

**GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**

**Present:**

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, O'Sullivan and Ellison. Clerk Sophie Walker. Parishioners: Tim Clement, Susan Dawkins.

**1. Apologies**

The clerk had received apologies from District Councillor Trevor Bartlett.

**2. Public Contribution Time**

No specific matters were raised by the attending parishioners.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016.**

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**

There were no matters arising.

**5. District Councillors invited to report on DDC**

See the attached report.

**6. Parish Council Vacancy**

The clerk was asked to find out from the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) whether the parish council could advertise for a further additional councillor.

**7. Community Policing**

The Police website was showing crimes recorded up to December 2016 and there was no record of crimes in the parish in December or November. A burnt out car was reported which has been removed.

**8. Goodnestone CE Primary School**

There was nothing to report from the school.

**9. Footpaths**

There were no specific problems to report. The clerk reported that the Local Area Officer was checking the steps on the footpath by Rowling House.

**10. Village Pond**

Cllr Ellison reported that Maria Himsworth had sent through her dissertation report, which she had based on six local ponds. Mrs Himsworth had found that Goodnestone pond is relatively species-rich and that the only issue was the shading from overhanging trees.

**11. Highway Matters**

Cllr O'Sullivan reported that DDC had eventually emptied the litter bin in Goodnestone after several reminders, and agreed to inform the clerk if the problem continued. He had also complained to KCC again in relation to the broken lamp post outside the Parsonage in Goodnestone, opposite the church, and KCC had responded that a new lamp post was required and that this should be paid for by DDC. The clerk agreed to raise this with District Councillor Bartlett.

Regarding irresponsible parking in Goodnestone, Cllr O'Sullivan suggested a banner or billboards which could be put out on corners during the peak times.

In relation to the issue with vehicles speeding through the villages, Cllr Ellison suggested that a solar-powered flashing speed sign might be effective, and was aware of villages banding together to purchase moveable ones. The clerk agreed to research the potential cost.

Cllr Phillips stated his intention to report the numberplate of a UK Mail driver who he has seen speeding excessively through Goodnestone on a number of occasions.

## **12. Goodnestone Millennium Shed**

There was nothing to report.

## **13. Millennium Field and Decking**

Cllr Phillips reported that the decking has not yet been removed due to hibernating slowworms, and will be taken up in the spring. It was suggested that it would be pertinent to cordon off the decking – Cllr Phillips volunteered to do so.

## **14. Community Fund**

There was nothing to discuss in relation to the Community Fund.

## **15. Finances**

### **15.1 Payments for approval:**

The following items were approved for payment:

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|-----|---|---------|----------------|
| i.  | Aon Insurance   | £471.98 | Cheque no. 342 |
|     | <i>Proposed by Cllr Plumpton, Seconded by Cllr O'Sullivan</i> |         |                |
| ii. | The Lord J B Fitzwalter Estate (Rents)                        | £100.00 | Cheque no. 343 |
|     | <i>Proposed by Cllr Phillips, Seconded by Cllr Ellison</i>    |         |                |

## **16. Planning**

The council briefly discussed planning application refs. 17/0014 (erection of single storey rear extension) and 17/0015 (demolition of 2 no. rear additions and erection of single storey extension and other works). The council was supportive of the proposals since they would improve the building for modern requirements. The clerk agreed to make these comments on the DDC planning portal.

## **17. Written Correspondence**

The council now have written correspondence from 3 separate residents complaining about vehicles speeding through Chillenden. Any other residents with complaints are encouraged to put these in writing and send them by post or email to the clerk (details below).

## **18. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters**

There were no councillors' reports.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting will be held at Goodnestone Village Hall on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm.

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