

**GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 24th MAY 2017**

Present:

Councillors Plumptre, Hawksworth and Dawkins. Clerk Sophie Walker.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Phillips.

2. Public Contribution Time

There were no contributions from members of the public.

3. Election of Chairman

The Clerk asked for nominations for the post of Chairman. Councillor Phillips was nominated by Councillor Plumptre and seconded by Councillor Dawkins, and was duly elected in absentia as Chairman.

4. Election of Other Offices

4.1 Vice-Chairman Councillor Dawkins nominated Councillor Plumptre and this was seconded by Councillor Hawksworth.

4.2 Footpath Officer Councillor Plumptre nominated Councillor Dawkins and this was seconded by Councillor Hawksworth.

4.3 Tree Officer Councillor Hawksworth nominated Councillor Plumptre and this was seconded by Councillor Dawkins.

4.4 Internal Auditor Councillor Plumptre nominated Councillor Hawksworth and this was seconded by Councillor Dawkins.

4.5 Pond Warden Councillor Hawksworth nominated Councillor Plumptre and this was seconded by Councillor Dawkins.

4.6 Highways Officer Councillor Plumptre nominated Councillor Dawkins and this was seconded by Councillor Hawksworth.

5. Declaration of Acceptance of Office & Register of Interests

The Clerk retained Declaration of Acceptance of Office for the Position of Chairman in order to send it to Cllr Phillips for signing.

6. Minutes of the Meeting of 22nd March 2017

There were two minor amendments to make to the minutes. These were to correct the exclusion of Cllr Hawksworth from the apologies (item 1) and from item 6 (parish council vacancy), as Cllr Hawksworth had been appointed in absentia.

7. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

There were no matters arising.

8. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

There was nothing to report from DDC.

9. Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of Cllr Ellison due to relocation, there is now a further vacancy.

10. Community Policing

The Clerk reported that the Police website showed 3 crimes in the parish that had been published since the last meeting. These comprised 1 burglary in Short Street, Chillenden, 1 burglary in The Street, Goodnestone and 1 incident involving the possession of weapons at Sadlers Hill, Goodnestone.

11. Goodnestone CE Primary School

There was nothing to report from the school. Cllr Dawkins had researched different types of signage available to deter inconsiderate parking outside the school. The Clerk and Cllr Hawksworth agreed to contact the school to ascertain whether school staff would be able to put out the signs if the parish council purchased them.

12. Footpaths

The Clerk reported that she had received a complaint about the condition of the footpath running from Goodnestone to Chillenden. Cllr Dawkins agreed to investigate.

13. Highway Matters

Cllr Dawkins reported that Highways have been notified of the holes on Short Street, Chillenden. Cllr Hawksworth reported that she had asked a parishioner who lives opposite the bin in Goodnestone to notify us if it reaches the point of overflowing again. The Clerk agreed to request an additional bin for the village.

14. Goodnestone Millennium Shed

The shed has not yet been cleared.

15. Millennium Field and Decking

The decking has yet to be cleared.

16. Community Fund

There had been no further requests for Community Fund money.

17. Finances

17.1 *Payments for approval:*

The following items were approved for payment:

i.	Dover District Council – Historic panels	£566.70	Cheque no 346
ii.	Roger Austin – mowing (2 invoices)	£378.00	Cheque no 347
iii.	Clerk's expenses	£22.77	Cheque no 348
iv.	Action with Communities in Rural Kent Subs	£50.00	Cheque no 349

18. Planning

There were no specific planning matters to discuss.

19. Written Correspondence

The Clerk had received a response from KCC in relation to the request by a third party for the upgrading of Public Footpath EE190 to a Bridleway. The letter advised that, due to a large backlog of such applications, it will be 2.5-3 years before an officer can begin investigating. However the County Council will be "unable to take into account factors such as the need for the route, the desirability or the effect it may have on privacy or security... it purely comes down to whether or not there is sufficient evidence to show that the route should have been recorded as a Bridleway instead of a Footpath". The Parish Council had made a representation recording its (and parishioners') objections to the application.

20. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

There were no councillors' reports.

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

The next meeting will be held at Goodnestone Village Hall on Wednesday 26th July at 7.30pm.