

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Doddington Village Hall on Monday 10 February 2020

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

Also present was County Councillor Andrew Bowles.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Attwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.
All Members were present.
Apologies had been received from Ward Member David Simmons; apology 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 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2020

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
Cllr Attwood duly signed the minutes of the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Attwood informed Members that the owner of the Land on The Street has contacted the Clerk and requested a meeting with the Parish Council in order to obtain the Council's view on what they would like to see done with the land. This has been declined as it was not an appropriate course of action.

Cllr Attwood said the traffic cones have been delivered and that he will meet Mr Seyler to trial the usage of the cones.

Cllr Cuthbert said that in the past the grass on the bank has been trimmed by using a Flymo on a rope as this was the safest way when wet.

Cllr Jones asked for an update on the request to Lenham Storage for signs to be put up at the depot in different languages.

The Clerk said there has been no response.

6. COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

Jack Gilbey, the Community Warden, was unable to attend the meeting and sent a report that he has been out and about around the area about once a week to try and familiarise himself with Doddington. He will continue to be around Doddington once a week, usually in the afternoon on Thursdays or Friday mornings. Details of scams were also circulated.

Cllr Attwood thanked Mr Gilbey for his report.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Sally Mills, the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator was unable to attend but reported that January had yielded no news of interest from the Villages, and reported news from Sittingbourne.

Cllr Attwood thanked Ms Mills for her report.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No matters were raised.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

i. Ref: 19/506344/FULL

Address: The Old Post Office The Street Doddington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0BH.

Proposal: Erection of single storey side and rear extension, side canopy and conversion of outbuilding to provide utility room with insertion of new side door (resubmission: 19/500504/FULL)

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

ii. Ref: 20/500139/LBC

Address: Southview The Street Doddington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0BH

Proposal: Listed Building consent for installation of a lift

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

7.45pm KCllr Bowles arrived.

iii. Ref: 20/500104/FULL

Address: 8 Northdown Doddington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0BQ

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage, 2no. sheds and 1no log store. Erection of 1no. detached three bedroom dwelling with associated works

Councillors considered the application and agreed that they had in principle no objections to the application but considered the parking provision to be inadequate for a three-bedroomed house.

iv. The Retreat Elverland Lane Ospringe Kent ME13 0SP

Cllr Attwood said an update had been received regarding this matter.

10. SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2020-2023

Councillors considered the Swale Borough Council Corporate Plan and agreed not to comment on the document.

11. FINANCE

i. Councillors Expenses

There were none.

ii. Invoices for Payment

a) Defibrillator pads

It was agreed to reimburse Cllr Coates for the replacement defibrillator pads, £108.00 (cheque no 1211).

b) Any invoice for approval received by 10 February 2020

It was agreed to reimburse Mrs W Licence for the traffic cones, £63.00 (cheque no 1212)

It was agreed to pay Swale Borough Council for the election costs, £74.90 (cheque no 1213).

Cllr Attwood said Cllr Alison Shaw needs to be added as an Authorised Signatory to the bank accounts and Philip Haynes needs to be removed from the account.

It was agreed unanimously that the Authorised Signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 1.3, be changed in accordance with section Authorised Signatories.

12. DEFIBRILATOR

Cllr Coates reported that he has purchased new pads for the defibrillator and consideration needs to be given whether child pads should be available. Proper qualified advice has been taken from SECAMB who has advised that if paediatric pads are not available common practise is to use adult pads.

Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Coates for his report.

13. SPEED WATCH

Cllr Fraser said the yearly report has been received and there appears to be a spike in the number of speeding vehicles entering the village.

Cllr Attwood asked if it was serious enough to request Police attendance.

Cllr Fraser said that this was not necessary yet. Many of the signs in the village are dirty or obscured and this needs addressing.

ACTION: Clerk to report to KCC Highways.

Cllr Coates said there is evidence for Police intervention if needed although the Police would base issues on accidents in incidents.

Cllr Fraser said that if the figures continue to rise there will be a Speed Watch group discussion to agree if further action is needed.

