

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2011

Present

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, Compton, Ellison & Kittle.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies to report.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of the 14th September 2011

The Clerk agreed to follow up District Councillor Conolly's report regarding PILE OFF, high-speed broadband for Thanet and the revision of boundaries for constitution areas.

3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

It was agreed that the recent issues regarding dog fouling and dog control will be monitored but that no further action be taken at this stage.

4. Community Policing

PC Callaghan had intended to attend the meeting but was unable to. The Council had nothing to report.

5. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

No district Councillor was able to attend the meeting.

6. Goodnestone CE Primary School

The School new-build is progressing and is on schedule. The Council are invited to attend the opening ceremony on January 5th.

7. Affordable Housing Scheme

Applications are now closed and English Rural is drawing up a shortlist to interview. Kathryn Watson will contact the Clerk with a list of applicants in order that the Parish Council can verify the claimed local connections. Successful applicants will be contact before Christmas. The development is still on schedule to be completed by March 5th 2012.

8. Village Website

All Councillors liked the website created by Jon Aldington. The Clerk agreed to contact all local clubs / societies to inform them of its existence so that events can be advertised on it. The Clerk agreed to email the minutes from the last 12 months of Council Meetings as well as the welcome pack in electronic form to be updated and put on to the website.

9. Planning

Ref: DOV/11/00963

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension. Location: 2 Uffington Court Cottages, Adisham Road. The council agreed a response of ambivalent.

10. Footpaths

There was nothing to report. The Clerk is to look into claims that footpath stiles are being phased out.

11. Highway Matters

The Clerk agreed to ask Nick Parsons if he could assist in the replacement and filling of salt bins in Rowling and on the junction of Cave Lane and Goodnestone Road, using the 1T bulk bag of salt delivered recently by Kent Highways for use at the discretion of the Parish Council.

Councillor Plumptre agreed to meet any representative from Kent Highways available in order to solve the drainage problems on the sharp bend on Cave Lane and at the bottom of The Street. The Clerk will contact Kent Highways to see how they suggest moving this forward.

12. Finance

The following were approved for payment:

Roger Austin	£480.00
<i>Proposed: Councillor Kittle</i>	<i>Seconded: Councillor Phillips</i>
Audit Commission	£174.00
<i>Proposed: Councillor Plumptre</i>	<i>Seconded: Councillor Ellison</i>
Dover District Council	£625.25
<i>Proposed: Councillor Ellison</i>	<i>Seconded: Councillor Phillips</i>
Smith of Derby Ltd	£232.80
<i>Proposed: Councillor Compton</i>	<i>Seconded: Councillor Kittle</i>
Aon Insurance	£476.10
<i>Proposed: Councillor Plumptre</i>	<i>Seconded: Councillor Ellison</i>
Clerk's Expenses	£42.47
<i>Proposed: Councillor Phillips</i>	<i>Seconded: Councillor Compton</i>

13. Written Correspondence

Following receipt of a request by Goodnestone Village Hall Committee it was agreed the Council would contribute the sum of £500 towards the cost of decorating works to the Village Hall.

14. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

Following a request received to advertise a property available in Wingham on the Notice Board it was agreed that the boards in the Parish are only to be used to advertise events within the locality and not items / properties for sale.

15. Any Other Business

Following discussion it was agreed that Councillor Kittle will lead a sub committee in organising an event to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, potentially to be held on the Millennium Field.

Councillor Kittle reported a proposal to make Ashford Hospital a Level 2 Trauma Centre in currently at the consultation stage.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th January at 7.30pm in Goodnestone Village Hall.

There being no further items to discuss the meeting closed at 20.58hrs.