

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the meeting of Doddington Parish Council on 14 March 2016

Present: Cllr G Cuthbert (Chair), Cllr K Attwood (Vice Chair), Cllr S Coates, Cllr P Duckworth, Cllr P Haynes and Cllr C Jones; and Mrs W Licence (Clerk).

Also present were Community Warden Dave Osborne and one member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Fraser (holiday): apology accepted.
Apologies had also been received SBCllr Prescott (health) and KCCllr Bowles (at another meeting): apologies noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

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

None were identified.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2016

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 February 2016 were considered. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record. Cllr Cuthbert duly signed the minutes as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Cuthbert will contact the War Memorial Trust for advice.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mrs Jackson had sent apologies for being unable to attend the meeting but had sent a report which had been circulated.
Cllr Cuthbert thanked Mrs Jackson for her report and for her work as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

7. COMMUNITY WARDEN

Community Warden Dave Osborne gave an update on the scams which are currently being used in the area.
Cllr Cuthbert thanked Mr Osborne for attending the meeting.
ACTION: Clerk to include details in newsletter report.

8. SPEED WATCH

Cllr Coates reported to Members that he and Cllr Fraser had met with Guy Rollinson to assess additional sites for Speed Watch. There are now two additional sites on Chequers Hill and one in The Street. Cllr Fraser is the Co-ordinator and Cllr Coates is the deputy.
ACTION: Clerk to submit details of the Speed Watch team to area co-ordinator

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time
A resident from Tunstall addressed the Council about Important Local Countryside Gaps and requested that Councillors would consider signing a petition asking for the Important Local Countryside Gaps are given protection in the Local Plan.
Cllr Attwood said that the reason the Inspector has precluded Important Local Countryside Gaps from the Local Plan was because it would not have accorded with the National Planning Policy Framework and could be challenged at a judicial review.
Cllr Cuthbert thanked the resident for bringing the issue to the attention of the Council.

10. DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Coates informed Members that there were no issues with the defibrillator to report. Cllr

Coates said he has been approached by Bredgar Parish Council for advice on installing a defibrillator.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

i. Application: 16/500942/FULL

Address: Telecommunication Mast Orange Knt0164 Hopes Hill Doddington Kent ME9 0BQ

Proposal: Installation of 3 No. additional antennas located on existing tree mast, installation of a BTS3900A cabinet, measuring 600 x 480 x 700mm, located in existing compound, and associated development.

Councillors considered the application. Cllr Haynes **PROPOSED** that either Vodaphone or O2 be permitted to share the mast; **SECONDED** by Cllr Cuthbert: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**

ii. Any planning matter received by 14 March 2016

15/510499/FULL The Retreat, Faversham Road, Newnham Kent ME13 0SP

The enforcement notice is being appealed

16/501965/SUB

The Square Chequers Hill Doddington Kent ME9 0BL

Submission of details pursuant to condition 6 (Soft landscaping) of planning application

14/501545/FULL.

Councillors noted the details of this application.

12. FINANCE

i. Councillors Expenses

There were none

ii. Clerk's Pay and Expenses 1 Jan 2016 – 31 March 2016

The Clerk's salary and expenses claim were considered. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay the Clerk's salary £594.00 and expenses £131.21, which included Microsoft Office for the Council's laptop, and a cheque (no 1082) for £725.21 raised.

Invoices for Payment

i. N Swatland- Playing Field Maintenance

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay the second instalment of £125.00 for the Playing Field maintenance as previously agreed. (cheque no 1083)

ii. Any invoice for approval received by 14 March 2016

No other invoices had been received.

Request for Donation

Councillors considered a request from Kent County Playing Fields Association for their 90th Anniversary Appeal and suggested the Fun Day Committee might be approached.

ACTION: Cllr Coates to pass details to committee Chairman.

13. ADMINISTRATION & SYSTEMS

i. To consider content of Parish Council website

Cllr Cuthbert explained to Members that when the Parish Council website was first set up it was agreed to only have Parish Council matters on it as there was a Doddington Village website. Councillors **AGREED** to include the Newsletter on the Parish Council Website.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with the editor.

ii. To receive updated Finance Regulations

Councillors considered the updated Finance Regulations. Cllr Jones **PROPOSED** to adopt the updated Finance Regulations; **SECONDED** by Cllr Attwood: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. PLAYING FIELD

i. Cllr Duckworth's monthly update

Cllr Duckworth informed Members that part of the playing field grass has been cut with the small mower. A record of cuts and pitch marking is being kept. The moss has been sprayed. Cllr Duckworth and Cllr Fraser will cut back the ivy in the trees. The arboricultural inspection will be carried out on 30 March with Cllr Duckworth in attendance.

ii. To consider the quotation for Playing Field maintenance

Councillors considered the quote for the Playing Field maintenance 2016-17 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept Mr Swatland's quote of £250.00 payable in two instalments.

15. HIGHWAYS

i. Highways Update and notification of further work required

Cllr Haynes reported the road sweeper had been to Doddington that morning.

Cllr Duckworth reported the field at the wood yard is extremely muddy and mud is being brought out onto the road by vehicles.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the owner about the mud on the road.

Cllr Coates reported the white lines in several places have almost worn away and this is a particular problem near West End Cottages and the Ringlestone Road and Lade Wood Road junction.

ACTION: Clerk to report to Kent Highways.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 09.02.16 Good Councillors Guide 2016.
2. 10.02.16 Swale Playing Pitch Strategy 2015 – 2025.
3. 10.02.16 KALC Parish News.
4. 24.02.16 SBC- presentation slides and information from the Material Considerations Training
5. 29.02.16 KALC- Online petition calling on government to give parish and town councils the right to appeal planning decisions
6. 02.03.16 Cllr Andrew Bowles' Newsletter
7. 11.03.16 Kent Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter
8. 11.03.16 KALC Clerk's Conference 14 June and Chairman's Conference 7 July

IT WAS AGREED to allow the Clerk to attend Clerk's conference.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Haynes expressed concern to hear of problems which affected sixty four residents who had no internet connection for five days, parishioners had a poor response from BT. Cllr Haynes had contacted KCC who advised that the fibre optics will be put in place soon.

Cllr Coates said consideration should be given to how things can be changed or improved to ensure better service.

Councillors considered this to be a strategic issue and that the Parish Council should take action on behalf of residents.

Cllr Cuthbert thanked Cllr Coates and Cllr Haynes for bringing the broadband issue to the meeting.

ACTION 1: Clerk to contact KALC for advice

ACTION 2: Cllr Coates to draft letter to BT.

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 11 April 2016

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.56pm

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

.....Chairman

Date: 11 April 2016