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DUNTON GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting held at Dunton Green Pavilion on Tuesday 21st FEBRUARY 2017 at 7.30pm

PUBLIC SESSION

None.

1. PRESENT / APOLOGIES

Present: Cllrs Bayley, Mrs. England, Hersey, Piper, Lapham

Apologies: Cllrs. Lockey, Mrs. Gomes-Chodyniecki, Carrol

In attendance: Tracy Godden (Clerk), Kelly Webb (SDC)

2. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2017 were approved as a true record. Proposed - Cllr, Hersey Seconded - Cllr Mrs. England and Agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Pavilion Committee held on Tuesday 31st January 2017 were approved as a true record. Proposed - Cllr Mrs. England Seconded - Cllr. Piper and Agreed.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

4.1 Member Dispensations & Non-Pecuniary Interests: Requests for dispensations to be submitted to the Clerk for approval.

None.

4.2 Councillor vacancies / Co-option No update.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

Nothing to report not covered by the agenda.

6. **REPORTS OF URGENT ACTIONS** taken by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.

There had been a requirement between the January & February meetings to write & have signed 15 cheques. Councillors, having reviewed the supporting documentation, signed these and urgency certificates to confirm the action. Details of the cheques and payees are available under 'Accounts for Payment', Item 9 below.

7. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SAFETY

7.1 Community Development Officers Report

Kelly Webb had provided a report for members and highlighted the following areas:

- Lunch Club The volunteers coped well in February when the AgeUK chef was unwell and they had to prepare their own food at short notice. The volunteers are considering running a guiz at the March lunch club.
- Easy Netball The sessions will commence on 1st March 2017 and the publicity has been distributed
- Dunton Green Over 55's Social Club The Community Development Officers are continuing to support the sustainability of this group by assisting them to draw up a constitution and in opening a bank account.
- Health Walk -A letter will be sent to all walk participants to inform them that the health walk project will not be continuing from March 2017 due to lack of interest in leadership training.
- Youth Dance -sessions started on 11th of January 2017 with 7 participants regularly attending. This has enabled one of the two sessions to be delivered. To be able to offer the

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second session there would need to be more attendees. Of the 7 participants, 4 were happy to pay for the course in advance which has shown that they are happy to commit to the course. The Community Development Officers are proposing that the age range is extended to include younger participants in an attempt to increase participation in the sessions. The publicity will be altered accordingly.

- Film Night Following the success of the last film night where 32 people attended it has been confirmed that another Dunton Green Parish Council film night will be held. The new BFG film will be shown.
- 8 to 12's Project -. This project was launched on Monday 9th January at an opening event. In attendance was SDC Chairman Simon Raikes, Cllr Hogarth, Dunton and the sessions have been well attended. At a meeting with Dunton Green Primary School, the Community Development Officers received very positive feedback about the scheme and heard how improvements have already been seen in some of the young people that attend.
- Free February Half Term Activities In total 81 young people participated of which 60 live in Dunton Green. Feedback was very positive. Kelly to provide DGPC with numbers who attended (taking into account participation in more than one event).

Kelly Webb would also follow up regarding the Business Forum as there had been no developments reported there for quite some time.

7.2 PCSO Report

The PCSO had submitted a report for members as follows:

Crime reports from 25/01/2017 to 15/02/17 show 6 crime reports;

- Burglary house to house has been completed and the crime report is in the process of being allocated to an officer to investigate. PCSO to visit the address.
- Criminal damage damage to a garage on a dark country lane. The IP (injured party/victim) only wanted a report taken to make police aware and has already been provided with crime prevention advice.
- Criminal damage damage to a fence. PCSO to contact the IP.
- Burglary other than dwelling garage broken into. Crime prevention leaflets have been delivered in the area and PCSO will be trying to make contact with IP.
- Theft and criminal damage both occurred at Donnington Manor Hotel. Theft crime report has been linked to the criminal damage report and is currently being investigated. PCSO liaising with the investigating officer regarding this.

