

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the meeting of Doddington Parish Council on 8 February 2016

Present: Cllr Cuthbert (Chair), Cllr Attwood (Vice Chair), Cllr Coates, Cllr Duckworth, Cllr Fraser, Cllr Haynes and Cllr Jones; and Mrs Licence (Clerk).

Also present were KCllr Bowles and one member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from SBCllr Prescott- apology noted

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Attwood declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 11 Planning Matters ii. Temple Lodge and signed the Declaration of Interests Book.

Cllr Haynes declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 13 as he has provided a laptop for the Clerk through his company at cost price and signed the Declaration of Interests Book.

3. TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY ITEMS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

None were identified.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2016

Councillors considered the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record. Cllr Cuthbert duly signed the minutes as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Apologies had been received from the Mrs Jackson for being unable to attend the meeting and a written report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Cuthbert said the Community Warden has been made aware of incidents in the village and expressed thanks to Mrs Jackson for her work as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

7. COMMUNITY WARDEN

Apologies had been received from the Community Warden for being unable to attend the meeting and a report had been sent detailing issues over the past month as well as details of scams.

8. SPEED WATCH

Cllr Cuthbert reported that Speed Watch training had taken place and the team is now ready to go out, several sessions close together would be most effective. Guy Rollinson said that two people in a team is sufficient and three is ideal.

Cllr Fraser said he has contacted Newnham Parish Council and they are due to go out at the end of the week.

ACTION: Cllr Fraser to liaise with Newnham Parish Council to obtain dates to use the equipment.

Cllr Coates said Guy Rollinson is willing to assess other suitable sites for Speed Watch.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Guy Rollinson.

Cllr Coates asked whether all interested parties had been contacted.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate volunteer list.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Cuthbert thanked KCllr Bowles for attending the meeting.

A resident said he has volunteered to help with Speed Watch and is willing to help with imputing data.

Cllr Cuthbert thanked the resident for his help.

10. DEFIBRILLATOR

There was nothing to report.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

i. Application: 16/500071/LDCEX

Address: Downings The Street Doddington Kent ME9 0BH

Proposal: A certificate of lawful development for an existing use of agricultural land to garden land

Cllr Cuthbert said this is a factual application to establish whether unauthorised use of agricultural land for garden purposes is now lawful. There have been no objections and it seems that the land has been used as a garden for over ten years.

ii. Ref: 16/500294/FULL

Address: Temple Lodge Temple Farm Doddington Kent ME9 0NX

Proposal: Removal of condition (xii) from SW/89/1276 (Conversion of existing outbuildings)

Cllr Attwood left the room during the consideration of this application.

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

iii. Ref: 15/510499/FULL

Address: The Retreat Faversham Road Newnham Kent ME13 0SP

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, parking for four vehicles with associated hardstanding, and septic tanks/water treatment plants as required. This application is part retrospective.

Councillors considered the application and concern was expressed that it was a development in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; it has not been identified in the Local Plan; there is no water treatment plant; there is no sanitation or utilities; it is not near a school; it would not provide stable living conditions for children and access to the site is inadequate. The Chairman had also received numerous objections from residents.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to object to the application.

iv. Any planning matter received by 8 February 2016

No other matters had been received.

12. WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Cuthbert informed members that he and Cllr Duckworth had met with one of the volunteers to consider the damage which had been caused. The hand rail will be replaced when the ground dries up and Cllr Cuthbert will remove a branch. The lower part of the steps become slippery when wet and Cllr Cuthbert will contact the War Memorials Trust for advice.

13. FINANCE

i. Councillors Expenses

Cllr Duckworth £6.98 hose nozzle for spraying moss killer at play area

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY -cheque number 1080

Invoices for Payment

i. Swale Borough Council- election costs- £69.60

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY -cheque number- 1077

ii. Any invoice for approval received by 8 February 2016

Mr R Oldfield: Allotment rent £1.00

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY -cheque number 1078

Village Hall: Hall hire July – Dec (excluding August) 10 hours @ £9 per hour TOTAL £90

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY -cheque number 1079

ComputerTel: Laptop £294.00

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY -cheque number 1080

14. PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Duckworth informed Councillors that there are no issues with the playing field although the grass is long. The moss will be sprayed when there is a suitable dry day.

15. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Duckworth said he will report the pot holes in the new road surface to the engineer and also the problem with the drain grid being in the wrong place

Cllr Haynes reported water and mud had been flowing out of the field adjoining the fencing yard.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 22.1.2016: Member Training on Material Considerations in Planning on Thursday 18 February

2. 22.1.2016: Draft minutes of KALC AGM

3. 25.1.2016: KALC Health and Safety Level Accreditation Training on 9 & 16 June 2016 9:30 am at Sevenoaks (cost £120 per session)

4. 25.1.2016: KCC Consultation on the Mobile Library Service

Cllr Cuthbert informed Members that It is proposed to change the fortnightly stops at Sunnyside from Tuesday to Wednesday and to withdraw the service from The Street.

ACTION: Clerk to inform residents via the Newsletter.

5. 25.1.2016: KCPFA Newsletter

6. 25.1.2016: KALC SAC agenda

7. 28.1.2016: KALC Planning Conference on Monday 7 March 2016 at Lenham

8. 29.1.2016: SBC Parish Councils Register of Interests- SBC have been awaiting an update to the software system and the uploading of the registers is scheduled for mid- February 2016.

9. 29.01.2016: KALC Chairmanship Conference on 26 February at East Malling

10. 02.02.2016: KCC Electoral Review

11. 03.02.16- NALC: Bulletin on National Developments and Meetings

12. 03.02.2016 Kent's Community Speed Watch Newsletter- Practitioner's Conference on Sat 23 April 2016 10:00 to 14:30

13. 03.02.2016 NALC Update To Model Financial Regulations

14. 05.02 2016: Newsletter from KCCllr Bowles.

17. AOB

Cllr Cuthbert said that a resident has asked whether the village website is still live.

Cllr Coates said the website has not been updated for a while and a resident has been approached to take over as webmaster

To be considered at the next meeting.

Cllr Jones said the Clerk needs to have an appraisal before the end of March.

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

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 14 March 2016