

**GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 24th JANUARY 2018**

Present:

Councillors Phillips, Plumptre and Hawksworth and Aldington. District Councillor Mike Conolly. Clerk Sophie Walker. Denyer Kittle, Tim Clement.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies to report. The Clerk had received Cllr Dawkins' written resignation prior to the meeting and so would be applying to DDC for a Notice of Vacancy.

2. Public Contribution Time

Tim Clement offered the services of the Beech Grove Outreach Club in maintaining the Goodnestone village pond – the club members would be available between 3.30-4.30pm on weekdays.
Denyer Kittle spoke about the importance of the village clock and the need for the parish council to continue to fund its maintenance. It was established that the vote at the last meeting to cease funding the clock maintenance was void because it was undertaken under 'Any Other Business'. A further vote will feature on the agenda for the next meeting, along with church fundraising.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 22nd November 2017

There was an amendment to be made to point 4 of the minutes where the discussion about the maintenance of Goodnestone village hall had been missed off. The amended minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

Cllr Aldington reported that he had been in touch with KCC regarding their policy on rural broadband, and was awaiting a response. He had learned that KCC has received funding from central Government for broadband, and that Goodnestone is on the list to be upgraded.

5. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

District councillor Conolly provided a report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

6. Community Policing

The Clerk had noted the following on the Police website:

- September – 1 bicycle theft reported from 'sports/recreation area' at Chillenden (PC presumes this to mean cricket ground). Investigation complete, no suspect identified.
- November – 1 'other theft' (to include theft by an employee, blackmail, or making off without payment) at Claypits. Investigation complete, no suspect identified.
- November – 1 'other theft' at Green Lane, Rowling. As above.

7. Goodnestone CE Primary School

Cllr Hawksworth reported that she would bring a report from a meeting of the governors, and would be looking to see how the PC could support the school.

8. Footpaths

The Clerk had received a report shortly before the meeting that footpath EE269 alongside Loverswalk Wood at Goodnestone had been blocked by fallen trees, and would report this to the PROW Area Officer after the meeting.

9. Highway Matters

Cllrs Phillips and Plumptre had between them removed the bush from the junction of Griffin Hill and Sandwich Road, which had been impeding visibility. Cllr Aldington offered to report the persistent flooding at the junction of Cave Lane and Station Road. The Clerk had received correspondence from a parishioner regarding the repaired streetlamp on The Street, Goodnestone, which is now shining brightly into their house at night. Cllr Phillips offered to contact KCC to discuss possible options.

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10. Bonnington and Goodnestone Speed Limits

Cllr Aldington reported that he had been working on this, and trying to speak to the correct person at KCC about the matter, as well as making enquiries with Nonington Parish Council to establish how they obtained a 20mph limit in the area near the church.

11. Village Pond

Cllr Hawksworth enquired as to whether the PC has a formal agreement with the Gabriel Richards Trust over the maintenance of the Millennium Field, and agreed to make contact with Merrilyn Lee.

12. Millennium Field and Decking

There was nothing to report.

13. Community Fund

There was nothing to report.

14. Finances

14.1 Payments for approval:

The following items were approved for payment:

i.	BHIB Ltd (Insurance)	£451.10	Cheque no 358
	<i>Proposer: Cllr Aldington; Seconder: Cllr Hawksworth</i>		
ii.	Chillenden PCC (hall hire)	£57.50	Cheque no 359
	<i>Proposer: Cllr Phillips; Seconder: Cllr Plumtre</i>		
iii.	The Lord J B Fitzwalter Estate	£100.00	Cheque no 360
	<i>Proposer: Cllr Hawksworth; Seconder: Cllr Aldington</i>		

Following discussion and analysis of the budget it was agreed to raise the Total Resource Requirement to £6,750, a 2.8% increase on the previous year.

15. Planning

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

16. Written Correspondence

There was no other written correspondence to discuss.

17. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

Cllr Phillips requested it be mentioned in the minutes that the spring-flowering bulbs recently planted by the PC and volunteers around the parish, had been very kindly donated by Will Passmore and Phil Holden of Humphrey's Garden.

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

The next meeting will be held at Goodnestone Village Hall on Wednesday 4th April at 7.30pm.