

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 17th JULY 2013

Present

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, Compton, Ellison & Kittle. District Councillor Trevor Bartlett

1. Apologies

PCSO Hannah Batley was unable to attend to report on Community Policing.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of the 29th May 2013

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 29th May were signed as a true record of

3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

There were no matters arising.

4. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

District Councillor Bartlett reported the following:

Western Heights & Farthingloe, Dover

Dover District Council Planning Committee has resolved to approve the planning application for Western Heights and Farthingloe. The approval was subject to a range of conditions, and to a holding direction issued by the Secretary of State preventing the Council from issuing any decision until such time as he has decided whether or not to call the application in for his determination. The application was for a number of development proposals as part of a comprehensive scheme for the area. This includes proposals for:

- A 130 bed hotel and conference centre at the Western Heights
- Conversion of the Drop Redoubt to a Museum/Visitor Centre
- Up to 31 residential units and the conversion of an existing building to 9 units at the Western Heights
- Up to 521 residential units, up to 90 apartment retirement village, a health facility, conversion of a thatched barn to a pub/restaurant, conversion of a stable block to a retail shop, conversion of a farmhouse to bed and breakfast at Farthingloe.
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The development provides £5m for improvements at the Drop Redoubt and the immediate area, and includes provision for the phasing of development, and legal agreements covering infrastructure to support the development and other matters.

Discovery Park, Sandwich

There are now 39 companies operating from the site. A decision is expected shortly regarding a potential new supermarket which could be at the site, or potentially near the Fire Station.

Hospital, Dover

Outline planning permission has been given for the new hospital to replace the existing Buckland Hospital. Discussions continue regarding the services that will be available.

South Foreland Valley, St Margaret's at Cliffe

A new project by a local environment group is now helping to protect the military heritage of the South Foreland Valley at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe near Dover. If you would like to get involved with the project, please contact Kirk Alexander at the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership on 01304 241806 or 07885 599182 or by email at mail@whitecliffscountryside.org.uk

Kent Coalfield Scheme

£25,000 is on its way to 7 different projects in the area, including Wingham Scout Group and Ash Bowling Club. For more information on how to apply for a grant, contact Una Mills in the Communication and Engagement Team at DDC on 01304 872274 or e-mail una.mills@dover.gov.uk

Finally, District Councillor Bartlett congratulated the Parish on raising over £7200 at Goodnestone Fete this year.

5. Community Policing

There was nothing to report.

6. Goodnestone Village Pond & Millennium Field

It was reported that Nick Parsons has cleared out the silt traps, and Andy Ellison and Martin Usher have been busy cutting back brambles and shrubbery. It is a big job however and more help is needed. Cllr Plumtre agreed to investigate the gully by Park Cottage as it is blocked, and therefore the drain and rainwater is not running where it should do.

Further to the receipt of a letter by a member of the public asking about the condition of the pond area, it was decided that Cllr Ellison would ask Roger Austin and Nick Parsons to quote to trim this area, and the very overgrown area surrounding the Millennium Shed twice a year. Cllr Ellison also agreed to reply to the letter.

The Clerk agreed to check the accounts to see how much money was passed to the Parish Council by the Pond Society when the PC took over responsibility for the Pond.

7. Goodnestone CE Primary School

There was nothing to report.

8. Footpaths

Footpaths are all clear and the stile at the top of the Fairfield footpath has now been repaired.

9. Highway Matters

Many potholes in the area have been repaired. The Clerk has reported the fly tipping on Cave Lane and hopes this will be collected shortly.

10. Finances

10.1 Payments for Approval

The following item was approved for payment:

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| i. | Roger Austin | £530.40 |
| | <i>Proposed by Councillor Phillips and Seconded by Councillor Kittle</i> | |
| ii. | Clerk's expenses | |

Proposed by Councillor Plumptre and Seconded by Councillor Ellison
iii. KALC Membership & Notices £180.24*
Proposed by Councillor Ellison and Seconded by Councillor Phillips
**replacement for lost & cancelled cheque*

10.2 Annual Audit

The internal audit is not yet complete so a meeting may need to be held in August to approve these and submit the Annual Return in time. The Clerk will check with the Audit Commission.

11. Planning

- Vogt Solar Planning Application, Knowlton DOV13/00405

After lengthy discussion and consideration of the views held by members of the public including those who attended the public exhibition it was unanimously decided that the Council would object to this planning application. Councillor Ellison agreed to draft a response to the application for approval by the Council before the Clerk submitted it to Dover District Council.

The Clerk agreed to contact Dover District Council Planning Department to see if there is anything that can be done to ensure the proposed Community Fund be in place should the application be successful, without it affecting the Parish Council's objection to the application.

12. Written Correspondence

There was no additional written correspondence to discuss

13. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

Councillors had nothing to report.

There being no further items to discuss the meeting closed at 8.59pm.