

**GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH 2014**

Present:

Councillors Phillips, Compton & Kittle. District Councillor Bartlett. Bridie Birch.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Plumptre and Ellison.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of the 22nd January 2014

The minutes of the meeting were signed by the Vice Chairman (Councillor Phillips) as a true record of events.

3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

Councillor Phillips reported that he is liaising with Vogt Solar to establish whether the community fund could be used to improve disabled access to the church, a priority for the village. Councillor Phillips has made arrangements to meet Nick Barnes and Nick Parsons to discuss the work.

The Clerk made the Council aware of a report of vandalism at Boyes House. The clerk was unsure whether the owner had reported this matter to the police.

4. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

District Councillor Bartlett reported the following:

Charges

The council met in March and agreed that there will be no increase in council tax this year. Parking charges have also been frozen, something that he hopes will be repeated next year.

Land Allocations

The Inspector has finished their report, which featured a significant number of representations. The final report will be released at some point in the spring.

Preston & Salvatori

Following the public open evening of 21st March where Preston residents were able to voice strong opposition to the original proposals, the number of planned new homes has been reduced from 120 to 80. There remains strong local opposition to the plans.

Discovery Park

The park is still attracting new companies. The 'life plan' for the park features provision for a range of commercial organisations, together with life science and light engineering companies. There are also plans for housing and a supermarket (Sainsbury's has submitted plans).

5. Community Policing

The Clerk had nothing to report. Parishioners are reminded that they can visit www.kent.police.uk and click on "Your Area" to look up local crime statistics.

6. Holy Cross Church – High Speed Internet Update

With nothing new to report, this matter is considered in abeyance.

7. Goodnestone CE Primary School

The Clerk read out a copy of Headteacher Katy Brooks' report, a copy of which is included in these minutes.

8. Footpaths

The Footpaths Officer, Councillor Kittle, reported that there are no major problems.

9. Highway Matters

The Clerk reported that Short Street had been closed for urgent repairs on 24th March. Kent Highways had informed the previous Clerk (Bridie Birch) on February 17th that, re enforcement progress, they await photographic evidence from the complainants and therefore consider the matter in abeyance. Councillor Phillips pointed out that since there are currently two sets of building works taking place on Short Street properties, it is difficult to differentiate between construction-related and agricultural mess.

10. Annual Parish Meeting

Bridie Birch had supplied a list of groups to invite to the meeting, which was approved by the Council. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 16th April at Goodnestone Village Hall.

11. Finances

• Payments for Approval

i. Bridie Passmore (wages) £677.76
Proposed by Councillor Kittle, Seconded by Councillor Compton

ii. Sophie Walker (wages) £288.05
Proposed by Councillor Phillips, Seconded by Councillor Kittle

iii. Roger Austin £300.00
Proposed by Councillor Compton, Seconded by Councillor Phillips

12. Planning

There were no planning applications / decisions to discuss.

13. Written Correspondence

There was no written correspondence to discuss.

14. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

Councillors had no further matters to report.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.28pm.

Future Meeting Dates:

Annual Parish Meeting

Weds 16th April

Goodnestone Village Hall

PC Meeting – AGM

Weds 14th May

Chillenden Church Hall