Regarding ASB; there is ongoing work being done regarding this. There have been 2 proactive action nights. The first resulted in an intelligence report for a vehicle and the second turned up no results as there weren't many people about. Resident calls regarding the smell of cannabis at the recreation ground were attended by two colleagues and all those there had their details taken. Those involved have also had house visits and have either been spoken to directly or we have spoken to their parents. A ASB warning letter has been issued to one individual and the PCSO and a member of the Community Policing Team are currently looking at arranging some more house visits.

7.3 Anti-Social Behaviour

As noted above under 7.2. Kelly Webb advised that she would arrange a follow up of the Task & Finish group.

Kelly Webb is thanked for attending and leaves the meeting.

7.4 Youth Provision

The Clerk and the Vice Chairman had arranged to meet Play Place on 22nd February to discuss the current situation and plans for programmes up to the summer holiday.

The Clerk had been made aware of alleged IT issues which had prevented Play Place being contacted by email since Christmas (and yet n-one had advised) or invoices from being issued since the autumn. There would be a report back to the meeting in March when it was hoped plans would have been formulated for new programmes.

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8. FINANCE

8.1 The Clerk presented the Council with a summary Bank Reconciliation to 2nd February 2017, which was noted and approved (Proposed - Cllr. Piper, Seconded - Cllr. Hersey and Agreed).

B: Adjusted Bank Balance			87,235.83
Plus unpresented receipts			0.00
			07,233.03
			87,235.83
4503: Refreshments	14.40		1,023.40
4501: Grounds Maintenance	150.00		
4500: Donation	100.00		
4498: Donation	750.00		
Less unpresented cheques 4481: Travel	9.00		
Loss uppresented shooties			
			88,259.23
Reserve 02/02/2017		78,980.62	
Current 02/02/2017		9,278.81	
Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
A: Cash in hand 02/02/2017			87,235.83
Payments 01/04/2016 - 02/02/2017			95,583.35
SUBTRACT			05 502 25
			182,819.18
Receipts 01/04/2016 - 02/02/2017			123,647.88
ADD			
Cash in hand 01/04/2016			59,171.32

8.2 Internal Auditor for 2016/17 accounts

The Clerk advised members that following the retirement of Kevin Funnell, the Parish Council's Internal Auditor (IA), it was necessary to appoint a new IA.

A possible successor had been identified and the Clerk provided members with some background information provided by Lionel Robbins to outline his competency to complete the task:

"Firstly, may I set out a little bit of my history so as to satisfy you that I am qualified to carry out the work. For most of my working life I was employed as a field auditor for the District Audit Service and most of that service was here in Kent. I have considerable experience of parish council audits. This was in the 1990s, before internal audit became compulsory for small bodies (such as parishes and Internal Drainage Boards). There was only the one (external) auditor. At the time a large part of the audit was work that is now done by internal auditors. More recently I have been working as the clerk to a medium sized parish council. This included, naturally enough, arranging for and managing the council's internal audit. Thus, I have experience of both being and employing an auditor. Since April 2016 I have been carrying out audits at a number of parishes in Kent."

It was agreed that as the employing Council decides the level and scope of audit coverage there was a requirement for the internal audit to cover the minimum consistent with the internal auditor being able to sign off the relevant part of the annual return. As the primary purpose of the audit appointment is to enable the Council to discharge its duty to maintain an internal audit as set out in the Accounts and Audit Regulations this leads to a minimum audit as follows:

The appointed auditor shall carry out only such reviews and testing as set out in Appendix 9 of the "Governance and accountability for smaller authorities 2016 a Practitioner's Guide" (commonly known as "the Practitioner's Guide") as will enable the auditor to certify the Council's annual return.

Additional reviews and testing may be carried out to meet a programme of work, previously agreed between the Council and the auditor, which goes further than certifying the annual return, or such additional reviews and testing may be carried out at the request of the Council.

