

**GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2015**

Present:

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, Compton, Ellison and O'Sullivan. Mr Tobin Wallace-Sims, Tim Clement.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from District Councillor Conolly.

2. Public Contribution Time

Tim Clement of Beech Grove introduced himself to the Meeting and expressed interest in greater integration of the Beech Grove community into the parish.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 12th November 2014

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November 2014 were signed as a true record of events by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

There were no matters arising.

5. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

The Clerk read out District Cllr Conolly's report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

6. Community Policing

The Clerk read out PCSO Doreen Lee's December/January report for Goodnestone, which stated that 5 calls were made to Kent Police relating to Goodnestone. There were no concerns as a result of these and no anti-social behaviour calls, but 2 of the calls were made regarding poaching. There was one crime reported in Rowling of burglary and criminal damage.

7. Goodnestone CE Primary School

Tobin Wallace-Sims, headmaster of the now-federated Nonington and Goodnestone Primary Schools, gave a synopsis of the new federation structure and his aspirations for the future for the two schools working as one.

8. Footpaths

Cllr Ellison reported that there were no specific issues to report regarding footpaths, aside from the fact that he was waiting to hear from KCC about the very poor condition of the Short Street footpath as it passes the pig field.

9. Highway Matters

Short Street, Chillenden was reported to be in comparatively better condition given the time of year, as the Gibsons seemed to be taking different routes to the pig field. Closure of the road was imminent for drainage works. It was reported that neither Natural England nor KCC were keen to involve themselves regarding the ongoing matter of Short Street.

10. Goodnestone Millennium Shed

Cllrs Plumptre, Ellison and Phillips had inspected the shed and reported that it was not beyond repair but that it was debatable as to whether it was worth repairing. Cllr Phillips estimated that new felt and timber shiplap would come to around £500, but that it would cost at least £1000 to replace. It was discussed that the community fund could contribute to a replacement, and Cllr Phillips agreed to source quotes for both repairing and replacing the shed.

11. Community Fund

The repair or possible replacement of the Millennium shed was put forward as a candidate for funding. It was stressed that the new access to Goodnestone Church is an 'assisted' and not a disabled' access as the ground did not permit the installation of a full width disabled access path. The poor condition of the Chillenden Village Hall windows was discussed and Cllr Phillips agreed to source quotes for their replacement, in line with Conservation Area rules.

12. Rowling Noticeboard

Cllr Phillips produced a quote for the replacement of the Rowling noticeboard which was deemed acceptable, but agreed to source some more. He also agreed to inspect the Chillenden noticeboard as the Clerk had reported that it seemed to be suffering from water ingress. Cllr Ellison volunteered to source quotes for the painting of the Chillenden and Goodnestone boards.

13. Finances

Payments for Approval

The following items were approved for payment:

i. AON Insurance	£454.81	Cheque 301	
<i>Proposed by Cllr O'Sullivan, Seconded by Cllr Ellison</i>			
ii. Martin Usher – Village Hall projector stand/screen	£324.00	Cheque 302	(Community Fund)
<i>Proposed by Cllr Ellison, Seconded by Cllr O'Sullivan</i>			

Following discussion and analysis of the budget it was agreed to raise the Total Resource Requirement to £6400.00 (an increase of 2.4% on the total Precept for 2014/15)

14. Planning

The Clerk was asked to check on the progress of the planning action in relation to the fence posts at Millers Farm.

15. Written Correspondence

The decommissioned phonebox in Chillenden was discussed and it was agreed that using BT's 'sponsor-a-kiosk' scheme, with a maintenance fee of £500 per year, was out of the question. The matter of 'adopting' the phonebox (which is a Listed structure) for £1 was floated and it was agreed that this seemed the preferable option. Cllr Phillips advised that painting it every 5 years would be a day's work for a decorator at £250, which seemed feasible.

16. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

Cllr Ellison enquired of Cllr Phillips as to whether the screening for the Knowlton solar farm had been planted – Cllr Phillips said he would check.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

Future Meeting Dates:

PC Meeting

Weds 25th March

Goodnestone Village Hall