

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Doddington Village Hall on
Monday 8 October 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Also present were KCCllr Andrew Bowles, Mr Dave Osborne (Community Warden) and one member of the public.

1. Apologies

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Haynes took the Chair.

Cllr Haynes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Kevin Attwood (work), apologies accepted.

Apologies had also been received from SBCllr Colin Prescott apologies noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

No 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 10 September 2018

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2018 as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Haynes.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- Church Lane junction- the Clerk reported there has been no response from KCC.
ACTION: Clerk to contact Kent Highways again.

- The Retreat- Cllr Jones asked if Swale should be requested to enforce the notice.

KCCllr Bowles reported he had attended the appeal hearing, the appeal was turned down. The Planning Inspector's decision needs to be checked to see how long the applicant was given to leave.

6. COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

Mr Dave Osborne, the Community Warden, reported that between 8:20am and 3:50pm on 21 September, a Carrera Cycle, a B1 Mistral Race, with new seat and pedals, a hedge trimmer and various other items were stolen from a shed in Pleasant View Doddington Sittingbourne.

Between 26 and 27 September, a tack room was broken into at Frith Farm Otterden Faversham.

Between 15 and 16 September an outbuilding in Lynsted Court Lynsted Sittingbourne was broken into and garden equipment, plus a padlock was stolen.

Between 9am and 7pm on 21 September, a drill a lawnmower, a strimmer and a telescope were stolen from a garden shed in Upper-Rodmersham, Rodmersham,

Outbuildings and sheds must be kept secure and property should be security marked.

There have been two reports of flying tipping in the area over the last month the first in Old Lenham Lane which has been reported to Swale Borough Council and the second by the playing field which was cleared by Biffa.

A telephone call was received from a resident who was complaining about parents parking outside the school at drop off and pick up times. The school in question was in Doddington Lincolnshire.

There has been an increase in opportunistic crimes across Swale and this rises during March and April

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

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Apologies had been received from Mrs Jackson, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for being unable to attend and had reported there has been a serious theft from a shed to the north of Doddington, not long after what appears to have been a possible planned break-in in the west of the village. Between 8:20am and 3:50pm on 21 September, a Carrera Cycle, a B1 Mistral Race, with new seat and pedals, a hedge trimmer and various other items were stolen from a shed in Pleasant View Doddington Sittingbourne. Sheds and garages must be made secure.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No matters were raised.

9. WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Haynes reported Listed Building Consent is not required for the War Memorial but the Conservation Officer needs confirmation, from the stone mason, that the lettering would be the same font and size as existing entries.

Cllr Duckworth said the stone mason has suggested overpaint new letters on to the memorial ignoring the carving but there is no indication how long it will last.

Cllr Jones said any additions should be in the same style as existing names and only have the initials of the first names.

Councillors agreed there should be a meeting with Mr Seyler and a representative from Newnham Parish Council to discuss the matter.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange a meeting.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

18/504562/FULL Ellens Court Lady Margaret Manor Road Doddington ME9 0NT

Alterations and extensions to existing residential care home to provide 12no. bedrooms and 2no. self contained two bedroom units with associated facilities. Erection of a single storey building to provide 4no. supported living self contained apartments, a new work shop building and associated landscape works.

Cllr Haynes said notification of the application had been received today.

The Clerk confirmed the planning officer has agreed to allow an extension so the matter can be considered at the next meeting.

11. FINANCE

i. Councillors Expenses

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to reimbursement Cllr Duckworth for wood stain for benches, £33.99 (cheque no 1165)

ii. Clerk's salary and expenses July- September 2018

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Mrs W Licence salary £657.86 and expenses £37.66, total of £695.52 (cheque no 1161) and HMRC PAYE £5.20 (cheque no 1162).

iii. To receive 2nd precept instalment

Cllr Haynes reported the second precept instalment of £4250 has been received.

iv. Invoices for Payment

a) N Swatland- half year playing field maintenance

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Mr Swatland £200 (1163) for the first half year grounds maintenance.

b) Kent County Playing Fields Association subscription

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay the subscription to Kent County Playing Fields Association £20.00 (1164)

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

v. Half yearly accounts for approval

Duly noted.

