

**GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 30th MAY 2016**

Present:

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, Ellison and O'Sullivan. Clerk Sophie Walker. Tim Clement.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Birgit Compton and District Cllr Trevor Bartlett.

2. Public Contribution Time

Tim Clement offered to provide from volunteers from Beech Grove to trim around and creosote the Millennium shed, which was gratefully accepted by the Council.

3. Election of Chairman

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

4. Election of Other Offices

4.1 Vice-Chairman Councillor O'Sullivan nominated Councillor Phillips and this was seconded by Councillor Plumptre.

4.2 Footpath Officer Councillor Plumptre nominated Councillor Ellison and this was seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan.

4.3 Tree Officer Councillor Phillips nominated Councillor Plumptre and this was seconded by Councillor Ellison.

4.4 Internal Auditor Councillor O'Sullivan nominated Councillor Compton and this was seconded by Councillor Ellison.

4.5 Pond Warden Councillor Plumptre nominated Councillor Ellison and this was seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan.

4.6 Highways Officer Councillor Plumptre nominated Councillor O'Sullivan and this was seconded by Councillor Ellison.

5. Declaration of Acceptance of Office & Register of Interests

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

6. Minutes of the Meeting of 16th March 2016

The minutes of the meeting were signed as a true version of events by the Chairman.

7. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

It was decided that the Clerk should write to Una Mills, the Community Development Officer at Aylesham, to invite her to speak at a parish council meeting, following a previous offer she had made.

8. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

District Cllr Bartlett was unable to attend the meeting and no report was submitted, as one had been delivered the previous month at the annual parish assembly.

9. Community Policing

No crimes had been reported in the parish since the previous meeting.

10. Goodnestone CE Primary School

There was nothing to report from the school. School-related parking and driving is still an issue and it was decided that Kent Highways should be contacted to request consideration of a 20mph limit. The road sign for the school on Sadlers Hill is dirty and Cllr Phillips agreed to arrange for it to be cleaned. Cllr O'Sullivan suggested a village 'speed warden' scheme like one he had seen in Honeybourne in the Cotswolds, where villagers were recruited to record speed levels.

11. Footpaths

Cllr Ellison had no specific comments in relation to footpaths. Cllr Plumptre reported that the sign for the bridleway leading from Chillenden to Rowling, by the pigs, has now disappeared. The Clerk agreed to follow up with KCC and Sue Baker whether anything had been done about the hazardous wire and debris on the path, which was reported in April.

Cllr Ellison reported that the area around the pond had been strimmed, with thanks to Tim Clement and Martin Usher. It was reported that there is a dead sycamore by the pond which may need felling or section felling – Cllrs Plumptre and Phillips offered to obtain quotes. Cllr Plumptre reported that the hedge around the pond is getting out of hand, and he agreed to investigate, with Cllr Ellison. There were no issues to report with the recreation ground.

12. Highway Matters

There has been a lot of 'patching up' of potholes on parish roads. Cllr O'Sullivan had reported a couple of streetlamps, including the one outside Goodnestone church which is still out of action. He agreed to check the progress of the repair with Kent Highways.

13. Goodnestone Millennium Shed

The shed still requires creosoting which will necessitate a small team (see item 2). Cllr Ellison and Cllr Plumptre offered to sort through the items in the shed to see what is still useful and worth retaining.

14. Community Fund

It was agreed that the £250.00 of expenditure (see item 17.2/iii) on re-felting the roof of Goodnestone Village Hall should not be taken from the Community Fund, because this constitutes general maintenance.

15. Village Noticeboards

There was nothing to report.

16. Chillenden Village Hall

There was nothing to report.

17. Finances

17.1 Annual audit – it was decided that an Extraordinary General Meeting should be held to approve the accounts, as these were not yet ready.

17.2 *Payments for approval:*

The following items were approved for payment:

i. Chillenden Church Hall - hall hire 2014 & 2015	£50.00	Cheque no 329
<i>Proposed by Cllr Phillips, Seconded by Cllr O'Sullivan</i>		
ii. Roger Austin - mowing	£403.20	Cheque no 330
<i>Proposed by Cllr Ellison, Seconded by Cllr Plumptre</i>		
iii. M R Baker Roofing Contractors – Goodnestone hall	£250.00	Cheque no 331
<i>Proposed by Councillor O'Sullivan, Seconded by Councillor Ellison</i>		
iv. P A Bradley Electrical – Chillenden hall heaters	£1,500.00	Cheque no 332
<i>Proposed by Cllr Phillips, Seconded by Cllr O'Sullivan</i>		
v. Clerk's expenses	£35.00	Cheque no 333
<i>Proposed by Councillor Plumptre, Seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan</i>		
vi. Goodnestone Village Hall – hall hire Jan 14-Dec 15	£165.00	Cheque no 334

18. Planning

Cllr Phillips reported that a planning application had just been lodged in relation to The Parsonage in Goodnestone, which he would have an interest in and so would abstain from commenting.

19. Written Correspondence

It had been reported to the clerk that the wooden steps of Chillenden Windmill had sustained damage.

20. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

Cllr O'Sullivan commented that the recreation ground lacks any play facilities and offered to look into this further. The Clerk agreed to consult Aylesham Community Officer Una Mills about possible funding for a perhaps a set of swings and a slide.

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

The next meeting will be held at Goodnestone Village Hall on Wednesday 20th July at 7.30pm.