

# DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Doddington Village Hall on  
Monday 13 December 2021

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

Cllr Coates welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone of COVID guidelines.

## **1. APOLOGIES**

All Members were present.

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Rich Lehmann and Ward Member David Simmons; apologies 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 9 NOVEMBER 2021**

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

## **5. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

## **6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT**

Sally Mills, the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator was unable to attend but had submitted a report, the contents of which were noted.

Cllr Coates thanked Ms Mills for her report and her ongoing work in support of Neighbourhood Watch.

PCSO Dennis Pashov had sent apologies for being unable to attend the meeting and sent a report.

Cllr Coates thanked PCSO Pashov for his report.

## **7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present.

## **8. HIGHWAYS**

### i. HGVs

Cllr Coates reported he had given KCCllr Lehmann estimates of the problematic HGV movements through the village; mainly Shaw and Goodwins Haulage which have been collecting spoil from the Thatcham housing development near Lenham station and tipping at Tonge. KCCllr Lehmann is liaising with Jennie Watson, KCC Highways Schemes Project Manager who thought that it might be possible to use Section 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 to provide enforcement of route restrictions. This would potentially negate the need

for police involvement and give Kent County Council the power to deal with such issues. It needs to be made clear that there must be exemptions for local businesses.

### iii. Drainage and Flooding

Cllr Jones said there had been no response from KCC. The Clerk is trying to get the roads in the village swept.

Cllr Coates said the gullies in Chequers Hill had been reported and Gary Gibbs, the Highway Steward, had been extremely helpful.

## **9. PLANNING MATTERS**

### i. Ref: 21/506381/TCA

Address: Lodge House The Street Doddington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0BH

Proposal: Conservation Notification for Removal of 1 x Mesasequona/Dawn Red Wood.

Councillors had no comments to make.

### ii. Any planning matter received by 13 December 2021 Ref: 21/505131/FULL

Address: Greet Cottage Lady Margaret Manor Road Doddington Sittingbourne ME9 0NT

Proposal: Demolition of existing residential dwelling, outbuildings and large Nissan Hut. Erection of a new detached residential dwelling complete with integral supplementary annexe.

Cllr Coates informed Members that a decision is yet to be made.

## **10. PROW HEARING 22 MARCH 2022**

Cllr Cuthbert said he will attend the meeting.

*ACTION: Clerk to circulate response to the consultation.*

## **11. FINANCE**

### i. Councillors Expenses

There were none.

### ii. Invoices for Payment

a. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Doddington Village Hall for £72.00 hall hire (cheque no 1276).

b. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Darren Glazier £68.00 for painting notice board (cheque no 1277).

c. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Mrs W Licence £22.95 in respect of the balance of football nets (cheque no 1278).

## **12. SPEED WATCH**

Cllr Fraser reported that the Speed Watch sessions continue in the village. The Team has now been given the option to record sessions by video if appropriate equipment is used. This will give a visual record of vehicles and also allow any abuse of the team to be recorded. Cllr Coates thanked Cllr Fraser for his report.

## **13. PLAYING FIELD**

### i. Cllr Duckworth's monthly report

Cllr Duckworth said there was not much to report, the contractor has carried out the last cut of the peripheral areas. The new benches have attracted positive feedback. The brambles at the top of the field still need to be dealt with.

Cllr Coates thanked Cllr Fraser for his report.

Cllr Fraser said the moss will be treated.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the quotation of £369.84 from Landscape Services for grass cutting.

ii. To consider quotations for the play equipment

Cllr Coates reported that the Council has secured a grant of £1,000 from the Bensted Charity towards the equipment. An application for a grant of £5,000 has been made to the Swale Eastern Area Committee which was due to meet on 16 December to agree grants but the meeting has been cancelled. SBCllr Simmons helpfully supported the application and had the scoring increased. An application has been made to the KCC COVID-19 Local Recovery Fund, KCCllr Lehmann has agreed £1,000 towards this. An application has also been made to the Queenborough Fishery Trust.

*ACTION: Clerk to ask whether the Council could increase its request to the Swale Eastern Area Committee.*

Cllr Duckworth asked whether planning permission was needed.

*ACTION: Clerk to contact Swale Borough Council for advice.*

**14. KALC COMMUNITY AWARD**

Cllr Fraser **PROPOSED** that the Council take part in the award in 2022; **SECONDED** by Cllr Cuthbert: **2- FOR, 2- AGAINST, 3- ABSTENTIONS:** the Chairman used his casting vote in favour of the motion: **MOTION CARRIED.**

Cllr Coates **PROPOSED** that the Parish Council nominate the candidate; **SECONDED** by Cllr Fraser: **5- FOR, 1- AGAINST, 1- ABSTENTION: MOTION CARRIED.**

*ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING.*

**15. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. 10.11.21- Helen Whately MP: newsletter
2. 10.11.21- Kent Police: Rural Task Force report and Summer Edition of Rural Matters
3. 12.11.21- Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council: response to the Swale Reg 18 consultation
4. 15.11.21- Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council: newsletter
5. 16.11.21- NALC CEO bulletin
6. 19.11.21- KALC Community Awards Scheme
7. 23.11.21- NALC CEO bulletin
8. 26.11.21- Planning Inspectorate: notice of hearing on Public Footpath ZR281 22 March 2022
9. 30.11.21- Swale Joint Transportation Board agenda
10. 01.12.21- Swale Community Safety Unit: My Community Voice
11. 06.12.21- NALC CEO bulletin
12. 08.12.21- Maidstone Borough Council: Local Plan Review Regulation 19 Consultation
13. 08.12.21- Swale Eastern Area Committee meeting on 16 December

Cllr Coates reported that Larissa Reed, Swale Borough Council Chief Executive, has invited the Chairman and Clerk to a Local Councils' Liaison Forum. Both will attend remotely.

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Jones reported that a KALC Area Committee meeting had been scheduled with George Myneham and James Freeman, this has been cancelled due to illness.

**Date of next Meeting:- Monday 10 January 2022**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.34pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman  
Date: 10 January 2022