12. DEFIBRILATOR

There was nothing to report.

13. SPEED WATCH

Cllr Fraser reported the sessions have been continuing and have made a difference in Doddington. A session in Wychling, from 7.30am-9.30am, recorded forty-two vehicles speeding west bound, towards Lenham, in a ninety-minute period, at least seven vehicles were travelling at over 40mph and three were going faster than the equipment could record, meaning over 46mph. the figures will be presented to Community Speed Watch who can use enforceable equipment.

Cllr Jones said that of three hundred and ninety-two vehicles passing through Doddington, thirteen were recorded as speeding and two drivers received a second letter meaning it was the second time they had been recorded. Speed Watch is an effective deterrent as most drivers are not recorded speeding again on the national data base.

Cllr Fraser said there are many more drivers recorded in Wychling as a second time.

Cllr Haynes thanked Cllr Fraser and Cllr Jones for their report.

14. PLAYING FIELD

i. Monthly report

Cllr Duckworth informed members the grass cutting had been reasonable for the season but now needs another cut.

ACTION: Clerk to contact contractor for another cut.

Cllr Duckworth said the benches have been treated although the bench near West End is not in a good condition. A bench had been moved and propped up against the tree at the garage end of the field but this has been returned to its original position and bolted down. The swing seat needs to be ordered.

ACTION: Clerk to order swing seat.

Cllr Fraser said he will contact the contractor to paint the swing frames.

Cllr Duckworth said rubbish had been dumped outside the double gates and this was removed by Biffa.

Cllr Fraser said there was various pieces of chipboard and general rubbish.

Cllr Cuthbert said this needs to have been reported on the Country Eye App which reports back to Swale Borough Council, the rubbish is collected and investigated. It is important that when using a waste removal contractor, residents ensure the contractor has a licence or they would be liable for any flytipping.

Cllr Duckworth said the overgrowth in the corner of the field will be addressed by Cllr Fraser and Cllr Cuthbert.

15. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Haynes said the drains in Spratts Hill has been reported to KCC. Cllr Attwood and the land owner will deal with the issue at the lagoons.

Cllr Duckworth said the drains in Ringlestone Road were meant to have been cleaned but they flooded afterwards, there had been no attempt to clear the soakaway.

Cllr Jones said this had been reported at the flooding meeting.

Cllr Haynes said KCC Flood and Water Management team have suggested a date for a meeting but the hall was not available.

Cllr Jones said the meeting needs to have the KCC Drainage officer there as well.

KCCllr Bowles said they are separate departments and separate directorates. There have been meetings in other parishes affected by the storm on 29 May, the numbers of affected houses continues to rise.

***ACTION:** Clerk to liaise with both KCC teams and Helen Whatley MP, to arrange another meeting.*

16. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 17.09.18- Cllr Bowles's newsletter

2. 17.09.18- KCC Streetworks: Emergency Road Closure - The Street, Doddington - 17 September 2018

3. 17.09.18- KCC Streetworks: Emergency Road Closure - Old Lenham, Doddington - 18 September 2018

4. 20.09.18- Invitation to Helen Whatley, MP, Brexit meeting

5. 20.09.18- Lenham Parish Council: notice of Neighbourhood Plan consultation

6. 24.09.18- KCC Highways invitation to the Parish Seminar 2 November

7. 24.09.18- copy of email sent by resident to KCC regarding drains.

8. 03.10.18- Helen Whatley MP: Briefing note

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Fraser said the Faversham Local Engagement Forum is on 16 October and he will be attending.

Cllr Haynes asked if the Council will lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

Councillors agreed to purchase a wreath.

The KALC AGM will be on 17 November, the Parish Council can send two attendees.

Cllr Jones said there is a campervan parked on the road by the playing field.

***ACTION:** Clerk to write to garage for an update.*

KCCllr Bowles said following the site meeting at the Lenham junction, work has been proposed although not everyone is happy with the proposal. There will be another meeting.

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 12 November 2018

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.29pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Dated: 12 November 2018