

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Doddington Village Hall on Monday 8 January 2018

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

Also present were Community Warden Dave Osborne and two members of the public.

Cllr Attwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies Apologies had been received from KCCllr Bowles (recuperating) and SBCllr Prescott (Mayoral duties): 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 11 December 2017 Councillors considered the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2017 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 Cllr Attwood said planning application 17/505025/FULL Land North Of Homestall Road Doddington needed clarification, the lawful certificate 16/503761/LDCEX was granted for one caravan and not two as stated last month. The Parish Council supported Swale Borough Council's restriction.
6. Community Warden Report Community Warden Dave Osborne reported he had been contacted by Cllr Coates concerning an issue with doorstep callers. Mr Osborne contacted the PCSO but there were unable to trace the callers. In bad weather residents must use reputable tradesmen to carry out repairs and must not use doorsteps callers. Cllr Coates said he had someone at his door selling dusters. A lady in the village was also visited and she called 101 and was told by the Police that the Probation Service does do this, the response was not very good as this is not the case. The caller was aggressive to several people in the village. Mr Osborne said the Probation Service are not involved in doorstep selling but are involved with Community Payback schemes through local groups and organisations. There are gangs of doorstep sellers from Thanet and Sheerness and they sell poor quality goods at inflated prices. Cllr Attwood thanked Mr Osborne for his report and for attending the meeting.
7. Neighbourhood Watch Report Mrs Jackson, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, had sent apologies for being unable to attend the meeting and reported there have been no incidences in the Parish.
8. Public Question Time <i>The meeting was adjourned for the Public Time.</i>

A resident expressed concern that there was no report of the telephone mast in the Newsletter report although it is in the minutes on the website.

Cllr Attwood declared a pecuniary interest, left the room and signed the Members Declarations of Interests book.

Cllr Haynes took the Chair.

The Clerk said she writes the letter and is unable to include everything from the meeting.

The resident said it is very conspicuous and asked if it can be blended in to reduce the visual impact.

Cllr Cuthbert said the visibility of the mast depended on from where you were in the village.

The Council was assured it would be of a simple lattice design and unobtrusive. If viewed from Down Court Road it is significant, if you view it from the west end of the village you can hardly see it.

Cllr Haynes **PROPOSED** to write to Swale Planning Department with a photograph and inform them it is not what was agreed and request a site visit; **SECONDED** by Cllr Jones: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Cllr Haynes thanked the residents for attending.

The meeting reconvened and Cllr Attwood returned to the meeting.

9. War Memorial

There was nothing to report.

10. Planning Matters

i. Ref: 16/507020/FULL Appeal Ref: APP/V2255/W/17/3172935

Address: The Retreat Elverland Lane Ospringe

Proposal: Permission is sought for change of use of land to a residential caravan site, for two Romani Gypsy families. The site to contain two static caravans, two touring caravans, hardstanding and associated residential parking, a water treatment plant and a new highway access. (Part retrospective)

Cllr Attwood said the Parish Council objected to the original application and he would check to see if there is anything else to raise with the Planning Inspector.

ii. Ref: 17/506453/FULL

Address: Keepers Cottage Sharsted Wood Doddington Kent ME9 0JU

Proposal: Part demolition of existing building, including existing loft conversion, new loft conversion to create first floor level, creation of balcony to South-West elevation, installation of Velux rooflights and internal/external alterations

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

11. Finance

i. Councillors Expenses

None were claimed.

ii. Clerks pay and expenses

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay the Clerk's salary £657.50 and expenses of £38.05 a total of £695.55 (cheque no 1141)

iii. Invoices for Payment

a. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Landscape Services second instalment for Playing Field Maintenance £133.31 (cheque no 1142)

iii. Precept Bid 18/19 - To consider budget workings and precept setting figures

Councillors considered the budget workings for the next financial year.

Cllr Haynes **PROPOSED** a precept of £8500; **SECONDED** by Cllr Attwood: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Coates, Cllr Cuthbert and the Clerk for attending the budget working group meeting.

