

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2017

Present:

Councillors Phillips, Hawksworth, Aldington and Dawkins. District Councillor Mike Conolly. Clerk Sophie Walker. Tim Clement, Gideon and young volunteers of Beech Grove Outreach Club.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Plumptre.

2. Public Contribution Time

Cllr Phillips thanked the Beech Grove Outreach Club for their valuable contribution in helping to plant bulbs. Tim Clement offered to provide volunteers to tidy up around the village pond and Cllr Phillips suggested that this was discussed at the next meeting.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 27th September 2017

The minutes of the meeting were signed as a true version of events by the Chairman – one small amendment was required to point 8 to reflect the fact that Cllr Hawksworth was not in attendance at the meeting.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

4.1 Cllr Aldington, as a trustee of Goodnestone Village Hall, asked whether the PC would fund a slate sign for the hall at a cost of £78.99. Cllr Phillips enquired as to whether the hall committee was actively fundraising at present, and suggested that the PC would contribute £150 per £300 raised by the hall committee from fundraising.

4.2 Cllr Aldington raised the issue of rural broadband. Vfast has been installed with an antenna on Goodnestone Church, but due to topography limitations, this is not available to everyone. Cllr Aldington proposed writing to KCC on behalf of the PC to ask how it plans to meet Government targets for rural broadband provision, and it was agreed that he should do so.

5. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

District Cllr Conolly provided a report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

6. Community Policing

The Clerk reported that the police website showed no (reportable) crimes in the parish in July and August (figures for September were not available). It was reported that a parishioner had had a .22 rifle stolen from their home.

7. Goodnestone CE Primary School

There was nothing to report relating to the school.

8. Footpaths

A complaint had been raised relating to builders' waste on the path by Chillenden Church Hall. Cllr Dawkins had asked the owner of the land to clear it and Cllr Phillips reported that it was in the process of being cleared.

9. Highway Matters

It was reported that there is still a bush blocking drivers' visibility at the junction of Griffin Hill and Sandwich Road. Cllr Phillips offered to cut this down in the following week.

Cllr Phillips reported that there were a number of potholes on Griffin Hill. The bulb has now been replaced in the streetlamp at the junction of Catsole Hill and The Street, Goodnestone.

10. Bonnington and Goodnestone Speed Limits

Cllr Aldington agreed to take on the project of achieving reduced speed limits at problem locations in the parish and reported that it had taken a long time to have the speed limit through Claypits reduced to 30mph. Cllr Hawksworth offered to speak to a contact at Kent Highways.

Cllr Aldington requested the details of Kent Association of Local Councils from the Clerk. Cllr Aldington reminded the PC that the new speed signs would need to be insured.

Cllr Phillips stated that it would be necessary to recruit volunteers to move and charge/change the batteries in the. Cllr Aldington offered to do this when it was located in Claypits.

The Clerk reported that she awaited confirmation of a level of Member Contribution that District and County Cllr Sue Chandler would be able to offer towards the project, and an invoice for the signs from Kent Highways.

11. Village Pond

Pond Warden Cllr Plumtre was not in attendance. Cllr Phillips suggested that if Tim Clement would be happy to take a team of volunteers to clean up the pond, to liaise with him and he would seek extra volunteers.

12. Millennium Field and Decking

Cllr Phillips reported that there was a hole where the decking had been, but that the plan was to fill this with topsoil.

13. Community Fund

There had been no requests for funding since the previous meeting.

14. 14.1 Payments for approval:

The following items were approved for payment: i. Roger Austin (mowing)(re-issue) £216.00 Cheque no 357

15. Planning

There were no planning applications to discuss which had not already been dealt with since the last meeting.

16. Written Correspondence

There was no other written correspondence to discuss.

17. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

Cllr Hawksworth asked why the PC funds the maintenance of Goodnestone Church clock. It was decided to take a vote and 3 out of 4 councillors in attendance voted to cease funding this item. The Clerk was asked to contact Denyer Kittle.

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

The next meeting will be held at Chillenden Church Hall on Wednesday 24th January at 7.30pm.