

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

30th JANUARY 2019

**PRESENT: COUNCILLORS PHILLIPS CHAIRMAN, ALDINGTON, HAYWARD,
PLUMPTRE**

**Clerk Christine Plummer Matt Maendell Sue Baker Viv
Coleman**

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Hawksworth

2. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TIME

The Chairman welcomed Sue Baker and Viv Coleman to the meeting and they reported on the following.

A request has been made by the parishioners for all salt bins to be inspected and filled as required. Clerk reported the Catsole Hill bin had been reported to KCC Highways. The Chairman agreed to inspect others to ensure they are full as required.

The light opposite the Church has been reported on numerous occasions. Clerk reported that Dover District Council is responsible for the column and KCC has referred the issue to them. Clerk agreed to get an update.

It was requested that the Council give permission to allow volunteers access to the The Millennium Field and a work day be arranged to start the 'clear up' operation.

Clerk agreed to coordinate and ensure all volunteers were health and safety aware. Date to be agreed.

Chairman thanked Sue and Viv for their contribution.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 12th December and Extraordinary meeting 21st January

Minutes agreed and signed by the Chairman

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

No matters to discuss

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS INVITED TO REPORT ON DDC

District Councillors were unable to attend however submitted a report.

1. Brexit Issues: DDC shares the general scepticism about the value of the 'convoy trial' on January 7th. Only 89 trucks took part (a ferry typically carries 200 and the shipping companies have already said they will not send out half empty ships.) All the drivers were local people who know the roads and were not tempted to use satnavs for 'short cuts' through the villages.

There is a radar station at Manston, operated by the MoD, for use in Channel emergencies. Apparently putting more than 1000 trucks at the airport will prevent this working properly and the possible maximum requirement is 6-8000. The MoD has offered to move this if the DfT will pay the costs which they are currently refusing to do!

DDC, both separately and as part of a KCC document, is asking the Government for a £3.5 million grant if we exit the EU without a deal. The large majority of this will be for inspectors at the port and Tunnel as we are the statutory body for ensuring nothing harmful is imported. Somewhere between 20 and 30 inspectors would be needed for us to offer a 24/7 service. Even if the money is available we still have to recruit and train them, unless some can be redirected from other less vulnerable ports.

2. The Deal Pier Kitchen is now open and has already served over 1000 customers. Currently open between 9.00 and 4.00 but will open longer hours in the summer. It serves mid-market food – not fine dining nor a ‘greasy spoon’ – and it has been very well received.

3. After interminable delays and much pressure from the ‘Save the Regent’ group, the owners of the site which most recently was a bingo hall have submitted an application for mixed use development, to include a cinema, housing and small commercial units. This has been well received in Deal.

4. We have 98% certainty that the Dover District Leisure Centre will open for customers on Feb 22nd, with a formal opening on March 4th or 5th.

5. The pool at Tides is showing its age and usage may well be affected by the pool at the Leisure Centre, though the two pools have rather different purposes. We have had to spend a lot of money on basic running repairs this winter and in fact have had some closures because the water temperature was too low. Once the effect is known we will have a long hard look at the future for Tides and we will be carrying out a review of options and costs.

6. Parking charges have been frozen for 2019/20.

7. As part of our efforts to combat homelessness we are planning to build circa 60 modular homes at three sites in Dover and Deal for use as interim accommodation to help keep people out of B&B. The largest site is in the St Radigunds area of Dover and is currently owned by DDC and leased to a trust which runs a community centre. This is in very bad condition and the plan is that DDC will provide a grant of £150,000 for repairs and the trust will return the lease to allow building on other parts of the site. We hope to open these in 2020.

6. COMMUNITY POLICING

No matters to report

7. GOODNESTONE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Report to be submitted at next meeting

8. FOOTPATHS

Cllr Plumtre had no information to report.

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members discussed the ongoing problems with potholes. It is acknowledged KCC has a programme of works to repair as quickly as possible.

Clerk reported on the progress made with DDC on dog fouling in the village. A warden has completed an inspection and put up more signs to deter dog owners who do not comply. Poo bags have been left in strategic places. The Dog Warden Service will be carrying out a survey to establish need for more dog bins. It is hoped all these actions will improve the situation.

The ongoing drain problem has now been sorted.

10. GOODNESTONE SPEED LIMITS

Clerk reported a request for initial funding for the speed survey had been submitted to KCC Sue Chandler. It is hoped a report will be made to next meeting.

CLlr Phillips asked that the Bonnington Scheme be given further investigation.

ACTION: PARISH CLERK

11. VILLAGE POND

The Pond and land will now be returned to landowner as agreed at meeting 21st January 2019. Clerk agreed to write to Agents on behalf of PC.

It was noted that Maria Himsworth would like to continue her work at site. This is still possible with the necessary indemnity declaration.

ACTION: CLERK TO WRITE TO AGENT

CLLR HAYWARD TO CONTACT MARIA HIMSWORTH

12. MILLENNIUM FIELD

As discussed at start of the meeting a working party to be organised to start work on a 'clear up' of the field in the hope it can be used for community use.

13. STREET LIGHTING

As discussed the street light opposite the Church is under review

14. DEFIBRILLATOR EQUIPMENT

Councillors discussed the relocation of the defib equipment in Chillenden to the Red Phone Box in the village. Clerk agreed to investigate the Adopt a Phone Box Scheme.

ACTION: CLERK

15. COMMUNITY FUND

No requests received

16. FINANCES

15.1 PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

*BHIB ANNUAL INSURANCE 660.21 CHEQUE NO 380
PROPOSED CLLR PHILLIPS SECONDED CLLR HAYWARD
CHILLENDEEN VILLAGE HALL HIRE 30.00 CHEQUE NO 378
PROPOSED CLLR PHILLIPS SECONDED CLLR HAYWARD
FINNS LAND RENTS 100.00 CHEQUE NO 377
PROPOSED CLLR PHILLIPS SECONDED CLLR HAYWARD
CLERK SALARY 1191.71 CHEQUE NO 379
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15.2 BUDGET

BUDGET APPROVED AND PRECEPT SET AT 2% INCREASE

17. PLANNING

No local applications to report

18. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk reported on a letter from a resident concerning land previously an allotment at rear of garages in The Street. It was reported the land is under evaluation and not for consideration at this time.

ACTION: CLERK TO RESPOND TO RESIDENT

19. COUNCILLOR REPORT ON PARISH MATTERS

No reports

There being no further items to discuss the meeting closed at 20.45 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT GOODNESTONE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH AT 7.30 P.M.**