12. Defibrillator

<p>Cllr Coates reported that he has spoken to the Chairman at Newnham Parish Council and has offered to go to their meeting to give feedback on the experience from when the defibrillator was used at Doddington. The Councils will not be able to share spares as the defibrillator models are different.</p> <p>Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Coates for his report.</p>
<p>13. Speed Watch</p> <p>Cllr Fraser reported the figures recorded were fairly average for the month. The inspector from Maidstone and has recalibrated the equipment to record speeds over forty-six miles per hour. High levels of speeding vehicles continue to be recorded in Wychling and it has been ascertained that the signs comply with legal requirements for a thirty mile per hour limit.</p> <p>Cllr Jones reported that another Wychling resident has volunteered to join the Speed Watch team.</p> <p>Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Fraser for his report.</p>
<p>14. Playing Field</p> <p><u>i. Cllr Duckworth's monthly report</u></p> <p>Cllr Duckworth said there was little to report, the recent high winds did not bring anything down. The moss will be treated when the conditions are suitable. The bench at the Dully Hill end of the playing field is beginning to show signs of deterioration and could be a future expense. The swing will be painted when the weather gets warmer and drier.</p> <p>Cllr Cuthbert said when the bench needs to be replaced it could be done as a memorial bench. There is a beech tree which overhangs a house adjacent to the playing field and the owner has asked if he can remove it.</p> <p>Councillors AGREED the resident can remove the bough.</p> <p>Cllr Attwood reported that Streetscape have submitted a quotation for five pieces of outdoor fitness equipment and they will help obtain funding, if no funding is forthcoming there is no obligation to purchase the equipment. Newnham Parish Council is hoping to install some fitness equipment at Sharsted Sports Ground and are holding a consultation event on Saturday 13 January between 12.30-2.30pm at the village hall. Doddington councillors would be most welcome to come along.</p> <p>Cllr Jones said there were two responses regarding fitness equipment in Doddington and this is not enough to suggest residents want this.</p> <p>Cllr Cuthbert said that some of the equipment in the quotation needs two people so this could restrict usage.</p> <p>Cllr Duckworth said that two sets of fitness equipment within two miles could be too much, there would also be parking issues at Doddington.</p> <p>Cllr Haynes PROPOSED the matter should be left for a year to see what happens at Newnham and how much the equipment is used: AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
<p>15. Highways</p> <p>Cllr Attwood informed Members that Alan Blackburn, KCC Highways, has asked for the request for a risk assessment at the Church Lane junction- be converted to a CSM enquiry for the Traffic Schemes Team to respond to.</p> <p>KCC Highways has investigated the Lenham Hill sign and no further action is planned.</p> <p>The blocked drains and gullies in the Parish are under investigation.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Clerk to contact KCC again as the drains are blocked with debris.</i></p> <p>Lenham Parish Council still does not have a date yet for a meeting with KCC about the A20 junction.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Clerk to contact Lenham Parish Council for an update.</i></p> <p>Cllr Duckworth reported that there is a large puddle where the new drain was installed in the Ringlestone Road.</p>
<p>16. Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 15.12.17 SBC: Rural Crime Training, Monday 29 January 2018. 2. 19.12.17 KCC: The Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 (KMWLP) consultation.

<p>3. 04.01.18 NALC briefing note for Data Protection Officer Cllr Attwood said NALC are suggesting the Clerk cannot be the Data Protection Officer. Cllr Jones asked whether there could be a reciprocal arrangement with Newnham Parish Council. <i>ACTION: Clerk to contact Newnham Parish Council.</i></p> <p>4. 04.01.18 Faversham Town Council: Agenda and minutes for the Faversham Local Engagement Forum. Cllr Fraser said he and Cllr Coates will attend the Forum.</p> <p>5. 04.01.18 SBC: Joint Transportation Board Minutes.</p> <p>6. 05.01.18 KCC Doorstep criminal alert.</p>
<p>17. Any Other Business No other matters were raised.</p>

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 12 February 2018

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

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

.....Chairman
Dates 12 February 2018