It was noted that, consistent with Mr Funnell, Mr Robbins would be prepared to carry out the internal audit for £50 per hour. This would cover hours attended at DGPC premises; travel and the production of reports would be the responsibility of the auditor (and included in the price charged per hour on site). If, exceptionally, it was felt that additional work was necessary Mr Robbins would seek DGPC approval before starting it - as indicated above. Mr Robbins would also be prepared to provide advice by phone or e-mail within the agreed fee.

It was Proposed - Cllr. Lapham, Seconded - Cllr. Piper and Agreed that Mr Lionel Robbins be appointed to audit the 2016-17 accounts. A decision regarding an ongoing appointment would be made following the audit.

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9. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

9.1 It was resolved (Proposed - Cllrs. Piper, Seconded - Cllr. Lapham and Agreed) to approve for payment a list of cheques (with supporting documentation) as detailed below.

Payment Details:

Payment				1
4498	UC 001/2017			
	Dunton Green Primary School Donation towards capital			
	project	750.00		750.00
4499	UC 002/2017			
	Tunbridge Wells & District Samaritans Donation	50.00		50.00
4500	UC 003/2017			
	Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group Donation	100.00		100.00
4501	UC 004/2017			
	Alan J Davies grounds Maintenance Nov/Dec 2016	150.00		150.00
4502	UC 005/2017			
	Clerk's expenses: postage / computer mouse	38.03		38.03
4503	UC 006/2017			
	Mr I Bayley Refreshments for film night	14.40		14.40
4504	UC 007/2017			
	Automated Ltd Supply & installation of projector screen	945.00	189.00	1134.00
4505	UC 008/2017			
	Automated Ltd Supply of audio equipment	1750.00	350.00	2100.00
4506	UC 009/2017			
	SDC Cleaning of Mill Rd & Recreation Ground Jan '17	123.00	24.60	147.60
4507 /	UC 010/2017; UC 011/2017; UC 012/2017			
4508/	Staff salaries & expenses: (123-reg email mailbox			
4509	subscription / Office 365 Business Premium subscription)	2129.74		2129.74
4510	UC 013/2017			
	Mark Knight / Getting IT Working IT Support	300.00		300.00
4511	UC 014/2017			
	Pulse Cleaning Systems Ltd February pavilion cleaning	462.32	92.46	554.78
4512	UC 015/2017			
	Pulse Cleaning Systems Ltd window cleaning (Feb '17)	104.21	20.84	125.05
4513	Mrs A Gomes-Chodyniecki Travel expenses (2 nd			
	replacement cheque: replaces 4481 which has been lost)	9.00		9.00
4514	KCC Photocopier leasing to 28/02/17	120.19	24.01	144.23
4515	Play Place Innov8 CIC Three youth programmes Sep 16 to			
	Feb 17 inclusive	1764.00		1764.00
DD	SAGE UK Ltd Payroll software (due 16/02/17)	5.00	1.00	6.00
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DD	B&CE HSM Ltd (The People's Pension) (due 16/02/17)	191.13		191.13
DD	BT Telephone & Broadband (due 08/02/17)	66.07	13.21	79.28
DD	E.On (UMS elec for street lighting Jan 2017 (due 22/02/17)	253.53	50.71	304.24
DD	E.On Gas (pavilion Dec Jan due 06/02/17)	149.70	29.94	179.64
DD	E.On Electricity (pavilion Dec Jan due 06/02/17)	71.36	3.57	74.93

10. PLANNING

10.1 CURRENT PLANNING It was Proposed - Cllr Mrs. England, Seconded - Cllr. Lapham and Agreed to **ratify** recommendations made following Council consideration outside of a full Council meeting (as a result of deadlines for response):

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10.1a		
Application Number:	17/00084/HOUSE	
Location:	3 Shabhall Cottage Morants Court Road	
Development:	Erection of rear dormer	
Recommendation:	No Comment	
10.1b		
Application Number:	16/03313/HOUSE	
Location:	20 Lennard Road	
Development:	Demolition of existing garage to facilitate the erection of a two storey side extension, single storey conservatory and extension of the front porch	
Recommendation:	No Comment	

