

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Doddington Village Hall on Monday 11 December 2017

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

Cllr Attwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.

<p>1. Apologies Apologies had been received from KCCllr Bowles (in hospital) and SBCllr Prescott (Mayoral duties): apologies noted.</p>
<p>2. Declarations of Interest Cllr Coates declared a pecuniary interest in item 10. ii and signed the Members' Declarations of Interest book as the planning application borders his property.</p>
<p>3. To Determine whether any items should be discussed in closed session None were identified.</p>
<p>4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 November 2017 Councillors considered the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2017 and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Attwood.</p>
<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change of footpath route- the post office delivered it to the wrong address Cllr Cuthbert said he thought it had already been moved, the steps have been refurbished.• Church Lane junction Cllr Attwood reported that he had spoken to the landowner to the north of the junction. Cllr Cuthbert said the inquest will be held in February. Cllr Coates said Kent Highways should be asked to carry out a risk assessment of the junction. <i>ACTION: Clerk to request Kent Highways to carry out a risk assessment in view of the number of accidents at the junction.</i>
<p>6. Community Warden Report Apologies had been received from Community Warden Dave Osborne. A report had been received and noted by Councillors.</p>
<p>7. Neighbourhood Watch Report Mrs Jackson, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, had sent apologies for being unable to attend the meeting and sent a report to Councillors which duly noted.</p>
<p>8. Public Question Time No matters were raised.</p>
<p>9. War Memorial Cllr Attwood said there was nothing to report and the work on missing names needs to be completed by November 2018. <i>ACTION: Clerk to contact Mr Seyler for an update.</i></p>

10. Planning Matters

i. Ref: 17/505025/FULL

Address: Land North Of Homestall Road Doddington Kent ME9 0LB:

Proposal: Re-contouring of land, construction of earth bund, laying of hardstanding, formation of new access, erection of amenity building and creation of 2no. parking spaces (part retrospective) has been put on hold pending serving notice on Highways England for access.

Cllr Attwood said the principle of a Gypsy & Traveller site in this location was now conceded by Swale Borough Council.

Cllr Haynes said the Parish Council should support Swale Borough Council's restriction for two caravans.

It was agreed for Cllr Attwood to draft response.

ii. Ref: 17/506054/FULL

Address: White Lines Chequers Hill Doddington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0BL

Proposal: New two storey dwelling

Cllr Coates left the room during the discussion of this matter.

Cllr Haynes said the previous planning permission has expired so it is being reapplied for.

Cllr Attwood said the Parish Council had previously objected to the proposal because the proposal was over intensive for the site; the access is located at a dangerous point on Chequers Hill; the two-storey nature of the proposal overlook neighbouring properties. Permission was granted so a principle has been established for a dwelling on the site.

Councillors agreed there were no objections to the proposal.

iii. Any other planning matter received by 11 December 2017

Ref: 16/503982/FULL

Address: Graces Place Homestall Road Doddington Kent

Proposal: Retrospective application for change of use to residential - for one gypsy family, comprising one mobile home, one touring caravan and one utility shed.

Cllr Attwood informed Members that the decision has been appealed and submissions to the Planning Inspector have to be submitted by 10 January 2018. Swale Borough Council has demonstrated that there is five-year land supply for Gypsy & Traveller sites.

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to make a submission to the Planning Inspector to support Swale Borough Council's decision.

ACTION: Cllr Attwood to draft the response.

11. Finance

i. Councillors Expenses

None were claimed.

ii. Invoices for Payment

There were no invoices to be paid.

iii. Precept Bid 18/19 To discuss initial budget workings

It was agreed for Cllr Attwood, Cllr Coates, Cllr Cuthbert and the Clerk form a working party to consider the 2018/19 budget.

The Clerk report a VAT refund of £621.68 has been received.

12. Defibrillator

Cllr Coates reported the passive infrared sensor was not working but it has been tweaked and now appears to work. The defibrillator is in good working order. The pads have been replaced after being used and the spare pads are in the hall cupboard. An article about the defibrillator has been placed in the Newsletter in a prominent position. Cllr Coates has offered to share feedback with Newnham Parish Council.

