

DUNTON GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting held at Dunton Green Pavilion on Tuesday 10th OCTOBER 2017 at 7.30pm

PUBLIC SESSION None.

1. PRESENT / APOLOGIES

Present: Cllrs. Mrs. England, Fox, Hersey, Lapham, Carrol, Lockey

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs. Gomes-Chodyniecki, Bayley (SDC)

In attendance: Tracy Godden (Clerk), Kelly Webb (SDC), Annie Norton (Resident)

2. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2017 were approved as a true record. Proposed - Cllr. Fox, Seconded - Cllr. Lockey and Agreed.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr. Lockey (Non-Pecuniary Interest) in Item 12.1a.

4. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

4.1 Member Dispensations & Non-Pecuniary Interests: Requests for dispensations to be submitted to the Clerk for approval.

None.

4.2 Councillor vacancies / Co-option

There are still four vacancies. Interest had been expressed by a number of residents but nothing had, as yet, developed from that. A potential candidate in the form of a local business person was discussed and this would be followed up.

4.3 Councillor training

Information about training options was passed regularly to councillors.

5. DGPC REPRESENTATIVES - EXTERNAL BODIES

5.1 Feedback from any meetings attended by DGPC's representatives on external bodies As the Donnington Hall Management Committee meeting was being held 10th October Cllr. Fox had been unable to attend.

5.2 Meetings due to be attended KALC AGM 18th November (Cllrs. Hersey and Mrs England would attend).

6. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk confirmed that matters relating to SGN & the easement associated with the village green was now in the hands of the solicitors.

7. **REPORTS OF URGENT ACTIONS** taken by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.

There had been a requirement between the September & October meetings to write & have signed 4 cheques. Councillors, having reviewed the supporting documentation, signed these and urgency certificates to confirm the action. Details of the cheques and payees are available under 'Accounts for Payment', Item 11 below. A decision regarding the Parish Council's Insurance renewal had been taken (details under Item 10 below).

8. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SAFETY

8.1 Community Development Officers Report

A copy had not been made available prior to the meeting but Kelly Webb updated members as follows:

Easy Netball

These weekly sessions have been well attended since September with 39 people now on the register of which 5 (13%) live within the new Berkeley Homes development. Over the last few weeks we have had 7 new people attend. The current Netball Facilitator is due to go to university



next September, whilst this is still some time off the Community Development Officers are investigating options to ensure the project continues to be the success it is now.

Street Dance

The Street Dance sessions have now recommenced. Publicity was distributed to all of the local schools with pupils that live in Dunton Green and attendance is beginning to pick up. Dunton Green Primary School are keen to offer street dance within the school and are working in partnership with SDC to encourage pupils to be more active and to join the club.

Tai Chi Outdoor Taster Sessions

Investigations are currently taking place into possible venues to offer Tai Chi on a regular basis. The preferred option would be for this to take place on a Sunday morning. Quotes are currently being sought from local hall providers.

Christmas Event

A successful meeting was held with Dunton Green Primary School PTA on the 14th September to discuss the Christmas Event that is due to take place on Saturday 2nd December. Ice Queen, the company providing the skating rink, have been out to the site and have completed a risk assessment. Publicity material is currently being drafted by the PTA and will be distributed once completed.

Dunton Green Youth Provision

Following the request from DGPC the Community Development Officers are exploring options regarding youth provision for Dunton Green. A meeting has been arranged with West Kent Communities and contact has been made with IMAGO. Quotes will be sought and will be provided to DGPC in due course.

Dunton Green Primary School

As a significant and key organisation within the community the Community Development Officers have recently partnered with Dunton Green Primary School to broaden their engagement in the community and enhance the School environment. Something that will benefit those families residing in Dunton Green now but also those in the future.

A successful meeting was held with North West Kent Countryside Project (NWKCP) to create a forest school area and reinstate an old pond. This fantastic resource will be used not only by the School itself in extracurricular activities but will also be available to the Pre-School on site and other community groups and schemes such as West Kent Extra's 8-12's project and summer holidays camps. Funding opportunities are currently being explored. If successful it is hoped that the project will commence in November.

Further to communications between meetings, an extension to the CDWs current contracts was being sought to March 2020 (from the current contract end of June 2018). Portfolio approval is being sought at SDC whilst DGPC has already indicated support for an extension subject to the CDWs being available to attend DGPC meetings to ensure that they are better informed about what the Parish Council is involved in and where they might be able to assist going forward (community cohesion and the integration of Ryewood remaining the key objectives of their roles).

8.2 Anti-Social Behaviour

8.2a To include PCSO Report & ASB - general update & feedback

A report had been submitted by PCSO Collins which was noted (three incidents of thefts from motor vehicles and a burglary had been officially reported in the period 09/09/17 to 07/10/17). The Police advised that very few reports of ASB had come in via 101 (only 2 calls) which was disappointing given that anecdotal reports indicated more antisocial behaviour was being observed in Dunton Green.

8.2b It was noted that online reporting of non-urgent crime had been relaunched on the Kent Police website. [Post meeting note: the online reporting system has since been taken down - very quickly after launch - because of a glitch impacting data security. There is no indication of when the system will be back online.]

8.3 Youth Provision

8.3a Play Place: Financial support to Christmas



CDWs

It was confirmed that Play Place had successfully bid for an Awards for All grant to cover a scheme of works from January (more details would be available at the November meeting). In the meantime, for there to be no gap in service Play Place had requested a financial contribution from the Parish Council to help support the Monday evening youth club. It was Proposed - Cllr. Carrol, Seconded - Cllr. Lapham and Agreed that the Parish Council should fund nine sessions at £75 per session (to cover staff costs) to provide continuity of the sessions. There was an expectation that Play Place would provide reports about the sessions, number of young people attending and so forth (one for the period to the October half term and one for the period up to Christmas). The Parish Council would continue to investigate what other services might be available for young people after the Awards for All funded sessions have been completed in 2018.

8.4 Community Speedwatch

Cllr. Carrol confirmed that he had now completed his online training and can be contacted as a coordinator. Information about Community Speedwatch would be included in the Winter edition of the newsletter, on the DGPC website and Facebook page. It was noted from Kelly Webb that having seen a drop off in numbers training since training had moved entirely online she had liaised with the Chief Inspector about organising some further training sessions at SDC. She would keep the Clerk updated. Kelly Webb would provide an article on Speedwatch which the Chairman would link with information about the village green.

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Kelly Webb leaves.

9. FINANCE

9.1 The bank reconciliation to the 2^{nd} October 2017 was accepted. The Chairman confirmed that she had verified the bank balances stated on the 02/10/2017 reconciliation against the bank statements.

Cash in hand 01/04/2017			76,274.46
ADD			
Receipts 01/04/2017 - 02/10/2017			123,159.65
			199,434.11
SUBTRACT			
Payments 01/04/2017 - 02/10/2017			54,750.29
A: Cash in hand 02/10/2017			144,683.82
Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
Current 02/10/2017		7,364.85	
Reserve 02/10/2017		138,286.47	
			145,651.32
Less unpresented cheques			
4597: Football course)	600.00		
4618: Transport	167.50		
4624: IT Support	200.00		967.50
			144,683.82
Plus unpresented receipts			0.00
			0.00
B: Adjusted Bank Balance			144.683.82



10. **INSURANCE**

10.1 The decision to renew the Parish Council's insurance with Hiscox (via Came & Company), further to the Long Term Agreement entered into on 1st October 2016 and at a renewal cost of £4127.03, made between the September and October meetings was ratified (Proposed - Cllr. Lapham, Seconded - Cllr. Lockey and Agreed).

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

11.1 It was resolved (Proposed - Cllr. Lapham, Seconded - Cllr. Fox and Agreed) to approve for payment a list of cheques (with supporting documentation) as detailed below.