10.2 CURRENT PLANNING To consider the applications and to resolve to agree recommendations.

10.2a	
Application Number:	17/00232/HOUSE
Location:	Trenley 68 London Road
Development:	Proposed front dormer window. Removal of chimney. Pitched roof to existing rear dormer. Additional velux window on the left flank elevation at first floor level
Recommendation:	Support Proposed Cllr. Hersey, Seconded - Cllr Mrs. England and Agreed (one No Comment)
10.2b	
Application Number:	17/00347/HOUSE
Location:	34 Hillfield Road
Development:	Detached garage with store over (within roof space)
Recommendation:	No Comment
	Proposed - Cllr. Bayley, Seconded - Cllr. Hersey and Agreed
10.2c	
Application Number:	17/00339/HOUSE
Location:	23 London Road
Development:	Single storey rear extension
Recommendation:	No Comment Proposed - Cllr. Hersey, Seconded - Cllr. Lapham and Agreed
10.2d	
Application Number:	17/00293/FUL
Location:	24 Hillfield Road
Development:	Demolition of shed. Erection of a 2-bedroom dwelling
Recommendation:	Objection Proposed - Cllr. Hersey, Seconded - Cllr Mrs. England and Agreed
	The Parish Council has several concerns about this application. Firstly, the application form submitted with the plans appears to be incomplete and it is unclear how the application could have been accepted. Additionally, the plans appear to show the house reversed - the rear elevation looks as if it is the front elevation and vice

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Secondly, there is serious concern about the impact on parking of the proposal. There would be a significant impact on the road - the
area is used for on road parking by a number of residents and this
would be lost. The application itself provides for insufficient off
road parking spaces for the new dwelling and the proposal to build a
new dwelling appears to remove any and all parking opportunities
for the existing house (24 Hillfield Road) where there is no provision
for off road parking and reduction of on road spaces.

10.3 PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS It was resolved to note the decisions from SDC or the Planning Inspectorate.

10.3a	GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION
Application Number:	16/03843/HOUSE
Location:	Ladymead 4 Station Road
Development:	Erection of a single storey side extension with a roof light and a
	single storey rear extension with a flat roof and roof lantern
Grant:	Subject to conditions
10.3b	GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION
Application Number:	16/02900/MMA
Location:	Former West Kent Cold Store Rye Lane
Development:	Minor material amendment to application SE/16/00954/MMA
	relating to the redevelopment of the site comprising of 500
	residential units, 2,300sqm of commercial floorspace and a 460 sqm
	medical facility together with associated access roads, car parking,
	landscaping and open space. Proposed amendments to show design
_	and layout material amendments to Phase 8A.
Grant:	Subject to conditions
10.3c	WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION
Application Number:	16/01850/LBCALT
Location:	Donnington Manor Hotel London Road
Development:	The erection of replacement 1.8m fencing around the North
	Western, North Eastern and South Western boundaries and the
	provision of hedgerow planting. The erection of five replacement
	floodlight columns and the installation of fence mounted lighting
	units
10.3d	GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION
Application Number:	16/03404/FUL
Location:	104 London Road
Development:	Minor material amendment to application SE/16/01173/FUL for the
	replacement dwelling to show a set of 5m patio doors positioned
	centrally across the rear wall
Grant:	Subject to conditions
10.3e	GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION
Application Number:	16/03652/HOUSE
Location:	21 Donnington Road
Development:	Ground floor rear and side extension. Loft conversion and side dormers
Grant:	Subject to conditions

10.4 Letter Cobden Architectural Design Ltd re: Proposed development to land r/o 10 & 11 Hillfield Road

A letter had been received outlining a proposal for a development at the properties indicated. The access to the site (and/or parking requirements) requires land in the ownership of the Parish Council to make it viable. A set of scheme drawings had been provided and there was a request to discuss these with the council.





