

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 23rd MAY 2018

Present:

Councillors Phillips, Hawksworth and Aldington. Clerk Sophie Walker. District Councillor Trevor Bartlett. Andrew Gibson, Tim Clement, Mr and Mrs Tarring.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Plumptre.

2. Public Contribution Time

- Mr and Mrs Tarring raised concerns about inconsiderate parking on and around the junction of Short Street with Griffin Hill in Chillenden. The clerk agreed to make enquiries with Highways as to the best course of action, and Cllr Phillips offered to speak again to the occupants of the property in question and also to the landlord.
- Andrew Gibson enquired whether the overgrown verge around Forge Corner could be cut back and planted up, and whether the parish council could help source volunteers. Tim Clement offered to make enquiries at Beech Grove, and Cllr Phillips proposed that some money from the Community Fund was allocated towards the planting.
- Enquiries were also made about the status of the building plot next to Chillenden Church Hall. Cllr Phillips said that no planning application has been submitted yet and so the parish council cannot pass comment.
- Tim Clement reported that the bush on the junction of Griffin Hill and Sandwich Road is once again impeding visibility.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 4th April 2018

The minutes were agreed and then signed by the Chairman.

4. Review of Applications and Vote for Co-Opted Councillor Vacancy

Steven "Bill" Hayward was selected to be co-opted to fill the vacancy.

5. Election of Chairman and Election of Other Offices

The Clerk asked for nominations for the post of Chairman. Cllr Phillips was nominated by Cllr Hawksworth and seconded by Cllr Aldington, and was duly elected as Chairman.

5.1 **Vice-Chairman** Cllr Phillips nominated Cllr Plumptre and this was seconded by Cllr Aldington.

5.2 **Footpath Officer** Cllr Aldington nominated Cllr Plumptre and this was seconded by Cllr Hawksworth.

5.3 **Tree Officer** Cllr Phillips nominated Cllr Plumptre and this was seconded by Cllr Aldington.

5.4 **Financial Reviewer** Cllr Hawksworth nominated Cllr Aldington and this was seconded by Cllr Phillips.

5.5 **Pond Warden** Cllr Aldington nominated Cllr Plumptre and this was seconded by Cllr Hawksworth.

5.6 **Highways Officer** It is expected that this post may be filled by new Cllr Hayward (tbc at next meeting).

6. Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests

The Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed and the clerk was asked to send out DPI forms to Cllrs Aldington and Hawksworth.

7. Litter Picking/Sign Cleaning Parties

Cllr Phillips reported that he has volunteers for litter picking from both villages. He proposed that the PC should purchase five litter pickers at £26.99 each, and that he would make the purchase and claim back the cost.

8. Chillenden Village notice board requirement

Cllrs Hawksworth and Phillips, and the clerk, observed that the noticeboard is too small, and leaks. Cllr Phillips is to obtain a quote and the item raised on the next agenda.

9. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

A District Councillor will attend next week's Annual Parish Meeting - this meeting clashed with a DDC meeting.

10. Community Policing

The clerk provided crime information to cover this and the April meeting:

December 2017 - burglary report at/near Cave Lane, Goodnestone - investigation complete, no suspect ID'd.

February 2018 - Anti-social behaviour reported at/near Cave Lane, Goodnestone - no info available.

March 2018 - 1 report of 'other theft' on/near The Street, Goodnestone - under investigation.

11. Goodnestone CE Primary School

Cllr Hawksworth hoped to be able to provide a report at the next meeting.

12. Footpaths

Cllr Plumptre was absent and will provide a report at the next meeting.

13. Highway Matters

Cllr Phillips enquired whether the new salt bin at Claypits could be dug into the bank as its positioning is an eyesore, and whether the 'green' area could be cordoned off with posts and chains to stop cars parking on it. Cllr Aldington stated that the green was sometimes necessary for parking. This item will be discussed at the next meeting, and in the meantime Cllr Aldington offered to consult the residents of Claypits.

14. Bonnington and Goodnestone Speed Limits

Cllrs Aldington and Hawksworth are currently working on this.

15. Village Pond

Cllr Phillips reported that some work has been undertaken by Richard and Maria Himsforth and the Bruderhof – the Parish Council expressed thanks for their assistance.

16. Millennium Field and Decking

Cllr Plumptre had offered topsoil to fill the hole left by the decking – this will be discussed at the next meeting.

17. Community Fund

The clerk provided the latest Community Fund accounts.

18. Finances

18.1 Payments for approval:

The following items were approved for payment:

i.	Church Fundraising Alloc' 17-18	£2000.00	Cheque no 368
	<i>Proposer: Cllr Phillips; Seconder: Cllr Hawksworth</i>		
ii.	GVH Fundraising – repairs	£144.51	Cheque no 364
	<i>Proposer: Cllr Phillips; Seconder: Cllr Hawksworth</i>		
iii.	Roger Austin (mowing)	£148.80	Cheque no 365
	<i>Proposer: Cllr Aldington; Seconder: Cllr Phillips</i>		
iv.	KALC membership	£205.63	Cheque no 366
	<i>Proposer: Cllr Phillips; Seconder: Cllr Aldington</i>		
v.	SID insurance uplift	£118.53	Cheque no 367
	<i>Proposer: Cllr Phillips; Seconder: Cllr Aldington</i>		

18.2 Annual Audit

The clerk provided the 2017-18 accounts and explained them to the councillors. The annual return is to be approved in an extraordinary meeting next week once it has been signed off by the internal auditor.

19. Planning

There were no new planning applications requiring comment.

20. New Clerk

The clerk agreed to source the latest clerk payscales.

21. General Data Protection Regulations

The clerk is working towards compliance in the near term and procedures will be discussed with the new clerk.

22. Written Correspondence

There was no written correspondence to discuss.

23. Councillors' Reports on Parish Matters

There were no other matters to discuss.