

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Doddington Village Hall on
Monday 8 July 2019

Present: Cllr Kevin Attwood (Chairman), Cllr Steve Coates (Vice Chairman), Cllr Graham Cuthbert, Cllr Peter Duckworth, Cllr Kevin Fraser, Cllr Alison Shaw and Cllr Colin Jones; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk)

Also present were three members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

All members were present.

Apologies had been received from KCCllr Andrew Bowles and SBCllr David Simmons; apologies noted.

2. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Cllr Attwood said that only one application had been received in response to the call in the newsletter to fill the vacancy **PROPOSED** to co-opt Mrs Alison Shaw to the Council; **SECONDED** by Cllr Jones: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Shaw signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk.

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 10 JUNE 2019

Item 15 line 4 was amended to read "*The outstanding moss on the playing areas..*".

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes, as amended, as a true record of the meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING

Down Court Road drains- work being programmed

Drains/ gullies opposite Dully Hill- work being programmed

Site meeting with KCC Drainage Team- Katie Moreton has left KCC, Earl Bourner has taken over her work and he has given three dates for a site visit.

ACTION: Cllr Cuthbert and Cllr Fraser to meet Mr Bourner.

Signage for HGVs- KCCllr Shellina Prendergast has said all rural areas have problems with HGVs and that signage is ineffective without enforcement.

ACTION: Clerk to contact KCCllr Bowles and request warning signs at the junction of the Street and the Old Lenham Road and KCCllr Prendergast for the junction of the Faversham Road and Lone Barn Road.

7. COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

Community Warden Dave Osbourne was unable to attend and sent a report of the latest crimes and scams:

Early on 24th of June, a rape seed crop in a field on Claxfield Road Lynsted was damaged by a stolen JCB from a building site near Newington.

Between 27th and 28th of June, padlocks were broken on several sheds and gates at a workshop in Tickham Lane Lynsted. ME9 0HS

Between 27th and 28th of June, vehicle registration plates: GF04 FWX, were stolen in Lynsted Lane, Lynsted Sittingbourne

Cllr Attwood thanked Mr Osbourne for his report.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Mrs Jackson, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator was unable to attend and sent a report that she had received no news related to Neighbourhood Watch has this month.

ACTION: Clerk to request the Community Warden liaise with the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time

A resident said that she was pleased to hear that something might be done to resolve the drain at the bottom of Dully Hill.

A resident said that he was keen to understand the expenditure for the work on Down Court Road. The resident raised a concern about the debris at the bottom of Faversham Road at the junction with the A20 which had almost caused him to come off his motorbike, this is a potentially dangerous problem.

Cllr Attwood said the debris can be reported to Kent Highways and that he was unable to comment on the cost of the work on Down Court Road.

ACTION: Clerk to report the debris on the Faversham Road/ A20 junction, the junction at Hopes Hill and The Street, and on Down Court Road.

Cllr Coates said that on 24 April, the Parish Council was notified by KCC Road and Footway Asset Team of their schedule of works for the County. Down Court Road was identified after a site visit and work has been completed, Bysing Wood Road has also been scheduled. We are told what work is to be carried out, it would be pertinent for the Parish Council to be consulted.

Cllr Cuthbert said the Faversham to Lenham Road will be closed at the junction to the A20, there is no indication on the website as to what work will be carried out.

ACTION: Clerk to ascertain details of scheduled work.

10. WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Attwood informed Members that the stone mason's van has broken down and that he has been unable to commence work this week. The Council has been awarded £1,000 towards the work from the Swale Heritage Grant Fund. £138.87 has been received from Newnham Parish Council for their contribution to the War Memorial insurance 2018-19.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

Ref: 18/504562/FULL

Address: Ellens Court Lady Margaret Manor Road Doddington

Cllr Attwood reported that Swale Borough Council is still waiting for further information from the applicant so this will not go to committee on 18 July.

ii. Any other planning matter received by 8 July 2019

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)

Cllr Attwood informed Councillors that a decision is yet to be made.

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

Proposal: 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 reported to Members that the application had been permitted.

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 reported to Members that the application had been permitted.

12. FINANCE

i. Councillors Expenses

There were none.

ii. Clerk's Pay and Expenses 1 April 2019– 30 June 2019

It was agreed to pay the Clerk £1009.80 being quarterly salary including additional hours for website of £965.94 and expenses of £43.86 (cheque no. 1185).

It was agreed to pay HMRC £73.20 (cheque no 1186)

iii. Invoices for Payment

It was agreed to pay Commercial Services for the playing field maintenance March/ April 2019 £61.88 (cheque no 1187)

16. DEFIBRILATOR

Cllr Coates said there was nothing to report.

17. SPEED WATCH

Cllr Fraser said that it has been decided that due to insufficient volunteers not to continue with sessions in Wychling for the time being as there needs to be four or five volunteers at the site due to the roads. The Speed Watch sessions will continue in Doddington.

18. PLAYING FIELD

i. Cllr Duckworth's monthly report

Cllr Duckworth informed members that the grass has been cut three times and the grass cutter is aware of the Fun Day and will ensure the grass is cut in a timely manner. The contractor needs to cut the peripheral areas.

Cllr Duckworth said that he and Cllr Fraser will cut back the brambles at the top of the playing field. The play equipment is in order and the moss has not reappeared on the safety surfaces.

Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Duckworth for his report.

ii. To consider the quotation for the summer portaloo

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the quotation from Four Jays to hire a portaloo for four weeks at £35 per week including a weekly service plus £18 each way delivery and collection. The portaloo to be delivered on 29 July.

19. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Attwood reported to Members that Annie Thurgarland, KCC Flood Management, has made another site visit and has also liaised with himself and another land owner. Ms Thurgarland will shortly have a site visit with a contractor.

Cllr Coates asked if the Parish Council could engage with Kent Highways and whether it was possible for the Council to engage with Kent Highways rather than wait for them to give an annual schedule of work. If KCC Highways is going to prioritise work in the village could the Parish Council come up with priorities?

Cllr Attwood said KCCllr Mike Whiting is encouraging Parish Councils to draw up a Parish Highways Improvement Plan. Contact can be made to KCCllr Whiting through KCCllr Bowles or through the KCC Road and Footway Asset Team.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 12.06.19- Office of the Kent Police & Crime Commissioner: Volunteer Scheme
2. 17.06.19- KCCllr Bowles: forwarded correspondence re The Paddocks Request to occupy houses before completion of Splitter Island on A20
3. 18.06.19- Highways England: M2 junction 5 improvements consultation
4. 28.06.19- KALC: Newsletter
5. 04.07.19- Kent Police: Rural Task Force report and Rural matters

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Coates reported that he had attended a Planning Enforcement Conference at Swale House and that it had been very helpful.

Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Coates for attending.

Cllr Jones asked for an update on The Retreat.

ACTION: Clerk to ascertain the position.

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 9 September 2019

There being no further business the meeting finished at 7.59pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chairman

Date: 9 September 2019