

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Doddington Village Hall on Monday 12 December 2022

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

Also present was one member of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Coates welcomed everyone to the meeting.

All Members were present.

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Rich Lehmann (at another meeting) and Ward Member David Simmons (at another meeting)

It was agreed that planning items would be dealt with at the end of the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Attwood declared a pecuniary interest in planning applications 21/503914/EIOUT and 21/503906/EIOUT, being landowner within the application.

Cllr Cuthbert declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 22/505612/FULL, being owner of the adjoining property.

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

None were identified.

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2022

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
Cllr Coates duly signed the minutes as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING (except those issues appearing under specific headings)

Cllr Coates informed Members that the missing step on footpath ZR281 had been reported on the KCC portal and the Public Rights of Way Officer had made a site visit.

Cllr Coates said communication had been received from a resident asking for a clarification to be made to the "minutes" relating to the item regarding PROW ZR281. (This was actually a reference to the newsletter item). Councillors considered the resident's request and agreed that this should be clarified. The Order, made by the Planning Inspector, confirmed the modification and realignment of the Public Right of Way.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Cllr Coates said that Sally Mills, the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator had submitted a report, the only incident in the last month was a stolen number plate. Cllr Coates thanked Ms Mills for her sterling work.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time

A resident raised concerned about the planning applications for Ellens Court, acknowledging that the principle of an extension had been approved however the

applications were seeking to intensify the units in an unsustainable location. The current development is having an impact on the transport infrastructure, a fresh highways assessment is needed. There is a lot of information missing from the application to make it a lawful application. The proposed materials are cheap and inadequate and do not contribute to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The extra units will increase the number of staff needed and also the number of visitors; the bus service will stop next February and transport needs to be considered.

Cllr Coates thanked the resident for attending.

The meeting was reconvened.

8. HIGHWAYS

Drainage and Flooding

Cllr Jones reported that the Kings Acre lagoon works has been completed, hedging for the bunds is due on 20 December.

Cllr Coates thanked Cllr Jones for his report.

9. FINANCE

i. Councillors Expenses

There were none.

ii. Invoices for Payment-

a) It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Doddington Village Hall £72.00 for hall hire (cheque no 1313).

b) It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to reimbursement Mrs W Licence: £202.20 for the War Memorial hedging (cheque no 1314).

10. SPEED WATCH

Cllr Fraser said Speed Watch sessions continue in the village and all data is reported to the Police.

Cllr Coates thanked Cllr Fraser for his sterling work and report.

11. PLAYING FIELD

Nothing to report.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 17.11.22- Swale Borough Council: details of Household Support Fund
2. 20.11.22- Resident letter of thanks, especially to Colin, for getting the lagoons and drains in village cleared
3. 24.11.22- Resident letter of thanks for sycamore tree removal on eastern boundary of playing field
4. 28.11.22- Swale Borough Council: Prospective Councillor Events
5. 30.11.22- NALC: newsletter
6. 30.11.22- NALC: CEO bulletin
7. 02.11.22- KALC: newsletter

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Information Items only

Cllr Coates said a budget meeting will be arranged.

14. PLANNING MATTERS

i. Ref: 22/504761/FULL

Address: Ellens Court Lady Margaret Manor Road Doddington Kent ME9 0NT

Proposal: Section 73 - Application for minor material amendment to approved plans condition 2 (to allow revisions to the weatherboarding and roofing material, reduction of some areas of weatherboarding and replacement with brickwork, revisions to windows and doors, and minor internal arrangement alterations) pursuant to 18/504562/FULL for - 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.

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

ii. Ref: 22/505331/FULL

Address: Ellens Court Lady Margaret Manor Road Doddington Kent ME9 0NT

Proposal: Erection of a single storey supported living building to provide additional 8 no. single occupancy rooms with shared living accommodation. Revised scheme to 18/504562/FULL, including changes to windows, doors and external materials.

Councillors considered the application and raised concern that the increase in units would increase the number of support staff; there would be an increase in the number of visitors; the bus service will be withdrawn in February; the location is unsustainable.

iii. Ref: 22/505034/LBC

Address: Doddington Place Church Hill Doddington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0BB

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the erection of a three storey garden pavilion.

Ref: 22/505033/FULL

Address: Doddington Place Church Hill Doddington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0BB

Proposal: Erection of a three storey garden pavilion.

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

iv. Ref: 22/505462/FULL

Address: Tawnyhill Kennels Homestall Road Doddington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0HF

Proposal: Erection of a 2 bedroom dwelling to provide essential worker accommodation, including an office, reception, and treatment room for use in connection with the existing kennels, and associated parking, access, and soft landscaping.

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

v. Ref: 22/505612/FULL

Address: Hilltop Cottage Chequers Hill Doddington Kent ME9 0BN

Proposal: Erection of a new single storey timber frame garage and store for the sole use of Hilltop Cottage.

Cllr Cuthbert did not take part in the discussion of this matter.

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

vi. Ref: 21/503914/EIOUT

Address: Land South And East Of Sittingbourne Kent

Ref: 21/503906/EIOUT

Address: Land To The West Of Teynham London Road Teynham Kent

Proposal: Highsted Park

AMENDED AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - CHANGE OF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

Cllr Attwood left the meeting.

Councillors considered the applications and noted that the new information did not affect previous objections.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that the Council's objections still stand.

vi. Any planning matter received by 12 December 2022

Ref: 22/504456/LAWPRO 1 Down Court Cottages Down Court Road Doddington

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for proposed installation of 12 x Photo Voltaic panels to the south facing (rear) roof slope of the property.

Application permitted

Ref: 22/505051/TCA Saddlers The Street Doddington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0BH

Proposal: Conservation Area Notification: Fell one poplar tree because large branches dropped off since being pollarded. Large growth of Ivy in the centre of the tree. Height of the tree currently is 85 feet which has the potential to go over in high wind.

No Objections

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 9 January 2023

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 9 January 2023