

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 29th JULY 2015

Present:

Councillors Phillips, Compton, O'Sullivan and Ellison. District Councillor Trevor Bartlett. Tim Clement.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Plumptre.

2. Public Contribution Time

There was nothing to report.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the 25th May 2015 and EGM of 30th June 2015

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 25th May, and the Extraordinary General Meeting of 30th June, were signed as a true record of events by the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Phillips.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

Cllr Ellison and Cllr Phillips thanked Tim Clement for his and his volunteers' help in clearing the pond and restoring the village sign. Cllr Phillips agreed to take over the handling of the ordering of defibrillators for both villages.

5. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

District Cllr Bartlett reported that District Cllr Sue Chandler has been promoted to Chairman of DDC. District Cllr Mike Conolly is now Deputy Leader and that he himself is Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Public Protection.

Environmental Team

The new Environmental Team has been successful in prosecutions of late, including of those responsible for the dumping of rubbish in the Stour. It is however difficult to prosecute for fly-tipping due to a lack of witnesses and evidence. Cllr O'Sullivan commented that there seems to have been an increase in fly tipping in the parish.

Dover Regeneration

Demolition of Burlington House and the County Hotel in the St James' regeneration area of Dover is now underway. Work is set to start in October on the construction of a new multiscreen cinema complex, hotel and two restaurants (Frankie and Benny's and Bella Italia) on the site.

New Buckland Hospital

The new Buckland Hospital opened in June and provides a wide range of facilities for outpatients. Its services will compliment those of the Victoria Hospital in Deal.

Budget

The latest Budget is set to have a significant financial impact on the Council's plans for affordable and social housing in the District. Numerous affordable housing schemes are currently underway and the number of empty properties in the District has been reduced by over 50%, but cuts in funding may affect the Council's future plans in this respect.

Preston and Salvatori

Salvatori closed their Preston site two weeks prior to this meeting and are now operating from Aylesham. The planned scheme for Preston comprises 73 homes, 70 of which have now been sold on to David Wilson Homes by Quinn Estates. Quinn will be developing 3 barn-style homes on the depot site.

Cllr O’Sullivan asked what effect Operation Stack might have on the District. Cllr Bartlett responded that although the Council met last week and discussed the subject, there is little that they can do at the moment.

6. Community Policing

The Clerk reported PCSO Doreen Lee has moved on to the next step in her career and as such, the parish is now looked after by PCSO Amy Youden. According to the Kent Police website, 1 crime of anti-social behaviour was reported at Cave Lane, Goodnestone in July 2015, and zero crimes were reported in the parish in June 2015.

7. Goodnestone CE Primary School

As the school is currently closed for the summer holiday, there is nothing to report.

8. Footpaths

Cllr Ellison reported that there were no specific issues with footpaths, but that he had noticed a few incidences of fly-tipping. He reported that the ageing Parish Council strimmer is in need of service and agreed to organise this.

9. Highway Matters

Cllr O’Sullivan reported that the road sign near the crossroads at Catsole Hill and Bonnington Road has been defaced with graffiti. Cllr Phillips reported that the streetlight outside the church in Chillenden is still not working. The Clerk agreed to report these to KCC.

10. Goodnestone Millennium Shed

Cllr Phillips reported that he had spoken to John Lazenby and that he had been assured that the shed would be repaired before the weather changes.

11. Community Fund

See Item 13.

12. Village Noticeboards

Cllr Phillips reported that the new Rowling noticeboard is now in place. It was agreed that Sue Baker should be asked to be a keyholder in the first instance, and that Cllr Phillips would look after her key in the meantime. The Goodnestone noticeboard is still in need of re-staining – Cllr Ellison agreed to organise this. Cllr O’Sullivan reported that the ‘history of the village’ sign by the pond in Goodnestone is in a poor state, and it was added that the Chillenden sign is also in need of replacement. Cllr Bartlett agreed to find out who supplies the Perspex element of these signs, as the PC would be able to source the surround itself.

13. Chillenden Village Hall

Cllr Phillips reported that he has seen the new windows, and that he will organise their delivery and fitting and then ‘hand over’ to the PCC.

14. Finances

14.1 *Payments for Approval*

The following items were approved for payment:

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| i. | Bridie Birch | £30.00 | Cheque no. 309 |
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Proposed by Councillor Ellison, Seconded by Councillor Phillips

ii. Olympia Joinery (hall windows) £7,320.00 Cheque no. 313

Proposed by Councillor Phillips, Seconded by Councillor Compton

iii. Roger Austin (2 invoices) £100.00 Cheque no. 311

Proposed by Councillor Compton, Seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan

iv. Clerk's expenses £36.00 Cheque no. 312

Proposed by Councillor O'Sullivan, Seconded by Councillor Phillips

15. Planning

The Clerk agreed to check whether she was receiving notifications of new planning applications where the Parish Council had been consulted, as she was not aware of a recent application concerning 1 & 3 Lower Rowling Cottages.

16. Written Correspondence

CLlr Ellison reported that he had received a complaint over the frequency of the activation of the burglar alarm at Boyes House in Goodnestone, and that he has asked the complainant to keep a log as evidence.

17. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

None of the councillors had any specific matters to report.

Future Meeting Dates:

PC Meeting Weds 23rd September Chillenden Church Hall