

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MEETING (DRAFT)
WEDNESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2017

Present:

Councillors Phillips, Plumptre and Dawkins. District Councillor Sue Chandler. Clerk Sophie Walker. Jon Aldington (co-opted to parish council during meeting), Tim Clement, Adam and Gideon of Beech Grove Outreach Club.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Hawksworth.

2. Public Contribution Time

Tim Clement introduced Adam and Gideon and explained the role and work of the Beech Grove Outreach Club. The aim of the club is to improve the interaction between the Bruderhof (particularly the younger members) and the wider community. They currently help out at Nonington Primary School with arts and crafts, and can help other members of the community with gardening and small repair jobs.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 26th July 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

Cllr Phillips reported that the village historic sign board frames have now been painted with quality Farrow & Ball paint and will need re-painting in 5 years' time.

5. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

The Clerk reports the following from the DDC website:

- A recruitment drive by the tenants of the new St James Development began a recruitment drive at Dover Jobs Fair on 9th November.
- Work has begun on the new Dover District Leisure Centre at Whitfield, which is due to open in early 2019.
- Cllr Keith Morris has been elected as the new Leader of DDC.
- Deal Pier will receive a £500,000 refurbishment and has celebrated its Diamond Anniversary.
- There is a public consultation running from 10/11/17 – 10/12/17 in relation to a proposed Commonwealth War Memorial at Western Heights, Dover.

6. Councillor Vacancy

This item was dealt with after item 16. Chairman Phillips proposed Jon Aldington to be co-opted as the new councillor and this was seconded by Cllr Plumptre. Jon was the only candidate so was co-opted onto the parish council.

7. Community Policing

The Clerk had noted the following on the Police website:

- Burglary – The Street, Goodnestone – July – ‘investigation complete, no suspect identified’
- Anti-social behaviour – Park View Close, Goodnestone – July – no information
- Violence/Sexual offences – sports recreation ground, Chillenden – Jun – ‘investigation complete, no suspect identified’.

8. Goodnestone CE Primary School

The Clerk had been provided with the school's 15th September newsletter which alerts parents to supervising children on collection to ensure that they do not run into the road at pickup time. The PC concluded that at present there did not seem to be any further action that could be taken in collaboration with the school in relation to hazardous parking and driving at pickup and drop-off time. Cllr Hawksworth agreed to continue to monitor the situation.

9. Footpaths

Cllr Dawkins was not aware of any specific issues that had arisen since the last meeting.

10. Highway Matters

Cllr Dawkins did not have any specific issues to report.

11. Portable Speed Signs

Cllr Phillips reported that he was waiting for confirmation from KCC of a site meeting date and asked the Clerk to chase this if he did not hear in the coming week. (A site meeting did take place the next week). The practicalities of charging the batteries of the two different types of sign were discussed. It was concluded that the 'mini' sign would be purchased as the batteries require recharging every 4 weeks, whereas the 'advanced' sign which is slightly larger, requires its batteries to be charged every week. This was considered to be too demanding for volunteers.

12. Bonnington Speed Limit (proposed reduction to 30mph)

Following her enquiries with Kent Highways, the Clerk had been directed to guidance stating that a speed limit reduction would only be considered if a 'validated incident' (involving personal injury and appearing on police records) had taken place within the last 3 years. Having checked the Crashmap website, the Clerk reported that a crash had taken place on Love Lane 3.5 years previously. Cllr Plumtre reported that there had been several unreported crashes, and that there were 4 dwellings in the location and the farm (Bonnington Farm) which has a concealed entrance onto the road. The council asked the Clerk to contact Nonington Parish Council's Clerk to find out how they had been able to achieve the 20mph limit around Nonington Church.

13. Spring Flowering Bulb Volunteers

This was dealt with after item 2. It was agreed that Tim Clement would consult within the Beech Grove Community and report back to the Clerk with a date for the bulb planting which suited the Outreach Club and any other volunteers. The Clerk would then publicise this via email and posters. Cllr Dawkins agreed to source the bulbs and to purchase some bulb planters. £325 from the Community Fund was allocated for the bulbs and planters.

14. Street Sign Cleaning Volunteers

A date in November was discussed for the cleaning of low-level road signs by the Beech Grove Outreach Club volunteers. Cllr Phillips offered to organise the cleaning of taller signs.

15. Village Pond

This item is ongoing and the Outreach Club have offered to carry out work as and when required.

16. Goodnestone Millennium Shed

The shed clear-up is ongoing and this item will not feature on the next agenda.

17. Millennium Field and Decking

The decking has been cleared and Cllr Phillips may use some topsoil to level out the indentation.

18. Community Fund

The Council asked the Clerk to check the remaining balance. There had been no requests for funding since the last meeting.

19. 19.1 Payments for approval:

The following items were approved for payment:

i.	Sophie Walker (clerk's salary)	£900.51	Cheque no 355
ii.	Roger Austin (mowing)	£216.00	Cheque no 356

20. Planning

There were no planning applications to discuss which had not already been dealt with since the last meeting.

21. Written Correspondence

There was no other written correspondence to discuss.

22. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

The issue was raised of poor visibility at the junction of Griffin Hill with Sandwich Road south of Chillenden. It was agreed that Cllr Plumtre would trim back the vegetation which is thought to be a sycamore.

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

The next meeting will be held at Chillenden Church Hall on Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm.