

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Doddington Village Hall on
Monday 11 December 2023

Present: Cllr Steve Coates (Chairman), Cllr Colin Jones (Vice Chairman),
Cllr Kevin Attwood, Cllr Kirsty Clark, Cllr Graham Cuthbert, Cllr Kevin Fraser and Cllr
Linda Lumsden; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

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);
apologies noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Attwood declared a pecuniary interest in item 9i. being owner and applicant.

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

None were identified.

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2023

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)

All items on agenda.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Coates said PC Gary Morris had reported minor issues; power tools were stolen from a garage in Old Lenham Road and a vehicle in Northdown had been damaged by ball bearings

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

8. HIGHWAYS

i. To receive an update

Cllr Jones reported that repairs to the pot holes will start on 12 December and take up to five days.

Cllr Coates reported that there have been issues with road closures and poor signage which caused major issues, concern is for the effect on local businesses

Cllr Cuthbert informed Members that he had reported signs to KCC Highways.

ii. Drainage and Flooding

Cllr Jones said he had reported the blocked soakaway in the field on Ringlestone Road to KCC Highways who is investigating. Work has been scheduled to address flooding near the waterworks although a date has not been fixed.

ACTION: Clerk to update landowner.

Cllr Coates reported that a resident had emailed about the parking on the corner of Chequers Hill over the “cobbled area”; another email has been received citing the Highway Code and requesting yellow lines on the junction. Councillors agreed that parking on the cobbles is a nuisance which is in contravention of the Highway Code. However, as there was no significant accident history at this junction an application to Kent Highways for yellow lines to be installed would be refused. Cllr Jones asked for an item to be placed in the newsletter asking residents not to park on the cobbles.

Cllr Coates **PROPOSED** not to pursue the installation of double yellow lines: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

ACTION: Newsletter item to request considerate parking.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

i. Ref: 23/502589/FULL APP/V2255/D/23/3328694

Address: Temple Lodge Frangbury Doddington Kent ME9 0NX

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension, part conversion of loft into habitable space and insertion of 2no. front and 2no. rear rooflights (revised scheme: 23/501035/FULL).

Cllr Coates asked councillors to note that this application had gone to appeal. There were no objections from the Parish Council when the original application was submitted.

ii. Any other planning matter received by 11 December 2023

Ref: 23/503908/FULL Southdown And Periwinkle Cottage Chequers Hill Doddington Kent ME9 0BN

Proposal: Conversion of existing dwelling to 4no. residential apartments including part demolition and erection of a single storey side extension and a two storey rear extension, erection of two storey extensions to either side of existing cottage, and erection of 5no. new residential dwellings, with associated parking, biodiversity and landscape enhancements
Awaiting decision

Ref: 23/504710/FULL Homestall Farm Homestall Road Doddington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0HF

Proposal: Erection of 1no. glasshouse.

Awaiting decision

Ref: 21/503527/FULL The Old School House

Cllr Coates reported that the application was submitted 28 months ago and has not yet been determined; the applicant has asked if the Council could help. Whilst accepting that this was primarily a matter for the agent; the Clerk has contacted the planning officer and also SBCllr Terry Thompson who had raised the matter with Swale Borough Council.

10. FINANCE

i. Councillors Expenses

There were none.

ii. Invoices for Payment

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Doddington Village Hall £90.00 in respect of hall hire (chq no 1352).

iii. To consider request from Faversham Town Council for a grant towards the Community Bus

Councillors considered the request from Faversham Town Council for a grant towards the Community Bus, and agreed more information was needed.

Cllr Clark **PROPOSED** in principle to support the bus pending further information; **SECONDED** by Cllr Fraser: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

ITEM FOR NEXT AGENDA

12. SPEED WATCH

Cllr Fraser reported that Speed Watch session continue and they continue to be effective.
Cllr Coates thanked Cllr Fraser for his report.

13. PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Fraser reported that minor tree works and moss control continues. The new sign is being progressed.

ACTION: Clerk to order more moss killer.

Cllr Coates thanked Cllr Fraser for his report and his work at the Playing Field.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 16.11.23- NALC: CEO bulletin
2. 17.11.23- KALC: bulletin
3. 17.11.23- KCC Highways: Urgent Road Closure Faversham Road, Wychling 24 November 2023
4. 20.11.23- Swale Borough Council: JKC Policy round-up
5. 24.11.23- NALC: CEO bulletin
6. 27.11.23- Swale Borough Council: JKC Policy round-up
7. 29.11.23- KALC: training bulletin
8. 01.12.23- NALC: CEO bulletin
9. 04.12.23- KCC Highways: Urgent Road Closure - Faversham Road, Wychling - 5th December
10. 05.12.23- KCC Highways: Urgent Road Closure - The Street, Doddington - 12th December 2023
11. 06.12.23- KCC Highways: South East Water - Emergency Road Closure - Down Court Road, Doddington - 6th December 2023
12. 08.12.23- NALC: CEO bulletin
13. 08.12.23- Swale Borough Council: consultation on the draft corporate plan

ACTION: Councillors to send comments on Swale Borough Council's consultation on the draft corporate plan to the Clerk for submission, deadline 24 January 2024.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Coates said missing litter bins have been reported to Swale. Litter bins in the borough are being reviewed and some may be removed but this should not have happened yet.

ACTION: Clerk to request an update.

Cllr Coates said a budget meeting will be arranged. Cllr Coates, Cllr Clark and Cllr Cuthbert to attend.

Cllr Cuthbert reported the noticeboard is in a poor state.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotations for a replacement.

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 8 January 2024

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.14pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 8 January 2024