

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Doddington Village Hall on Monday 11 July 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr K Attwood (Chairman), Cllr P Haynes (Vice Chairman), Cllr S Coates, Cllr G Cuthbert; Cllr P Duckworth and Cllr K Fraser; and Mrs W Licence (Clerk). Also present was Dave Osborne Community Warden.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Jones (personal): apologies accepted. Apologies had also been received from KCCllr Bowles and SBCllr Prescott: apologies noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Cuthbert declared a pecuniary interest in item 9. i. Application No: 15/503621/FULL as he owns land on two sides of the property, and signed the Declaration of Members Interests Book.

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 June 2016

Councillors considered the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2016 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Attwood.

5. Matters Arising

Parking issues in Chequers Hill- Jeff Kitson, Parking Services Manager, has been contacted and as there are no yellow line restrictions at this location that will allow parking enforcement. Under current legislation action can only be where yellow line restrictions are placed on the highway and support by a traffic regulation order. Mr Osborne informed Councillors he had been contacted by a resident about the parking issue and he has requested the PCSO to visit the area. Cllr Attwood said the area will be monitored.

6. Community Warden Report

Mr Osborne reported that he had not been notified of any issues. Identity thefts have been a problem in other areas, criminals are looking through rubbish bins and obtaining personal information.

Cllr Cuthbert said utility bills should be destroyed as they can be used to re-direct post and fraudulently obtain credit cards.

ACTION: To be included in the Newsletter.

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

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

i. Report from the Co-ordinator

Mrs Jackson sent apologies for being unable to attend and conveyed that nothing untoward has been reported affecting the local villages, but there have been burglaries in outbuildings in nearby Stalisfield and Otterden. However there have been warnings of phone scams, purportedly from banks. These are not new, but still

likely to catch the unwary.

ii. To consider Cold Calling Controlled Zone

Cllr Attwood explained that a Cold Calling Controlled Zone actually carries no weight in law. Most reputable companies won't cold call in an area designated a Cold Calling Controlled Zone but the more dubious companies ignore this and these are the people that residents particularly want to keep out.

Mr Osborne said he could get some "No Calling" stickers for residents. There are gangs of door step sellers who target villages and these people tend to ignore the stickers.

Cllr Attwood said it could be put on hold as it was not an issue at the moment and the Council could progress the idea if necessary at a later date.

8. Public Question Time

There were no members of the public in attendance.

9. Planning Matters

i. Application No: 15/503621/FULL

Address: 2 Forstal Cottages Chequers Hill Doddington Kent ME9 0BN

Proposal: Two storey extension to front and single storey extension to side and rear of main house.

Cllr Cuthbert declared an interest in this item and left the room for its consideration and decision.

Cllr Attwood reminded Councillors there had been a previous application which was completely detached from the existing building, there has been a substantial change.

Cllr Haynes said he was concerned that this extension will take away another affordable house in the village.

Councillors AGREED there were no objections to the application.

ii. Application: 16/505609/SUB

Address: The Old House The Street Doddington Kent ME9 0BG

Proposal: Submission of details pursuant to Condition 2: Samples of all facing materials, Condition 5: Details of the proposed eaves and verge, and Condition 6: Details of external joinery, of application 16/502644/FULL.

Cllr Attwood informed Members the application is a submission of details.

The application was noted.

iii. Any other planning matter received by 11 July 2016

No other matters had been received.

iii. Bearing Fruits 2031: The Swale Borough Local Plan Modifications

Cllr Attwood informed Members that the Borough Council has modified the Local Plan in line with the Inspector's comments on housing allocation and it does not affect Doddington. Housing allocations have been increased at other sites and the Borough Council has addressed this by re-evaluating the sites with regards to sustainability. Anyone can comment on the modifications.

10. Finance

i. Councillors Expenses

There were none

ii. Clerk's salary and expenses- April- June 2016

It was **AGREED** to pay the Clerk's salary £621.78 and expenses £42.44 total

£664.22 (cheque no 1090)

iii. Invoices for Payment

Four Jays: portaloo hire for Fun Day- £210.00 (cheque no 1091)

Craigdene: Play area inspection- £114.00 (cheque no 1092)

KALC- Clerk's Conference- £72.00 (cheque no 1093)

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay the cheques.

Any invoice for approval received by 11 July 2016

There were no other invoices for payment.

11. Defibrillator

Cllr Coates reported he had had to refresh the contact details with SECAMB. Cllr Coates informed Members that the pads for the defibrillator are not in a separate pouch, as reported at the previous meeting, but are actually in the box with the defibrillator.

ACTION: Cllr Coates to check the defibrillator

12. Speed Watch

Cllr Fraser reported that there have been two more Speed Watch sessions with a further session planned. There were no problems at the first session and two vehicles were recorded speeding at the second session.

Cllr Fraser has been contacted by Sue Weston, the Community Speed Watch Manager, with information of grants for Speed Watch groups of half of the cost of the equipment. The benefits of Doddington Parish Council having its own equipment is that it will be more reliable and up to date and it would give the group independence from Newnham Parish Council. Newnham Parish Council has been approached by another Council wishing to borrow the equipment.

Cllr Fraser **PROPOSED** to investigate obtaining Speed Watch equipment; **SECONDED** by Cllr Cuthbert: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ACTION: Cllr Fraser to obtain details of the grant scheme.

13. Playing Field

i. To receive an update

Cllr Duckworth reported the small mower came on 7 July and this was the third visit and it has mowed by the goal posts. The gang mower has visited six times and the football pitch was last marked on 3 May.

Cllr Haynes said the contractor also mows the verge at Sunnyside and the rubbish bin has been damaged by the strimming.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Amicus

ii. To consider play area inspection

Cllr Duckworth reported he has met with Maria Cook from Craigdene. The report did not reveal anything of significance although it did mention there should be a sign giving details of who owns the Playing Field.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain costings for sign.

Cllr Duckworth said he had sprayed the algae last year and this needs another application. The surface around the swings needs some repair. The gate near to the garage seems to close slowly although the inspection did not highlight this as a problem.

ACTION 1: Clerk to investigate playing surface repair kits.

ACTION: Cllr Duckworth to contact makers of the playing field gate to find out if the speed of closure is adjustable.

Cllr Cuthbert said he will test the chain joints for wear and it should be recorded, and

<p>he will also help paint the frame of the cradle seat. Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Duckworth for his report.</p>
<p>14. Highways Cllr Haynes reported the drains had been cleared today. Cllr Attwood said the potholes in Down Court Road have been repaired. Cllr Duckworth said there was flooding in the Ringlestone Road following recent heavy rain. Cllr Hayes said he has reported the verges being in need of cutting and this should be done in a couple of weeks.</p>
<p>15. Correspondence 1. 14.06.16: Cllr Bowles- Newsletter 2. 17.06.16: EiS notification that there will be no charge for the website hosting 3. 01.07.16: KALC- Being a Good Employer Guide 4. 05.07.16: KCC-Off-peak Closures – Rawling Street, Milstead, Sittingbourne – 19-21 July 2016- <i>Added to website</i> 5. 07.07.16: Allotment Association social event Cllr Duckworth said he has received the KALC Area Committee agenda.</p>
<p>16. Any Other Business No other matters were raised.</p>

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

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 12 September 2016

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

.....Chairman

Date: 12 September 2016