

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 22nd MARCH 2017

Present:

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, Ellison and Dawkins. Clerk Sophie Walker. Parishioners: Tim Clement, Michael O'Sullivan.

1. Apologies

The clerk had received apologies from District Councillor Trevor Bartlett, due to a clash with Dover District Council Cabinet meetings, and from new Cllr Hawksworth.

2. Public Contribution Time

Tim Clement enquired whether a village fete would be held this year. Cllr Plumptre said that the fete is not organised by the parish council and so he was not sure whether there would be one or not.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 25th January 2017

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

The clerk had not received a report but had been informed that a District Councillor would attend if they could following the DDC meetings.

6. Parish Council Vacancy

Suzanne Dawkins and Sarah Hawksworth (latter in absentia) were formally co-opted onto the parish council.

7. Community Policing

The Police website was not showing any new crimes since the last meeting. Cllr Plumptre reported that the Dower House in Goodnestone had been the subject of an attempted burglary on the morning of 22nd March (the day of the meeting). The clerk agreed to circulate an email to parishioners with some phone numbers provided by the local police to use in case of concerns over any suspicious activity.

8. Goodnestone CE Primary School

There was nothing to report from the school.

9. Footpaths

The clerk reported that the Local Area Officer had requested more information in relation to issues with the steps on the footpath by Rowling House. Cllr Ellison was not sure what the specific issue was. He also reported that he had reported an issue with the Muddy Bush footpath.

10. Village Pond

It was reported that strimming is needed by the pond. Tim Clement kindly offered to help and agreed to liaise with Cllr Ellison directly.

11. Highway Matters

It was reported that the waste bin in Goodnestone was again overflowing, having not been emptied for around 6 weeks despite this being reported. The clerk agreed to escalate this, and Cllr Phillips offered to phone a waste manager for DDC whose contact details he had obtained.

Michael O'Sullivan reported that the streetlight outside Goodnestone Church, which has been broken for 18 months, had still not been fixed as neither DDC nor KCC seemed to want to take responsibility. He also reported that he had spoken to local PC Richard Callaghan in relation to issues with school parking, and that PC Callaghan had agreed to pass a message onto DDC about this.

Cllr Dawkins reported that Chislet Primary School uses a billboard to deter inconsiderate parking and agreed to research this further. The clerk agreed to contact Nonington Parish Council in relation to their use of a flashing speed sign. Cllr Phillips reported that he had spoken to Kent Highways and they were not interested in funding such signs. It was suggested that a "20mph advised" sign underneath the 30mph signs in The Street, Goodnestone and Chillenden might be appropriate. The parish council is prepared to fund this, and/or flashing signs if necessary.

Cllr Phillips also reported that he had taken photos of the quadbike and trail bike that had been travelling at excessive speeds through Chillenden and had shown these to PC Callaghan. Neither vehicle has been seen since.

12. Goodnestone Millennium Shed

Cllrs Phillips and Ellison agreed to liaise in relation to emptying the shed.

13. Millennium Field and Decking

Cllr Phillips reported that the decking had started to be removed and that the cost of removal would be around £250.

14. Community Fund

The clerk had received an update from Denyer Kittle in relation to the proposed upgrades to the facilities at Goodnestone Church (kitchen and toilets). The architect has now drawn up formal plans and a tender specification. The Deanery advisory committee were supportive of the plans after their first visit and the tender and plans will be sent out after a second meeting in mid-May.

15. Finances

15.1 Payments for approval:

The following items were approved for payment:

i.	K Kennedy Builders & Decorators	£400.00	Cheque no. 345
	<i>Proposed by Cllr Plumtre, Seconded by Cllr Phillips</i>		
ii.	Sophie Walker	£900.51	Cheque no. 344
	<i>Proposed by Cllr Phillips, Seconded by Cllr Ellison</i>		

16. Planning

There were no specific planning matters to discuss.

17. Written Correspondence

The clerk had received a further complaint from a Chillenden resident in relation to speeding vehicles. It had also been reported that a certain piece of farm machinery had caused damage to the surface of Short Street. The clerk agreed to report this to Kent Highways.

The council now have written correspondence from a number of residents complaining about vehicles speeding through Chillenden. Any other residents with complaints are encouraged to put these in writing and send them by post or email to the clerk (details below).

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 Chillenden Church Hall on Wednesday 24th May at 7.30pm.~~

The next meeting will be held at Goodnestone Village Hall on Wednesday 26th July at 7.30pm.

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