

**GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016**

**Present:**

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, Compton, Ellison and O’Sullivan. District Councillor Trevor Bartlett. Clerk Sophie Walker. Tim Clement. Denyer Kittle.

**1. Apologies**

No apologies had been received.

**2. Public Contribution Time**

There were no specific issues to discuss.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

The minutes of the meeting were signed as a true version 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**

District Cllr Bartlett read out his report on matters in the district, summarised below:

Dover Leisure Centre

Discussions on the two possible sites for this continue. Cabinet have considered options and two possible sites at Whitfield and Buckland Hill will be taken forward for consideration.

Housing

The Government is looking to directly commission affordable housing on 5 sites across the country. Currently, the supply of housing is far short of demand as it is dependent on developers producing the homes, with no incentive to meet demand. The pilot scheme will fast-track building on publicly-owned sites. The Connaught Barracks site at Dover is one of these sites, and is allocated for up to 500 units. It is a challenging brownfield site on which work had stalled, but the direct commissioning will enable it to be brought forward.

Western Heights

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) took DDC to court over their decision to give planning permission for development at Western Heights and Farthingloe, but the High Court judge has dismissed the case.

Parking

Charges will increase from 8 February by approximately 10p per hour, and these prices will be held for four years. The minimum fee has been reduced to 40p from 50p.

**6. Community Policing**

The clerk reported that there had been one report of ‘other theft’ in Chillenden during December.

**7. Goodnestone CE Primary School**

There was nothing to report from the school.

**8. Footpaths**

It was reported that some rubbish had been dumped on the public right of way between Chillenden Windmill and the road. Cllr Phillips thought he had seen a council representative inspecting the waste, but the clerk agreed to follow up and report it. Flytipping was also reported where Cherry Garden Lane joins Station Road.

## 9. Highway Matters

It was reported that the Gibsons have been using a brush sweeper to clean Short Street, and have spread rubble at the field entrance to reduce transfer on to the road. As a result the road is in clean condition. Despite being reported to DDC by various people, and the clerk having chased the council on its progress in arranging the unblocking of the drain, there was still a large and deep puddle at the junction between Station Road and Bonnington Road. The clerk agreed to chase this.

## 10. Goodnestone Millennium Shed

The shed has been repaired but requires creosoting. There is a container of water-based creosote inside the shed but the labour is still needed. Please could anyone who is interested in helping with this, probably one Saturday, please make contact with Kevin Phillips ([phillips\\_contractors@hotmail.com](mailto:phillips_contractors@hotmail.com)) or Andy Ellison ([eandrew058@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:eandrew058@yahoo.co.uk)). Cllr Ellison plans to strim around the shed before it is painted.

## 11. Community Fund

Denyer Kittle asked if the Council would consider making a contribution towards the installation of toilets and a kitchen facility in Goodnestone church. The Council concluded that it would consider a contribution once fixed faculty permission had been received, together with fixed costings, drawings and building regulations.

## Defibrillators

These are now fully installed and functional. One is in the mens' outside toilets at the Griffins Head, Griffin Hill, Chillenden, and the other is inside the porch of the Fitzwalter Arms, The Street, Goodnestone. Both are in insulated locked cabinets - the access code for both cabinets is **0304** (historically the area's telephone dialling code). **The access code can also be obtained by calling 999.** The cabinets glow green at night. The units are removable from the wall, and instructions for use are located next to the units. The first action to take when using the defibrillators is to call 999 for an ambulance. The units are designed to be used by anyone without training. However the Council plans to arrange a training session shortly in the Fitzwalter Arms for anyone who is interested.

## 12. Village Noticeboards

The Goodnestone noticeboard (by the village hall) has not been rubbed down and restained due to poor weather, but should be done soon.

## 13. Chillenden Village Hall

There was nothing to report.

## 14. Finances

- *Payments for Approval*

The following items were approved for payment:

i. Dover District Council	£679.41	Cheque no 323
<i>Proposed by Cllr Phillips, Seconded by Cllr O'Sullivan</i>		
ii. Aon (Insurance)	£469.83	Cheque no 324
<i>Proposed by Cllr Ellison, Seconded by Cllr Plumtre</i>		
iii. P A Bradley Electrical	£540.00	Cheque no 325
<i>Proposed by Councillor O'Sullivan, Seconded by Councillor Compton</i>		

Following discussion and analysis of the budget it was agreed to raise the Total Resource Requirement to £6,500 (an increase of 5.94% on the total Precept for 2015/16).

### **15. Planning**

There were no planning applications requiring the Council's comments at the time of the meeting. Consultations that fall in periods away from meeting dates are discussed amongst the council outside of meetings and comments made at the time.

### **16. Written Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to discuss.

### **17. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters**

There were no specific items to discuss.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.45pm

#### Future Meeting Dates:

*PC Meeting*

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March*

*Goodnestone Village Hall*