Cllr Cuthbert Newnham Parish Council should be approached to see if there can be a reciprocal arrangement to borrow spare pads should the need occur, it would be dependant on whether the pads are compatible.

Cllr Coates said SECamb have said all defibrillator signs are the same.

Cllr Cuthbert said the important is to draw people's attention to the defibrillator. People are concerned that they do not know how to use it.
Cllr Coates said there has been a series of articles in the Newsletter so residents should know that no special training is needed.
Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Coates for his report.

13. Speed Watch

Cllr Fraser reported there has been one Speed Watch session at Wychling and sixty-five vehicles were reported as travelling thirty-five miles per hour or above, it was very disappointing. There will be further sessions in Wychling.

Cllr Coates said two more volunteers from Wychling have come forward to observe a session before training.

ACTION: Cllr Fraser to ascertain if a Speed Watch sign can be erected.

Cllr Cuthbert reported he has carried out an audit of signage in the village and there appears to be no redundant ones.

14. Playing Field

i. Cllr Duckworth's monthly report

Cllr Duckworth report moss has grown considerable on the tarmaced areas and will be treated when the weather becomes better.

ii. To consider playing field usage

Cllr Duckworth said he has received photographs of fitness equipment in other areas.

Cllr Jones said Newnham Parish Council is considering installing fitness equipment at Sharsted Playing Field and as this is so close it may not be necessary to have equipment at Doddington.

Cllr Attwood noted there were only two requests from residents for fitness equipment.

Cllr Jones said they may not be a demand for it in Doddington and Newnham Parish Council should be contacted to ascertain their plans.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Newnham Parish Council.

iii. To consider quotations for playing field maintenance

Cllr Duckworth said two quotations have been received for the maintenance of the Playing Field. Cllr Duckworth **PROPOSED** to accept the quotation from Landscape Services for gang mowing; **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

15. Highways

Cllr Attwood informed Members that Lenham Parish Council does not have a date yet for a meeting with KCC about the A20 junction and have said they will inform us when they do. Double yellow lines at the end of Faversham Road would help.

Cllr Haynes reported the drains by the water works are blocked causing the road to be flooded. A jet of water was coming out of the drains near Sunnyside.

ACTION: Clerk to report the drains need to be serviced.

Cllr Cuthbert reported two lorries had become stuck on Lenham Hill, the 'not suitable for HGV's' sign is the wrong way round at Lenham crossroads.

ACTION: Clerk to report to Kent Highways.

16. Correspondence

1. 20.11.17: KALC General Data Protection Workshop- 14 December Canterbury, 11 January Lenham and 24 January Ditton -circulated

2. 20.11.17: KALC Governance, Procedures and Transparency Conference on 8 February Ditton -circulated

3. 23.11.17: KCC Trading Standards Doorstep criminal in Faversham offering house painting services -circulated and added to website

4. 05.12.17: Cllr Bowles's newsletter circulated

5. 07.12.17: KALC SAC agenda and papers- circulated

<p>6. 07.12.17: SBC Joint Transportation Board agenda – circulated</p> <p>7. 07.12.17: Kent Police details of reporting non-urgent matters online- circulated</p> <p>8. 11.12.17: KALC Parish News- circulated</p> <p>9. 11.12.17: Ospringe PC email regarding bus consultation- circulated</p> <p><i>ACTION: Clerk to check whether the cuts will affect Doddington.</i></p> <p>10. Email from Wychling Parish Meeting</p> <p>Cllr Attwood said there is a suggestion of a formal collaboration between the two parishes but Wychling is in the borough of Maidstone whereas Doddington is in Swale so it would be impossible because of governance differences. Wychling need to look at adjoining Parish Councils in the Maidstone area to form any alliance. However on any issue that was common to the two parishes it could be possible to act jointly on an ad hoc basis.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Clerk to contact the Chairman of Wychling Parish Meeting.</i></p>
<p>17. Any Other Business</p> <p>No other matters were raised.</p>

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 8 January 2018

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.51pm.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

.....Chairman
 Dates 8 January 2018