There was some discussion about the proposal and the principle of selling off or leasing publicly owned land. It was Proposed - Cllr. Lapham, Seconded - Cllr. Piper and Agreed (1 vote against) that the Parish Council is not inclined to sell land, particularly for private enterprise, and given that the land in question was gifted to the Parish Council as public open space with restrictions on what can and cannot be done with it the Parish Council is not willing to consider its sale.

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10.5 SDC - Local Plan: Open Space, Sport and Leisure Study request for confirmation of details Clerk to provide confirmation of site names and accuracy of boundaries (for DGPC owned land).

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10.6 SDC Local Plan - Call for Brownfield Land

Members agreed that there were no further brownfield sites within Dunton Green that could be put forward.

10.7 Green Belt reassessment

Information provided to members by the Clerk between meetings was noted and is detailed below: When there was a call for sites for possible housing development in the district there were a number identified in Dunton Green and these have now been considered (along with all of the sites put forward). There was a meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee on 17th January and whilst minutes are not yet available the conclusions of the various reports presented (and presumably agreed) at the meeting have been reported in the press.

Of note, it would seem that the land adjacent to the recreation ground has been identified as being an 'exceptional case' for development in the Green Belt. The area encompasses the Green Belt block that lies east of the main road, south of the M26, west of the railway line and north of Lennard Road. It therefore includes the land behind the village hall, John Dinnis's agricultural land, the recreation ground and the school.

There is a specific paragraph from an online news report about Dunton Green:

North of Dunton Green

A plot of land measuring 18. 4 hectares north of **Sevenoaks and Dunton Green** should be judged an "exceptional case" for green belt development, because it plays only a limited role in preventing urban sprawl. It is bound by the M26 to the north and the South Eastern main line to the east. Possible development should be considered further "due to its enclosed nature and scale, limited connection to the wider countryside and lesser role in preventing encroachment.

It was also noted, from a recent KALC meeting, that all of the Green Belt in the Sevenoaks District met at least one criterion for being designated as Green Belt. This was, however, a matter that should continue to be monitored.

11. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY AMENITIES

11.1 Pavilion

a) WKCS S106 Community Facilities Fund: DGPC Recreation Ground Project No updates to report on.

11.2 Recreation Ground

The only item to report on was the overdue maintenance to the pitch goal mouth area. Clerk to chase contractor again.

11.3 Grounds Maintenance

As indicated in Item 11.2 above.

It was noted that SDC would be undertaking some tree and hedge maintenance at St John's Churchyard and that work on the tress at the extreme ends of the village green had already been undertaken.

12. ALLOTMENTS

12.1 It was noted that Social Club is to re-issue the lease agreement with DGPC having not updated it previously. Both the Clerk and Cllr. Hersey (on separate occasions) had met with David White from the Social Club and it seemed that there were likely to be some changes with a new administration at the Club. As soon as details were forthcoming from the Club the Clerk would advise.

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13. FOOTPATHS (Public Rights of Way)

13.1 It was noted that there had been some KCC repairs to footpath in recreation ground. These had amounted to old worn tarmac areas being ground out and replaced with new tarmac in a somewhat haphazard fashion.

14. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

Nothing to report.

15. LIGHTING

Nothing to report.

16. EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

16.1 DGPC Events for 2016: feedback &/or progress updates (where applicable)

- a) Events Working Group
 - i. APM (22nd March)

The date had already been agreed and speakers (Alan Williams & Ed Thompson) had been booked as per the December meeting.

ii. Events from April 2017:

a. Fireworks

The Clerk had contacted Pyrovision for possible September dates and had also been provided with information about dusk times. It was agreed that the 2017display should take place on Saturday 30th September (with beacon lighting at 7.15pm and fireworks at 7.30pm). The Chairman asked that members reserve the date now as everyone was needed, where possible, to assist on the day of the event.