Cllr Coates reported the white lines at the east end of the village need refreshing.

ACTION: Clerk to report.

Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Fraser for his report.

14. PLAYING FIELD

i. Cllr Duckworth's monthly report

Cllr Duckworth said there was nothing to report and there were no obvious issues following the storm over the week end. The shackles on the swings will be measured and reported back next month.

Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Duckworth for his report.

ii. To consider quotations to fell sycamore tree

Councillors considered the quotations to fell the sycamore tree.

Cllr Jones **PROPOSED** to accept the quotation from Treecraft for £1600 if insurance details are received and confirmation that the work will be completed before the end of March is received in two weeks be accepted; **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Contractors will also be asked for a working method statement.

15. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Coates said he had asked for a road sweep and the Clerk has requested this from Swale Borough Council.

Cllr Duckworth said there had been a lot of rain during the storm and this has brought mud onto the road and pavement.

Cllr Cuthbert said there was only ½ inch of rain but because the ground is saturated the water runs off the bank.

KCCllr Bowles reported that KCC Highways fleet of gully clearing vehicles had been out due to the mud in the road.

Cllr Attwood said there was a lot of water flowing out of Down Court Road and also by the garage where the water was up to the top of the kerb. The water had dissipated before reaching Newnham and had left mud in the road. Woodstock was within an inch of the water going into the driveway and it was at the top of the kerb at Home Farm.

Cllr Attwood reported that he had inspected the lagoon at the bottom of Kings Acre and noted that it fills up quickly. Annie Thurgarland, KCC Flood Management has been informed and has been sent photos, the lagoon needs digging out. There is a scrape at Spratts Hill

and this has helped. Consideration is being given to a stepped lagoon at the top of Lenham Hill. Mr Oldfield is willing to do things which have a positive effect. Brushing the debris off the drain would help.

KCCllr Bowles said that even if the drains and gullies are clear, the water goes through the Sothern Water system which cannot cope.

Cllr Attwood said that KCC would prefer the water to run off into the fields.

ACTION: Cllr Attwood to liaise with Ms Thurgarland.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) 16.01.20- NPC: notification of commissioning a traffic survey
- 2) 16.01.20- Kent Police Rural Task Force: Rural report and the Winter 2019/20 edition of Rural Matters Magazine
- 3) 16.01.20- KCCllr Bowles: details of the "You Decide" Funding event
- 4) 20.01.20- KALC CEO January bulletin
- 5) 20.01.20- Swale Borough Council: Corporate Plan 2020-2023 consultation
- 6) 22.01.20- SBC Briefings for Parish Councils
- 7) 22.01.20- Swale Joint Transportation Board: minutes of meeting held on 13 January
- 8) 28.01.20- KCCllr Bowles: Newsletter
- 9) 06.02.20- Email regarding civilian names to be added to the War Memorial

Councillors agreed that the Council has gone through the process of updating the names and no further action will be taken.

10) 06.02.20- KALC: Newsletter

11) 06.02.20- KCC Highways: Notice of Temporary Road Closure – The Street, Doddington –17 February 2020

12) 06.02.20- KCC Highways: Notice of Temporary Road Closure – Sharsted Road, Doddington –19 February 2020

13) 06.02.20- KCC Highways: Temporary Road Closure – Seed Road, Newnham – 5 March 2020

ACTION: Clerk to send details to the village website

14) 06.02.20- KALC: survey

15) 06.02.20- Invitation to Swale Green Grid Forum and Swale Familiarisation visit

Cllr Cuthbert said that he will attend this event.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Duckworth requested that any urgent contact be by phone rather than email.

Cllr Coates asked whether the meeting on 16 April will clash with the Snooker Club.

ACTION: Clerk to ascertain.

Cllr Fraser reported that he and Cllr Coates attended the Faversham & District Local Engagement Forum. The meeting was taken up with a briefing on homelessness in Faversham and the local food bank, it transpired that there was only one homeless person in Faversham. There was no discussion regarding the parishes because of this. Feedback has been given to the Clerk to Faversham Town Council.

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 9 March 2020

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Dated: 9 March 2020