

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING (DRAFT)
WEDNESDAY 26th July 2017

Present:

Councillors Phillips, Plumptre, Hawksworth and Dawkins. District Councillor Sue Chandler. Clerk Sophie Walker.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies to report.

2. Public Contribution Time

There were no contributions from members of the public during the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 24th May 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

The councillors discussed planting spring-flowering bulbs on verges in the parish and this will be added to the agenda of the next meeting. Beech Grove has kindly offered to provide volunteers to help with this.

5. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

District Councillor Sue Chandler provided an update on happenings in the district. In summary:

- DDC have received a number of representations over cuts to Stagecoach bus services – this is not a result of local government cuts as all the routes being cut are commercial routes.
- DDC are reviewing their Local Plan and landowners will be invited to submit sites for consideration. The consultation will start in the New Year and the parish council will be consulted about any in the parish.
- DDC have put in place an accommodation charter, in order to standardise the accommodation available which should be of benefit to the tourism industry.
- Revisions to Housing Assistance – changes will make it easier for disabled and elderly homeowners to obtain funding for smaller scale adaptations to their homes (from grab rails to single storey extensions), which should delay the requirement for accommodation in nursing/residential homes and free up hospital beds.
- DDC is adding to its social housing stock by developing small sites – e.g. Foxborough Close in Woodnesborough.
- KCC has agreed a new transport strategy for Kent – ‘Growth Without Gridlock 2016-2031’. This will include projects ranging from the new Lower Thames Crossing to a new road between north Deal and the Eastry bypass and an extension to the platform at Sandwich railway station.
- Lorry parking – DDC has a planning application in to use partial of the industrial area in the Port Zone for lorry parking. Manston remains an option but is disadvantaged by its distance from the ports.
- The St James retail and leisure development in Dover is progressing well.
- Plans for the new leisure centre for Dover (to be sited at Whitfield) are progressing well (since this meeting planning permission has been granted and a contractor appointed and building work is to start imminently).

6. Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk agreed to make contact with an interested party who was considering applying for the position of parish councillor.

7. Community Policing

There were no crimes in the parish to report since the last meeting.

8. Goodnestone CE Primary School

It was reported that Goodnestone school is to be allocated a new headmistress who is currently also head of Wingham Primary School. Tobin Wallace-Sims is on long-term sick leave and the school is currently being managed by the governors. Regarding the PC's concerns over children running into the road outside Goodnestone school – Cllr Chandler knew of similar concerns at River Primary School, where conservation officers had turned down requests for a yellow box on the road outside the school to reduce hazardous parking. Cllr Chandler offered to consult KCC about the issue.

9. Footpaths

The council were aware of an issue with the footpath between Chillenden and Goodnestone raised by a resident of Chillenden, but it has not yet been ascertained specifically what this issue is.

10. Highway Matters

The clerk had not yet requested an additional waste or dog waste bin for Goodnestone and agreed to look into this. Cllr Hawksworth reported that she is monitoring and photographing the existing bin to ensure that it is being emptied regularly. Dirty road signs in the parish were discussed and Cllr Chandler advised that this was best dealt with in the parish. The clerk was asked to contact Kent Highways in relation to sourcing and siting portable speed signs and in relation to the speed limits at Goodnestone and Bonnington. Cllr Chandler advised that volunteers would be needed to move the signs between the permanent poles. 'Bonnington Speed Limit' is to be added to the agenda of the next meeting. Cllr Phillips offered to meet with Highways representatives when required.

11. Village Pond

The matter of the pond is currently in abeyance. Cllr Phillips offered to contact Tim Clement of Beech Grove to see if they could again provide volunteers for a clear-up.

12. Goodnestone Millennium Shed

Cllr Phillips confirmed that he had spoken to Sue and Roddy Baker who had kindly offered to clear out the shed.

13. Millennium Field and Decking

Cllr Phillips reported that the unsafe decking had been taken up and was waiting to be collected by the contractor, who would provide a certificate of proper disposal.

14. Community Fund

The council has this year allocated £1,000 of the remaining fund money to assist with the proposed improvements at Goodnestone church. The council aims to allocate further funds next year towards this cause.

15. Finances

15.1 Payments for approval:

The following items were approved for payment:

i.	Bridie Birch (internal audit check)	£50.00	Cheque no 350
ii.	Goodnestone Village Hall (hall hire)	£70.00	Cheque no 351
iii.	KALC membership subs	£203.54	Cheque no 352
iv.	Roger Austin (mowing – 2 invoices)	£540.00	Cheque no 353
v.	Smith of Derby (church clock)	£278.40	Cheque no 354

16 Planning

There were no specific planning matters that had not already been commented on prior to the meeting.

17 Written Correspondence

The council had received an email from Tim Clement of Beech Grove expressing interest in increasing the involvement of young people from Beech Grove in the community. Cllr Phillips offered to respond to Tim with ideas.

18 Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

There were no councillors' reports.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting closed at 9pm.

The next meeting will be held at Chillenden Church Hall on Wednesday 27th September at 7.30pm.