

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Present

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, Ellison, Kittle & Compton. District Councillor Sue Chandler.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies to record.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of the 14th August 2013

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 14th August were signed as a true record of events.

3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

There were no matters arising.

4. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

District Councillor Chandler reported the following:

“You Decide” Community Grants

The deadline extended to 20th September.

SIMALTO

Residents across the Dover district are to get a say on spending priorities for 2014/15 and beyond in a major budget consultation exercise being undertaken by Dover District Council. The SIMALTO research project will help the council to better understand residents’ priorities and will contribute to the decision making process.

SIMALTO is widely used by local authorities to help them in the decision making process by collecting and analysing the responses of residents. It is particularly useful in that it involves residents making “trade-offs” between various options on the level of services they would like to see and what effect this has on the budget.

As part of the research, 250 residents will be randomly selected for face-to-face interviews. In addition, residents across the district can go onto the Council website from Monday 26 August and rank their own spending priorities for a selection of 17 council services, from enforcement to street cleansing. Just like the council, they will have to make sure they don’t overspend the budget!

Disabled Facilities Grants

The DDC Cabinet has recently agreed an extra £100,000 towards disabled facilities grants.

5. Community Policing

PCSO Hannah Batley was invited but unable to attend.

6. Grounds Maintenance

The Clerk agreed to write a detailed Specification for the works to be quoted on for contractors to tender. This will then be sent to Roger Austin plus other contractors including Coxton Hammond, to submit a price for the works. The works are to be split per site and into mowing & strimming.

7. Holy Cross Church Clock

A quote has been received for the restoration of the Bell Hammer. This will be passed to Goodnestone PCC for their consideration.

8. Goodnestone CE Primary School

The Clerk had nothing to report.

9. Footpaths

Footpaths all appear to be in order. The Clerk agreed to contact KCC to determine their strimming programme.

10. Highway Matters

Kent Highways have recently dealt with a number of faults including streetlight that needed lamps replacing, missing finger posts, & a stolen salt bin. New faults to report include blocked gullies on Short Street, flickering street light in Chillenden and a missing finger post on the junction between cave lane and Goodnestone Road. The Clerk will report these.

11. Kent Code of Conduct

Councillor Kittle proposed, Councillor Ellison seconded, and the Kent Code of Conduct was adopted and signed.

12. Finances

12.1 Payments for Approval

The following item was approved for payment:

i. Roger Austin £441.60

Proposed by Councillor Ellison and Seconded by Councillor Phillips

ii. Clerk's Salary (6 months) £881.09

Proposed by Councillor Kittle and Seconded by Councillor Compton

iii. Smith of Derby £247.20

Proposed by Councillor Compton and Seconded by Councillor Ellison

13. Planning

i. **TC/13/00097** Crown lift one Yew tree up to 4m above ground level and 10% crown thin. Yew Cottage, The Street, Goodnestone CT3 1PG

The Council had no reason to object to this proposal.

ii. **13/00648** Demolition & replacement of existing outbuildings to accommodate existing ancillary office. Hop Cottage, Saddlers Hill, Goodnestone CT3 1PF

iii. **13/00649** Demolition of outbuildings. Hop Cottage, Saddlers Hill, Goodnestone

After discussion it was agreed to Councillors would take away the hard copies of the application to discuss in due course before the deadline.

14. Written Correspondence

The Clerk agreed to write to Goodnestone PCC to ask about the progress of high speed broadband coming to the village via a repeater V-Fast mast on Holy Cross Church.

15. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

Councillors had no further matters to report.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was closed at 21.09 hrs.