

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

Present:

Councillors Plumtre, Phillips and Ellison, District Councillor. Clerk Sophie Walker. Tim Clement.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr O'Sullivan.

2. Public Contribution Time

It was agreed with Tim Clement that the official opening of the new Chillenden Hall windows should be held on Saturday 8th October. The clerk agreed to liaise with Tim and Steve Fennemore to publicise the event.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 20th July 2016.

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 Trevor Bartlett provided updates on the following topics:

Kearsney Parks

Russell Gardens and Kearsney Abbey in Dover have secured £3 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund, for restoration and to improve facilities.

New Leisure Centre at Whitfield

DDC has approved plans for a new leisure at Whitfield. The location change will enable a larger centre, with better facilities, to be built than could be accommodated within Dover town. The new centre will have parking for a minimum of 250 vehicles. It is intended that the planning application will be submitted in March 2017.

Maison Dieu (Dover Town Hall)

DDC is currently working with consultants to put together a lottery funding bid for Dover Town Hall. The hall is Grade II* listed and a Scheduled Monument, and is the oldest public building in Dover town centre.

Also:

- Dover district grounds maintenance will be brought in-house next spring
- Planning application for 600 homes at Western Heights turned down
- Plans for new homes at Red Lion in Wingham and Three Tuns, Ash

6. Emily Barnes – Aylesham Community Development Officer

Ms Barnes described to the council what her role at Aylesham involves, and outlined the future plans for the village. She answered questions from the councillors on a number of topics including youth facilities and the B

7. Community Policing

There were no reports of any recent crimes in the area on the online portal. However the council were aware of a recent spate of closely-spaced burglaries on properties in Chillenden. The clerk agreed to send an email to parishioners to alert them to this.

8. Goodnestone CE Primary School

There was nothing to report from the school.

9. Footpaths

Cllr Ellison had nothing to report. The clerk reported that she had heard from the Rights of Way Area Officer that the embedded fencing wire was to be removed from the bridleway adjacent to the pigs within the next week or so.

10. Village Pond

The clerk read out a letter from Maggie Manicom who had asked for the opinion of the council on the proposed installation of a plaque to acknowledge the artists who made the metal statue which sits by the village pond in Goodnestone. The council agreed that this was a good idea and that it would contribute £25 towards the plaque. It was acknowledged that further maintenance is needed of the area surrounding the pond and Cllr Plumtre offered to arrange this.

11. Highway Matters

Cllr O'Sullivan was unable to attend the meeting but has since reported that there have been ongoing problems with the emptying of the new litter bin in Goodnestone as it seems to be being missed off the collection. This has been reported to DDC by the clerk and Cllr O'Sullivan on a number of occasions. The street light by Holy Cross church in Goodnestone is again not working.

12. Goodnestone Millennium Shed/Millennium Field

The shed was reported to be in good order. The hedgerows and blackberries are encroaching into the field. The decking is to be removed as it is considered to present a hazard.

13. Parish Council Records

There are a number of boxes of old parish council documents at Goodnestone village hall. It was proposed that these will be reviewed and sorted through at the next meeting.

14. Community Fund

There was nothing specific to discuss in relation to the community fund.

15. Finances

15.1 Payments for approval:

The following items were approved for payment:

i. Smith of Derby Limited	£270.00	Cheque no 339
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Proposed by Cllr Phillips, Seconded by Cllr O'Ellison

ii. Sophie Walker – clerk's salary	£900.51	Cheque no 340
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Proposed by Cllr Ellison, Seconded by Cllr Plumtre

16. Planning

There were no planning applications to discuss.

17. Written Correspondence

The 'historic village' signs across the parish are falling into disrepair and the council agreed to look into this.

18. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

There were no councillors' reports.

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 23rd November at 7.30pm.