

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Doddington Village Hall on Monday 10 July 2017

Present: Cllr Kevin Attwood (Chairman), Cllr Philip Haynes (Vice Chairman), Cllr Graham Cuthbert, Cllr Peter Duckworth and Cllr Kevin Fraser; 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 (personal) and Cllr Colin Jones (holiday); apologies accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Attwood declared a pecuniary interest in item 10. Planning Matters i. 17/502978/FULL and signed the Members' Declarations of Interests book.
Cllr Fraser declared a non-pecuniary interest in the correspondence from the Allotment Association requesting a grant, and signed the Members' Declarations of Interests book.

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

None were declared.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 June 2017

The minutes were amended to delete the word "Annual" in the heading and in item 10 Planning the phrase "visible front the street" was changed to "visible from the street". It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes, as amended, as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Attwood.

5. Matters Arising

Drain in Ringlestone Road- KCC are chasing the contractor and are concerned as the site had been marked out for them.

6. Community Warden Report

Dave Osborne had offered his apologies and had reported that he had not received any reports of any concerns or issues from residents.

7. Neighbourhood Watch Report

Councillors noted that since the last Parish Council Meeting nothing of note involving Doddington, Wychling or Newnham had come to the Coordinator's attention.

8. Public Question Time

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Time

A resident said the Allotment Association need to replace a water trough which is an unexpected cost and the Association has applied for a grant.

Cllr Attwood said this would be considered later.

A resident expressed concern about cars parking on the pavement making it difficult for pedestrians, especially those with buggies or wheelchairs to pass. Another issue is that of poor signage around the traffic calming in the village resulting in drivers ignoring the traffic calming. Some of the white line hatching is disappearing and some signs are showing wear, especially at the chicane by Yew Tree Cottage.

Cllr Attwood said this can be put in the Newsletter and leaflets can be put on the car wind screens.

ACTION 1: Clerk to include in the Newsletter

ACTION 2: Leaflets to be put on vehicles parked on the pavement

ACTION 3: Clerk to report signage issues to KCC.

Cllr Haynes said landowners should be asked to cut back the foliage to ensure the signs can be seen.

Cllr Cuthbert said there has been the issue raised that there are too many signs in the village and the redundant ones need to be reported.

ACTION: Cllr Cuthbert to inform the Clerk of the redundant signs to be reported to KCC.

Cllr Attwood thanked everyone for attending and reconvened the meeting.

9. War Memorial

Cllr Attwood said that a resident has thanked the Parish Council for the work at the War Memorial. There needs to be a list of names drawn up to ensure the remedial work on the names will be carried out by Remembrance Sunday.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Newnham Parish Council and Mr Seyler for a definitive list of names and amendments.

Cllr Duckworth said this also needs to be included in the Newsletter to encourage residents with any information to come forward.

ACTION: Clerk to include reference to the matter in Newsletter

10. Planning Matters

17/502552/FULL Woodstock The Street Doddington ME9 0BH

Cllr Attwood informed Members that the application has been withdrawn, but will be back in a new format.

*Cllr Attwood left the room and did not take part in any discussion or vote on the next item.
Cllr Haynes took the Chair*

i. 17/502978/FULL

5 Brewster Cottages Brewster Road Doddington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0AY

Erection of a two-storey side extension, alterations to the existing single storey rear extension, conservatory and fenestration, demolition of existing porch and construction of a new porch to the front of the dwelling.

Councillors considered the application and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that there were no comments to make save that neighbours' comments be taken into account.

ii. Any other planning matter received by 10 July 2017

There were no other planning matters.

11. Finance

i. Councillors Expenses

ii. War Memorial expenses

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to reimburse Cllr Attwood for the cost of War Memorial expenses of £462.48 (cheque no 1122).

iii. Clerk's Pay and Expenses 1 April 2017– 30 June 2017

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay the Clerk salary £636.71 and expenses £46.96, total £683.67 (cheque no 1123).

Cllr Attwood informed Members that the Clerk has passed CiLCA and under the terms of her contract is entitled to an increase of one salary point, **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Invoices for Payment

iii. Craigdene- Play area inspection

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Craigdene £125 + £25 VAT, total £150.00 (cheque no 1124)

iv. Any other invoice for approval received by 10 July 2017

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to make a grant of £99 to the Allotment Association for a new water trough (cheque no 1125).

12. Defibrillator

There was no update available.

13. Speed Watch

Cllr Fraser reported to Members that it had been a busy month with disappointing results as there was an increase in speeding vehicles in Doddington. There were sixteen motorists recorded speeding in one session, five in the next session and six in the next. All details have been passed to the Police. All sites are due to be reassessed.

14. Playing Field

i. Cllr Duckworth's monthly report

Cllr Duckworth informed Members that the grass cutting schedule is going well.

ii. To consider play area inspection report

Cllr Duckworth said the inspection report highlighted the bench needed securing and that he had noticed someone had subsequently swivelled the bench round. This will be rectified and the bench will be screwed down. Cllr Duckworth and Cllr Fraser will clean the benches later in the week. The report recommended the swing be painted and the quote received is high and it might be worth asking a local contractor for a second quote.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain another quote.

Cllr Cuthbert said he will measure and monitor the swing chains.

Cllr Duckworth said there is moss on the roundabout surfacing and that he will clean it.

iii. To consider the quotes for playing field sign

Cllr Duckworth said there have been more incidents of dogs in the playing field.

Cllr Cuthbert **PROPOSED** to accept the quotation of £20 plus £5 delivery from Shot Signs.

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Duckworth for his report.

15. Highways

Cllr Haynes said the drains in the Old Lenham Road are blocked and that he has received complaints. At the Ringlestone Road turning, a double articulated lorry has churned up the road. The drain near the War Memorial has sunk three inches.

ACTION: Clerk to report.

16. Correspondence

1. 15.07.17- Joint Transportation Board Agenda: *circulated*

2. 15.07.17- Kent Downs AONB Unit Landscapes of the Mid Kent Downs event: *circulated*

3. 20.15.17- SBC Rural Round-up: *circulated*

4. 21.07.17- SBC Swale Local Plan Inspector's Final Report: *circulated*

Cllr Attwood said the Local Plan is now fit for purpose and there will be an immediate review to be completed in five years.

5. 23.07.17- email of thanks from resident to the Parish Council for its effort in funding and overseeing such a high standard of workmanship in the refurbishment of the War Memorial, hand rails and step: *circulated*

6. 29.07.17- KFRS/KALC Fire Hydrant Initiative update: *circulated*

Cllr Duckworth said he will check the fire hydrants.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain map of fire hydrants.

17. Any Other Business

Cllr Fraser said he is unable to attend the Faversham Local Engagement Forum.

ACTION: Clerk to send apologies.

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

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 11 September 2017

Signed a true record of the proceedings

Chairman Date: 11 September 2017