

# DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Doddington Village Hall on  
Monday 10 June 2019

Present: Cllr Kevin Attwood (Chairman), Cllr Peter Duckworth and Cllr Graham Cuthbert; and  
Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk)

Also present were two members of the public.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Attwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
Apologies had been received from Cllr Steve Coates (holiday); Cllr Colin Jones (holiday)  
and Cllr Kevin Fraser (holiday): apologies accepted  
Apologies had also been received from County Councillor Andrew Bowles (at another  
meeting) and Ward Member David Simmonds (at another meeting); apologies noted.

## 2. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that this item will be carried forward to July's  
agenda.

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

## 4. TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY ITEMS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

No items were identified.

## 5. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2019

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 13  
May 2019 as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Attwood.

## 6. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that Swale Borough Council has agreed to install a litter bin at Sunnyside  
and this will be put in during August.

## 7. COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

Community Warden Dave Osborne was unable to attend the meeting and sent the following  
report:

### ***Fly-tipping reports***

*A large amount of fly-tipping was reported in Oakenpole Wood off Payden Street. This was  
reported by a member of the public.*

### ***Latest Crime reports***

*At 7:59am on Friday 10 May, a boundary fence was removed, access was gained to a stable  
and a lawnmower was stolen in Hawks Hill Lane Bredgar Sittingbourne.*

*Between 12 and 13 of May, there was an attempted shed burglary in Plumford Cottages in  
Ospringe Faversham.*

*Between 7am and 6:15pm on 16 May, a carbon spoiler was ripped from a vehicle, damaging the paintwork in Brogdale Road, Faversham.*

*Between 22 and 23 May, unknown suspects have entered Eastling Water Supply Works, Southern Water on Eastling Road and stolen metal from the roof.*

*Between 10:30am and 6:30pm on Sunday 26 May, a garden shed and a barn were broken into on Kettle Hill Road Eastling Faversham. A small red drive-on lawnmower, a wood saw and other tools were*

#### **8. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT**

Mrs Jackson, the neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator was unable to attend the meeting and sent the following report for April and May.

*Around 17 April, two young males were seen around property on Chequers Hill, thought to be up to no good. Pictures were posted on Facebook and the police were informed.*

*A bungalow was broken into in Dully Hill over the weekend of 20/21 April (Easter weekend). Fortunately little was taken.*

#### **9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No matters were raised.

#### **10. WAR MEMORIAL**

The Clerk reported that she has a start date of 8 July for the work on the War Memorial. Cllr Attwood said an application has been made to the Swale Heritage Grant Scheme for funding towards the work.

#### **11. PLANNING MATTERS**

i. Ref: 18/504562/FULL

Address: Ellens Court Lady Margaret Manor Road Doddington

Cllr Attwood said no date has been set yet for the proposal to be considered by Swale Planning Committee date.

Cllr Duckworth said there needs to be a site visit.

ii. Ref: 19/502087/FULL

Address: The Old Forge Cottage The Street Doddington ME9 0BG

Proposal: Construction of a first floor extension over existing single storey extension, with small dormer to roof and changes to fenestration (Revised scheme to 19/500294/FULL)

Councillors considered the application and had no objections to the proposal.

iii. Any other planning matter received by 10 June 2019

19/501552/FULL Oreskatan Chequers Hill Doddington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0BN

Excavation works to front driveway to create new garage, demolition of existing. Erection of two storey side/rear extension. Insertion of dormer together with juliet balconies to provide additional living accommodation at first floor. Insertion of 4no. roof lights as amended by drawing no's. 19008SW-PP-03; 04; 05 received 22 May 2019

Cllr Attwood said a decision is yet to be made to be made.

Ref: 19/501846/FULL Address: Amber Lodge Lady Margaret Manor Road Doddington ME9 0NT

Proposal: Demolition of existing house and double garage and erection of a four bedroom detached house and detached garage. (Renewal of planning permission 16/502155/FULL

Cllr Attwood said a decision is yet to be made to be made.

