

# DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Doddington Village Hall on  
Monday 11 February 2019 at 7.30pm

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

Also present was Kent County Councillor Andrew and Community Warden Dave Osborne.

## 1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Steve Coates (holiday); apology accepted. Apologies had been received from SBCllr Colin Prescott (recuperating) and also from Swale Borough Councillor David Simmons; apologies noted.

## 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Attwood declared an interest in all matters relating to the Telecommunications mast.

## 3. To Determine whether any items should be discussed in closed session

None were identified.

## 4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 December 2018.

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2019 as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Attwood.

## 5. Matters Arising

### A20/ Faversham Road junction

Cllr Attwood said there will be a meeting on 19 February.

*ACTION: Cllr Fraser and Cllr Haynes to attend.*

### Church Lane junction

Cllr Jones reported that he has checked the signage and that there is a warning sign in place.

### The Retreat

Cllr Jones asked if the ongoing work at The Retreat had been reported.

The Clerk confirmed it had been reported to Swale Enforcement Team but there has been no response.

### Highways and drains

Cllr Haynes asked if the mud on the road had been reported.

The Clerk said it has been reported to Kent County Council.

## 6. Community Warden Report

Dave Osborne, Community Warden had sent a report of recent crime and the latest Trading Standards alerts. Mr Osborne also warned of rogue builders who use pressure tactics and residents need to be vigilant.

Cllr Attwood thanked Mr Osborne for attending and for his report.

## 7. Neighbourhood Watch Report

Mrs Jackson, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator was unable to attend but had reported that a workshop shed had been burgled and a number of tools, namely chainsaws were stolen from Church Lane, Doddington.

## 8. Public Question Time

No members of the public were present

## 9. War Memorial

Cllr Attwood informed Councillors that there was no further update from the stone mason. There may be a need to earmark funds from this year's budget to carry over into the new financial year.

## 10. Planning Matters

i. Ref: 18/504562/FULL Address: Ellens Court Lady Margaret Manor Road Doddington

Cllr Attwood informed Members that the application will be going to Swale Planning Committee on 7 March for consideration.

Councillors agreed that there needs to be a site meeting for the Committee to fully understand the roads and the issues with traffic; the development is in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; the location is not appropriate for the type of development and the proposal doubles the size of the existing building.

It was agreed that Cllr Attwood will attend to speak at the Committee meeting.

KCCllr Bowles said he will propose there be a site visit and that it would be useful for the Parish Council to attend.

*ACTION: Clerk to book Cllr Attwood to speak at the Planning Committee meeting.*

ii. Ref: 19/500294/FULL

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

Proposal: Construction of a first floor extension with habitable loft space over existing single storey rear extension together with alterations to fenestration

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

iii. Ref: 17/500511/TNOT56 Address: Down Court Farm Down Court Road Doddington

*Cllr Attwood left the room and took no part of the discussion of this matter. Cllr Haynes took the Chair.*

Cllr Haynes said there had been a response from Graham Thomas, Swale Borough Council, the issue is not what is below the tree line but that which is above the tree line. Mr Thomas had said we should contact him when the leaves are off the trees. The obstruction is above the tree line

Cllr Fraser said Mr Thomas has not taken any of the objections or solutions on board.

*ACTION: Cllr Haynes to draft a response to Mr Thomas.*

*Cllr Attwood returned to the meeting.*

iv. Any other planning matter

18/506490/FULL The Manor House Lady Margaret Manor Road Doddington ME9 0NT

Erection of a single storey rear extension and first floor side extension. Roof alterations accommodating extension to the second floor. Changes to fenestration and new weatherboard cladding. Extension and restoration of the front boundary wall.

Cllr Attwood informed Members that the application has been permitted

18/505502/FULL Sharsted Lodge Sharsted Road Doddington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0JS

Erection of single storey garden room.

Cllr Attwood informed Councillors that the application has been permitted

## 11. Finance

i. Councillors Expenses

There were none

ii. Invoices for Payment

The Clerk said she still has not received an amended invoice from Landscape Services for Playing Field maintenance. The company has requested notification of the number of cuts. Cllr Duckworth said there had been eleven cuts.

**12. Defibrillator**

There was no report.

**13. Speed Watch**

Cllr Fraser reported there had been three Speed Watch sessions, two of which recorded no issues. The third session by the Playing Field recorded fourteen vehicles speeding and details have been passed to the Police. There has not been any response to the request for volunteers and the article will be repeated in the next Newsletter.

Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Fraser for his report.

**14. Playing Field**

Cllr Duckworth reported he inspected the Playing Field after the recent high winds and there were no issues. Three of the safety surfaces have been swept and will be sprayed with moss killer and if the weather is fine the remaining surfaces will also be treated.

Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Duckworth for his report.

**15. Highways**

i. Highways Update and notification of further work required

Cllr Attwood reported that Down Court Road has been closed for carriageway patching.

Cllr Duckworth said the Faversham Road to Lenham has been closed a few times.

Cllr Attwood said this is due to a burst water main.

Cllr Cuthbert said that when the road was closed the contractor put a ROAD CLOSED sign at the entrance but did not remove it when the road was open again, the signs need to be removed when not in use. This is causing problems for visitors and impacting on the tourism businesses in the village.

*ACTION: Clerk to contact KCC Streetworks.*

Cllr Attwood said there has been an email from a resident regarding the state of the pavement.

*ACTION: Clerk to report.*

ii. Flooding issues

Cllr Attwood reported that Annie Thurgarland, KCC Flood Management, is working with local landowners regarding creating some Natural Flood Management attenuation areas on their farmed land which will hold back some of the water which causes problems on Old Lenham Road. The planned meeting had to be cancelled due to illness.

**16. Correspondence**

1) 17.01.19: Faversham Town Council- Agenda for Faversham & District Engagement Forum

2) 01.02.19: SBC- notice that paper copies of planning applications will no longer be sent out free of charge from 18 April

3) 03.02.19: Cllr Bowles- Newsletter

4) 03.02.19: KCC Highways- notice of carriageway patching in Down Court Road

5) 06.02.19: Helen Whatley MP- Newsletter

**17. Any Other Business**

Cllr Haynes said work has been carried out entrance to Stapleton, Faversham Road, Wychling where the single gate has been changed to two five-bar gates.

Cllr Attwood said any application will be on the Maidstone Borough Council website.

Cllr Fraser said there has been an issue with the dog waste bin at the church car park.

Cllr Attwood said the situation is being monitored.

Cllr Fraser said the two bins in the village which were burnt out were never replaced.

*ACTION: Clerk to ask Swale Borough Council to replace the bins from Sunnyside and outside the Vicarage.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm

**Date of next Meeting:- Monday 11 March 2019**

Signed a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Dated 11 March 2019