

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Doddington Village Hall on Monday 13 November 2017

Present: Cllr Kevin Attwood (Chairman), Cllr Philip Haynes (Vice Chairman), Cllr Steve Coates; Cllr Graham Cuthbert, Cllr Peter Duckworth and Cllr Kevin Fraser; 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.

All in attendance at the meeting stood and observed one minutes silence in memory of the recent spate of tragic losses of local residents: Mr Henry Oldfield, Mrs Sandra Parker, Mr Alan Bayford and Mr Alex Politowicz.

<p>1. Apologies Apologies had been received from Cllr Colin Jones (holiday): apologies accepted. Apologies had also been received from KCCllr Bowles (at another meeting) and SBCllr Prescott (Mayoral duties): apologies noted.</p>
<p>2. Declarations of Interest None were declared.</p>
<p>3. To Determine whether any items should be discussed in closed session None were identified.</p>
<p>4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 October 2017 Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Haynes for taking the Chair at the meeting. Councillors considered the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2017 and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Attwood.</p>
<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HugoFox is committed to providing a free website, the Clerk has started work on the new site.• Plane trees at Sunnyside- BT have attended the site and have no concerns about the trees. <p><i>ACTION: Clerk to inform the resident who raised concerns.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lenham Crossroads- Lenham Parish Council is organising a meeting with KCC in December to discuss the junction. Cllr Cuthbert and Cllr Duckworth will attend the meeting. Clerk will forward to Lenham Parish Council the previous letter to KCC Highways from the Parish Council highlighting concerns with the new layout.
<p>6. Community Warden Report Dave Osborne, Community Warden, reported that it has been quiet in the village. A van which had been parked in Chequers Hill has had two car mats stolen from it. Details of the lasted scams have been circulated to Councillors.</p>
<p>7. Neighbourhood Watch Report Mrs Jackson, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, had sent apologies for being unable to attend the meeting and reported that there had not been any very local problems to report</p>

for some time but scams are definitely taking over from the more traditional crime of robbery and car theft.

8. Public Question Time

No matters were raised.

9. War Memorial

Cllr Attwood reported that Mr Seyler has planted bulbs at the War Memorial.

Cllr Cuthbert said the Vicar had thanked the team for clearing the War Memorial garden for the Remembrance Day Service. Around fifty people attended the service. The full names of the fallen were read out and also the names of those who are not on the Memorial.

10. Planning Matters

i. Ref: 17/505025/FULL

Address: Land North Of Homestall Road Doddington Kent ME9 0LB

Proposal: Re-contouring of land, construction of earth bund, laying of hardstanding, formation of new access, erection of amenity building and creation of 2no. parking spaces (part retrospective).

Cllr Attwood reported the application has been put on hold pending serving notice on Highways England for access and then when this has been resolved it will go out for consultation.

ii. Ref: 17/505509/SUB

Address: The Square Chequers Hill Doddington ME9 0BN

Proposal: Submission of Details to Discharge Condition 30 (Foul Drainage) Subject to 14/501545/FULL

Councillors noted the application.

Cllr Cuthbert said a notice has been put up regarding the change of footpath route from South Down to Chequers Hill.

Concern was raised as to why the Parish Council had not been informed of the notice by KCC.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up.

11. Finance

i. Councillors Expenses

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to reimburse Cllr Attwood £20 for the poppy wreath and £25.99 for the bulbs for the War Memorial garden (cheque no 1136).

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to reimburse Cllr Coates for the spare defibrillator pads and preparation kit £111.20 (cheque no 1137).

ii. Invoices for Payment

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to reimburse the Clerk for the laptop lead and memory stick £57.58 (cheque no 1138).

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Tunstall Parish Council a share of the Finance Conference £12 (cheque no 1139).

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Mr N Swatland the first instalment of the Playing Field maintenance £200 (cheque no 1140).

iii. Half yearly accounts for approval

Noted and approved.

12. Defibrillator

Cllr Coates reported that following an incident when the defibrillator was used, consideration needs to be given as to publicising the location; where the defibrillator should be returned after use and the replacement of parts. When the person needed to find the defibrillator, he went to The Chequers, the Council needs to consider if more could be done to publicise the

location to avoid losing time in an emergency. The person was very praiseworthy of the fact there was a defibrillator in the village.

Cllr Attwood said it could be publicised in the Newsletter and there could be a bigger sign.