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b. Carols around the Christmas Tree: Monday 18th December at 7pm. It was confirmed that the tree would be put up on Saturday 2nd December. Cllr. Hersey also advised that two light controllers were not working and that he would investigate. However, it might be necessary to purchase new lights this year (something which would ideally need to be done well before the autumn when prices could be expected to increase in the lead up to Christmas).

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c. Photographic competition

After some discussion, it was agreed that the exhibition should take place on the day of the firework display as this would attract people to come in and view the photographs either before or after the display. This being the case there was a need to establish the dates for submission of entries (and a theme) so that this information could be included in the Sumer edition of the newsletter.

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d. Village Picnic

The date for this event was agreed for Sunday 9th July. Again, more details about the nature of the event were needed in good time for the Summer newsletter.

e. Remembrance Sunday: 12th November

f. Litter pick: Sunday 19th March

The Chairman advised that he would not be available for this and that it would be necessary for another councillor to take the lead.

16.2 Other events

It was noted that plans to hold a Parish Reception in the current financial year had been shelved as it had not been possible to set a date with the Donnington Manor Hotel who had offered to host an event. A review of if and when in the 2017/18 financial year an event should be hosted would need to be undertaken.

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17. COMMUNICATION

17.1 Newsletter

There had been issues this quarter with getting copy in time for the deadline and the preparation of Dunton Green News was behind schedule. Several suggestions for additional items were made which the Clerk noted. She would aim to have completed the newsletter, with input from the Chairman, as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for deliveries before the first events advertised in the newsletter. The Clerk would also organise the delivery arrangements (with as much as assistance from members as possible).

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17.2 Website / Media / Technology

IT support had been required to resolve several issues with the Parish Council's IT (including networking issues, Office 36 licencing issues (due to a major problem at Microsoft's end), file sharing and more). Mark Knight of Getting IT Working had found solutions for all of the Parish Council's current issues (having spent quite some considerable time working on the issues to resolve them) with the exception of the poor internet connection which was a result of the inability to upgrade to superfast broadband due to no spare capacity in the cabinet. This was an issue that the Clerk had been chasing for almost two years now with no real end in sight (although SDC had recently been informed that additional capacity was likely by the end of March). A report had been provided for members so that possible improvements to the IT infrastructure might be considered once a more reliable broadband service was installed.

The Clerk would work on the new website platform with a view to this being launched by the end of March.

18. CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION / ACTION

The National Allotment	Invitation to 2017 AGM Saturday 1st April 2pm Tunbridge Wells
Society	
	Cllr. Hersey would attend. Clerk to forward details.
UK Power Networks	Re: Help vulnerable people in your community access free extra
	support during a power cut
	Noted
KALC	Annual KALC Membership & Training Survey 2017
	Clerk to complete

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FROM RESIDENTS / BUSINESS OWNERS / LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Kent, Surrey & Sussex	Donation request
Air Ambulance Trust	It was Proposed - Cllr. Piper, Seconded - Cllr. Lapham and Agreed
	that a donation of £100 should be made
West Kent Mediation	Donation request
	It was Proposed - Cllr. Piper, Seconded - Cllr Mrs. England and Agreed that a donation of £50 should be made

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FOR INFORMATION

The items of correspondence below were NOTED by the Parish Council:

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Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport	Letter of thanks		
Group			
Dunton Green Primary School PTA	Letter of thanks		
Tunbridge Wells & District	Letter of thanks		
Samaritans			
Dunton Green Primary School	Letter of thanks		
Local Councils Update	Jan/Feb 2017		
KALC	Kent Estates Partnership Board - membership of KALC		
	on the board		

19. INFORMATION PURPOSES

Saturday Freighter: 25th February 2017 (there had been a mix up at SDC and the scheduled collection on 11th February did not take place; this had then been reorganised for 18th February but Halstead PC had vetoed this and the date had been agreed as 25th).

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20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20.1 Date of next meeting Scheduled: Tuesday March $14^{\rm st}$ 2017 at Dunton Green Pavilion

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None.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.



