

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH 2015

Present:

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, Compton, O'Sullivan and Ellison. District Cllr Conolly. Clerk Sophie Walker. Tim Clement.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies to report.

2. Public Contribution Time

Tim Clement reported that the phonebox in Chillenden does work and, together with the sign on Station Road, has been cleaned ready for painting.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 21st January 2015

A small amendment was made to the footpaths section of the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 21st January 2015. The minutes (as amended) were then 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 January/February report for Goodnestone, which stated that 4 calls were made to Kent Police relating to Goodnestone. There were no concerns as a result of these calls. It was reported that the scooters outside the Post Office had again been damaged – these have now been replaced by bikes. It was observed that the owner of the Post Office would be liable if an accident were to occur as a result of the bikes.

7. Goodnestone CE Primary School

There was nothing specific to report regarding the school.

8. Footpaths

Cllr Ellison reported that there were no specific issues to report regarding footpaths, especially since the weather is clearing up. Cllr Plumptre reported that more directional footpaths are to be put up around the Goodnestone Park estate. It was reported that the gate is being pulled down at the bottom of the bridle track.

9. Highway Matters

Short Street, Chillenden was reported to be in fair condition with the recent good weather.

10. Goodnestone Millennium Shed

Cllr Phillips had sourced one quote of £564 (few are willing to take on small jobs such as this) for repairing the roof, which would extend its life by 5 or more years. Cllr Ellison estimated that to replace the shed with one of similar size and quality would cost upwards of £2,000, so the Council approved the quote and agreed that Cllr Phillips would supervise the work. The shed would also need creosoting afterwards with the creosote substitute that is currently stored there.

11. Community Fund

The Clerk was reminded that the costs associated with the Millennium shed and Chillenden Hall windows should be added to the community fund accounts.

It was suggested that a defibrillator should be purchased for both Chillenden and Goodnestone. The Clerk agreed to send an email to parishioners with information and an appeal for volunteers to be trained to use the devices, though it was thought that training may not be required due to their design. Locations for their storage would also need to be found.

12. Village Noticeboards

Cllr Phillips reported that the new noticeboard for Rowling was ready for collection. He advised that £100 should be put by as a provisional sum for the cost of fitting it. Cllr Ellison agreed to ask Ken Birch to paint the Goodnestone noticeboard in line with his earlier quote.

13. Chillenden Church Hall

Cllr Phillips, who is overseeing the work, provided 4 estimates for the replacement of Chillenden Church Hall windows. Two quotes for UPVC windows from Fineline and Everest were disregarded as the hall is in the Conservation Area. The remaining quotes for like-for-like timber windows were from Fineline for £8500 and Olympia Joinery for £7420 (the latter unpainted so the cost of painting would need to be added). It was suggested that Chillenden PCC/Rainbow Committee be approached for half of the costs. Tim Clement volunteered that Beech Grove might contribute towards the cost, so Cllr Phillips agreed to approach the church as first port of call before coming back to Tim.

14. Medieval Fair

The Clerk distributed posters she had received from Siobhan Matthews at Goodnestone School amongst the Councillors. Note: since the meeting, the fair has been cancelled and looks to be replaced by a smaller fete.

15. Finances

Payments for Approval

The following items were approved for payment:

i. Clerk's salary £881.09 Cheque 303

Proposed by Cllr Phillips, Seconded by Cllr Compton

ii. Clerk's expenses £35.00 Cheque 304

Proposed by Cllr Ellison, Seconded by Cllr Plumpton

16. Planning

It was reported that the tenant of Millers Farm has left but that the fence posts are still in situ. The Clerk agreed to update the planning officer that he would now need to deal with the Knowlton Estate directly to resolve the planning issue. Cllr Ellison agreed to check to see if the screening for the solar park had been planted.

17. Written Correspondence

The Clerk read out an email from Kevin Kay, a resident of Short Street, describing the continued poor state of the drainage along the road despite the recent works by Kent Highways.

18. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

Cllr O'Sullivan reported that the Hospital Cottages sign in Goodnestone is currently held up by string.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Future Meeting Dates:

Annual Parish Meeting

Wed 13th May

Goodnestone Village Hall

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Mon 25th May

Chillenden Church Hall