Cllr Coates said the pads had been used and the kit had been used, the spare pads are dated to the end of November. Further pads have been purchased and the spare pads are in the top left cupboard in the Village Hall kitchen for easy access in case of future use.

Cllr Cuthbert said it would be good to liaise with Newnham Parish Council to see if it would be possible to use their spare pads if necessary and for it to be a reciprocal arrangement.

ACTION 1: Cllr Coates to draw up an article for the newsletter and liaise with Newnham Parish Council.

ACTION 2: Clerk to contact SECAMB regarding possible extra signage and whether a phone app was available.

ACTION 3: Cllr Coates to put councillor's contact information in the defibrillator cabinet.

ACTION 4: The clerk will retain the model number and order spares for the defibrillator when necessary.

ACTION 5: Cllr Coates to contact Newnham Parish Council.

Cllr Coates reported the passive infrared sensor is not working.

ACTION: Cllr Coates to check the unit and, if necessary, ask an electrician to attend.

Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Coates for his report and also for putting the defibrillator back in order after it was used.

13. Speed Watch

Cllr Fraser reported there had been three Speed Watch sessions and two of the sessions had recorded only one vehicle speeding while the third session had recorded ten vehicles opposite North Downs and The Chequers with one vehicle recorded travelling at 40mph and another at 41mph.

Cllr Coates said a driver was reported to the police for making a rude gesture. Following the recent Faversham and District Local Engagement Forum, a Councillor from Dunkirk observed a Speed Watch session in Doddington.

Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Fraser and Cllr Coates for their reports and thanked them and the team who are helping with the work.

14. Playing Field

i. Monthly report

Cllr Fraser reported there will be one more cut in November from Commercial Services. Cllr Duckworth and Cllr Fraser have treated all the benches in the playing field and they hope to cut back the ivy on the trees at the top of the field.

Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Duckworth and Cllr Fraser for their work at the playing field.

Cllr Cuthbert said he has looked at the bush in the corner near the garage and will cut it back. There are three sycamore trees which can be lifted out with a tractor.

ii. To consider playing field usage

Cllr Attwood said two responses have been received and both were in favour of additional equipment for adults.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain prices and look into funding.

15. Highways

Cllr Attwood reported KCC Highways is unable to carry out the resurfacing of The Street due to lack of funds.

Cllr Haynes said KCC Highways may not be aware of the increase in traffic over the past two years, not just cars but also HGVs.

Cllr Duckworth said that where the road has been patched the repairs are shrinking causing gaps in the surface which would be affected by freezing weather.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Alan Blackburn, KCC Highways.

Cllr Cuthbert said the potholes near the edge of the road have been marked between Down Court Road and Church Lane, also the pot holes in Old Lenham Road.

Cllr Attwood said it is important to keep reporting the pot holes.

Cllr Cuthbert said he had looked at the signage in the village and there are very few redundant signs. A report will be submitted to Councillors by email.

Church Lane junction

Cllr Haynes reported KCC Highways have carried out a Risk Assessment at the junction although nothing will happen until after the inquest on 13 February 2018. There have been many accidents at the junction.

ACTION: Cllr Attwood to contact the landowner to request he considers taking action regarding the hedge at the bottom of Church Lane to improve the sight line to the north.

16. Correspondence

1. 11.10.17: KALC Crime Prevention and Safety Conference at Ditton Community Centre 7 December 2017 9:30- noted.
2. 11.10.17: KALC Community Awards Scheme 2018- *circulated*
Councillors agreed to take part in the Scheme.
3. 4. 20.10.17: SBC Draft Statement of Community Involvement 2017- noted.
5. 20. 10.17: Kent Downs AONB Landscapes of the Mid Kent Downs - Draft review- noted.
6. 23.17: KALC Parish News- noted.
7. 23.10.17: Cllr Bowles' Newsletter- noted.
8. 23.10.17: Kent County Playing Fields Association Newsletter- noted.
9. 01.11.17: Swale Borough Council - Landscape Designation Review- noted.
10. 07.11.17: NALC News release- noted.
11. 13.11.17: KCCllr Bowles' Newsletter- noted.
12. 13.11.17: Rural Matters- *distributed at the meeting by the Community Warden.*

17. Any Other Business

No other matters were raised.

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 11 December 2017

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

.....Chairman
Dates 11 December 2017