

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 25th MAY 2015

Present:

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, Compton, O'Sullivan and Ellison. Tim Clement.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from District Councillors Bartlett, Conolly and Chandler.

2. Public Contribution Time

Tim Clement reported that Beech Grove were keen to assist with maintenance of the village pond and arrangements were made with Cllr Ellison to organise a pond clear-up day.

3. Election of Chairman

The Clerk asked for nominations for the post of Chairman. Councillor Plumptre was nominated by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Ellison, and was duly elected as Chairman.

4. Election of Other Offices

4.1 Vice-Chairman

Councillor Ellison nominated Councillor Phillips and this was seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan.

4.2 Footpath Officer

Councillor Phillips nominated Councillor Ellison and this was seconded by Councillor Compton.

4.3 Tree Officer

Councillor Compton nominated Councillor Plumptre and this was seconded by Councillor Phillips.

4.4 Internal Auditor

Councillor Plumptre nominated Councillor Compton and this was seconded by Councillor Ellison.

4.5 Pond Warden

Councillor Plumptre nominated Councillor Ellison and this was seconded by Councillor Compton.

5. Declaration of Acceptance of Office & Register of Interests

Councillor Plumptre signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for the Position of Chairman.

6. Minutes of the Meeting of the 25th March 2015

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 25th March were signed as a true record of events by the Chairman.

7. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

It was enquired of the Clerk how the purchase of defibrillators was progressing. The Clerk agreed to pursue this.

8. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

No District Councillors attended due to the proximity of this meeting to the recent Annual Parish Meeting.

9. Community Policing

The Clerk read out PCSO Doreen Lee's April/May report for Goodnestone. During the period there were 0 crimes reported and 3 calls made to police, with no concerns arising from these calls.

10. Goodnestone CE Primary School

No news was received from the school, again due to the recent APM.

11. Footpaths

Cllr Ellison reported that there were no specific issues with footpaths, aside from some potentially hazardous unfinished barbed wire fencing on the ground next to the 'Top Wood' path in Goodnestone Park. Cllr Plumptre agreed to look into this.

12. Highway Matters

Cllr Ellison reported that a mattress had been fly-tipped at the Cave Lane junction in Goodnestone, and a fridge dumped in the field entrance opposite the first gatehouse entrance to the Estate from the B2046 direction. Cllr Phillips reported streetlights out outside both churches.

13. Goodnestone Millennium Shed

It was reported that the repairs will commence in June. It will then need creosoting and the ground around it will need to be strimmed.

14. Community Fund

Chillenden Church Hall windows – an email from David Hampson-Ghani of Chillenden PCC was read out, confirming that the PCC would be able to contribute £1,000 towards the cost of the windows. Tim Clement reported that the Beech Grove Community would be prepared to donate towards the cost (the total cost being £7,560 inc VAT, being the most reasonable quote for timber-framed replacements as required by Conservation Area rules). The meeting was temporarily closed while this was discussed. It was established that the Community would be prepared to donate up to £5,000, and Tim agreed to organise this. The Parish Council would like to formally record its gratitude to the Beech Grove Community for this substantial donation.

15. Village Noticeboards

Cllr Phillips reported that the new Rowling noticeboard was due to be fitted in the next fortnight.

16. Chillenden Village Hall

Discussed under item 14.

17. Finances

17.1 Annual Audit

The annual return was not yet ready for inspection and approval, so this was postponed for an Extraordinary General Meeting, which took place on 30th June.

17.2 Payments for Approval

The following items were approved for payment:

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| i. | Clerk's expenses | £35.00 | Cheque no. 305 |
| | <i>Proposed by Councillor Ellison, Seconded by Councillor Phillips</i> | | |
| ii. | Olympia Joinery (noticeboard) | £480.00 | Cheque no. 306 |
| | <i>Proposed by Councillor Phillips, Seconded by Councillor Compton</i> | | |
| iii. | The Lord J B Fitzwalter Estate Account | £100.00 | Cheque no. 307 |
| | <i>Proposed by Councillor Compton, Seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan</i> | | |
| iv. | Kent Association of Local Councils – subs | £183.72 | Cheque no. 308 |
| | <i>Proposed by Councillor Plumptre, Seconded by Councillor Phillips</i> | | |

17.3 Bank forms

The clerk informed the Council that she had experienced issues in adding herself as a signatory and primary contact with Natwest as it had been established that two ex-councillors remained as signatories and that Cllr Ellison had never been added, despite going through the registration process to do so when

he was first elected. The Council confirmed, for the purpose of Natwest's records, that it wished for Andrew Gibson and Charlie Manicom to be removed as signatories so that the Clerk could be added, and Andrew Ellison added for the second time. The Clerk agreed to ensure that this was implemented.

18. Planning

There were no planning applications or decisions to discuss.

19. Written Correspondence

There was no written correspondence to discuss.

20. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

None of the councillors had any specific matters to report.

Future Meeting Dates:

PC Meeting

Weds 29th July

Goodnestone Village Hall