## **12. FINANCE**

### i. Annual Governance Statement

Councillors considered the Annual Governance Statement and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept it. The statement was duly signed by Cllr Attwood and the Clerk.

### ii. Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

Councillors considered the Annual Return and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the accounting statement, this was duly signed by Cllr Attwood and the Clerk.

Cllr Attwood and the Clerk signed the Certificate of Exemption.

### iii. Councillors Expenses

There were none.

### iv. Invoices for Payment

#### a. Came & Co- insurance

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to have a three-year Long Term Agreement through Came & Co for £608.30 (cheque no 1182).

### v. Settlement of payment for unauthorised work on the play area.

Cllr Attwood said the contractor, Mr TJ Carter, has accepted the offer of an ex gratia payment of £400 in full and final settlement of the unauthorised work in the play area (cheque no 1183).

### vi. To consider request for a grant from Swale Citizens Advice Bureau

Cllr Cuthbert said the Council has always looked to see if it would benefit people in the village and Swale Citizens Advice Bureau is available to everyone.

Councillors considered the application from Swale Citizen's Advice Bureau and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to make a grant of £70 towards its work (cheque no 1184).

## **13. DEFIBRILATOR**

Item deferred to next agenda.

## **14. SPEED WATCH**

Item deferred to next agenda.

## **15. PLAYING FIELD**

Cllr Cuthbert reported that the playing field has been mown and looks good.

Cllr Duckworth said the field was cut on 29 May and the periphery was cut on 20 May and may need cutting again. Cllr Duckworth said he had laced up the football net and this may need replacing next year. The outstanding mould on the tarmac areas has been sprayed and nearly all of it has been swept off, the area will be monitored. The seats at the top of the Playing Field can not be used because the brambles are overgrown, this will be cut back in time for the Fun Day.

Cllr Duckworth said the summer toilet need to be ordered.

*ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotations.*

Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Duckworth for his report.

## **16. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Attwood said the drain and gullies were reported and the KCC portal says work has been completed. The pot holes in Chequers Hill were also reported but not all have been repaired.

Cllr Cuthbert reported that he had dug out the drains on either side of Down Court Road and found they were full of solid mud.

*ACTION: Clerk to report.*

Cllr Duckworth said the drain across the road from Dully Hill is boiling out, the gully is clean but the pipework needs cleansing or repairing.

*ACTION: Clerk to report and request a site visit from KCC.*

Cllr Duckworth said that it needs to be pointed out that the issue is with the pipework and that the water flows out across to the garage.

Cllr Cuthbert said the soakaway is silted.

Cllr Attwood reported that Annie Thurgarland, KCC Flood management Team, is going to install swales on the two grass fields that adjoin the Old Lenham Road by Kings Acre Wood. No date given.

Cllr Cuthbert said that these could be wildlife enhancement areas if properly managed.

Cllr Attwood said that KCC want to put swale, hedging and bunds in the area and a local landowner is liaising with KCC to achieve this action which is primarily about future flood prevention..

A flood defence engineer has made a site visit and has agreed with suggestions by local landowners and the Flood Management Team.

### **17. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. 16.05.19- *Concern regarding fly tipping in Oakenpole Wood and a request for a sign for HGVs so that they don't go up Old Lenham road towards Payden Street.*

Cllr Attwood said concern has been raised about HGVs using Payden Street and becoming stuck and better signage could help.

*ACTION: Clerk to contact KCCllr Bowles and KCCllr Prendergast to ask for assistance.*

2. 26.05.19- *KALC Swale Area Committee meeting agenda for 17 June*

Cllr Attwood said he will attend the Committee meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

3. 28.06.19- *KCC Leader announcement of new household waste site and funding to tackle flytipping*

4. 06.06.19- *Helen Whately MP: newsletter*

### **18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was raised.

**Date of next Meeting:- Monday 8 July 2019**

There being no further business the meeting finished at 7.59pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chairman  
Date: 8 July 2019