpaths

Councillor Ellison reported a spate of fly-tipping at the Goodnestone end of Cherry Garden Lane.

Councillor Plumtre reported that he had received another complaint about the bridleway by Gibson's pigs, specifically that wire has been ploughed into the mud and presents a hazard. He also reported that the Estate have put up informative footpath signs into Church Wood.

Councillor Compton reported that there no longer appears to be a dog soiling issue along School Lane.

8. Highway Matters

8.1 Short Street

Councillor Ellison reported that he had spoken to an NFU representative who seemed interested in the situation. The Clerk agreed to contact Highways for an update following the minuted site meeting at Short Street on Friday 6th of June.

8.2 Blocked drain

It was reported that the drain at the bottom of Goodnestone school drive is blocked and that the sludge gulper had not been seen in the village. The Clerk agreed to report the problem.

9. Goodnestone Church Disabled Access

The Clerk produced a quote for works received from Nick Barnes which was reviewed and approved by the Councillors. The Clerk agreed to ascertain the progress of the Community Fund payment from Vogt Solar.

10. Chillenden Village Hall Windows

Since planning permission had been refused for the fitment of UPVC windows to the hall, Councillor Phillips offered to obtain a quote from Aylesham Olympic Joinery. A received from Fineline Windows was rejected as too expensive.

11. Finances

10.1 *Payments for Approval*

The following items were approved for payment:

- i. Roger Austin £939.60

Proposed by Councillor Phillips, Seconded by Councillor Ellison

12. Planning

There were no planning applications or decisions to discuss.

Councillors Plumtre and Phillips reported that there was no sign of any screening having been planted to obscure the view of Knowlton Solar Farm.

It was also reported that the Millers Farm fence in Chillenden has been reduced in height to approx. 3', but retains full-height posts and remains an eyesore. The Clerk agreed to consult the DDC planning department.

13. Written Correspondence (Agenda item 14)

There was no written correspondence.

14. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

Councillor Phillips reported that there is still an issue with dogs escaping from Millers Farm and running loose and unsupervised in the village. There have been complaints from four residents.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.02pm.

Future Meeting Dates:

PC Meeting Weds 10th September Chillenden Village Hall