Payment				
4623	UC 057/2017			
	Came & Company Annual Insurance renewal (Hiscox)	4127.03		4127.03
4624	UC 058/2017			
	Mark Knight IT support work in relation to CCTV, server			
	and PC	200.00		200.00
4625	UC 059/2017			
	Express Keys & Lock Services (Call out Sep 17)	50.00	10.00	60.00
4626	UC 060/2017			
	Pyrovision Ltd Fireworks Display	2650.00	530.00	3180.00
4627	KALC Clerk's Conference 14/9/17	60.00	12.00	72.00
4628	The Play Inspection Company Ltd Annual Inspection	57.50	11.50	69.00
4629	Pulse Cleaning Systems Ltd Window cleaning (13/09)	100.20	20.04	120.24
4630	Pulse Cleaning Systems Ltd October pavilion cleaning	612.23	122.45	734.68
4631	Mark Knight Server maintenance (Sept 17)	50.00		50.00
4632	Express Keys & Lock Services (Call out Oct 17)	125.00	25.00	150.00
4633	M&C Electrical Contractors Ltd Fire alarm & emergency			
	lighting testing	324.99	65.00	389.99
4634	T Jones (Brookwood Property Services) Installation of			
	litter bins	85.00		85.00
4635	Telecom Alarms Alarm system maintenance contract	740.00	148.00	888.00
4636 -	Staff salaries & expenses October 2017	2130.83		2130.83
4637				
4638	SDC Cleaning of Mill Road & Recreation Ground and Dog			
	Bin emptying (Jul to Sept inclusive: quarterly billing)	646.30	129.26	775.56
4639	SDC Installation of noticeboard	106.00	21.00	127.00
4640	Sevenoaks Construction & Maintenance Ltd (1st payment			
	re toilet installation)	3000.00	600.00	3600.00
4641	CJS Plants Hanging baskets Apr 2017 to Mar 2018	1520.00	304.00	1824.00
4642	M&C Electrical Contractors Ltd Emergency lighting repair	260.00	52.00	312.00
4643	Mr P Lockey Expenses (Refreshments- Fireworks / Film			
	Nights events and Photographic printing for exhibition)	320.44		320.44
DD	BT Telephone & Broadband Sep 17 due 09/10/17	73.00	14.60	87.60
DD	SAGE UK Ltd Payroll software (due 16/10/17)	6.00	1.20	7.20
DD	B&CE HSM Ltd (The People's Pension) (due 12/10/17)	211.73		211.73
DD	HMRC PAYE Tax & NI QTR 2 2017/18 (due 04/10/17)	2426.40		2426.40
DD	E.On (UMS elec for street lighting Sep 2017 (due			
	16/10/17)	281.38	56.26	337.66
DD	E.On Electricity (pavilion Sep/Oct due TBC)	TBC		TBC
DD	E.On Gas (pavilion Sep/Oct due TBC)	TBC		TBC

12. PLANNING

12.1 CURRENT PLANNING To consider the applications and to resolve to agree recommendations.

12.1a	
Application Number:	17/02535/FUL
Location:	Land East of Road South of M25 Morants Court Road
Development:	New cross over, hard-standing & gates to form new access onto site from London Road



Recommendation:	Objection
Accommendation.	Proposed Cllr. Hersey, Seconded Cllr. Lapham and Agreed (Cllr. Lockey abstained from the vote)
	Dunton Green Parish Council is concerned about this re-application and therefore raises an objection. Ostensibly there is very little difference between the application that was previously submitted (SE/16/01588/FUL) and this new application.
	The concerns remain:
	The site lies within the Green Belt and is adjacent to an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a Site of Special Scientific Interest; the site is designated agricultural land with very limited uses permitted (the Parish Council is under the impression that the land is restricted by an Article 4 Directive and would ask that SDC verifies the protection of that land). As such this proposal is inappropriate development and adversely changes the character of the area out of all recognition.
	The Parish Council also questions the ownership of the land affected by this proposal in general and more specifically in relation to the roadside. It is debateable that the applicant is the owner of all of the land affected by this application as it is well known that land in this area was sold off as investment plots some 10-15 years ago. What permissions does the applicant have from the rightful landowners to create this access?
	The verge area where trees and hedges are to be removed is likely under the ownership of Kent County Council (Highways) as the land here was planted by KCC a number of years ago. The Parish Council therefore requests that SDC establishes the status of Tree Preservation Orders along this area and the ownership of the verge.
	There are concerns about the detrimental physical and visual impact of such an extensive entrance, hardstanding and access. The size, scale and length of the access are excessive particularly when there is no indication in the application of any change to intended future use. Such a proposal adversely changes the character of the site which is predominantly rural in its aspect.
	The application itself is very limited in the information that it provides. The application outlines vegetation to be removed but does not provide a Tree Survey nor give any indication as to whether trees affected by the proposal are covered by TPOs. There is no Ecology Report to address the impact on wildlife inhabiting the hedgerow and trees.
	The physical & visual impact of such a road is detrimental to the rural setting. The sheer size, scale & length of the crossover, entrance and access route are not in keeping with any lawful use of the land and the applicant gives no information whatsoever as to the intended use of such a substantial access. The land's current permitted use would not reasonably warrant a proposal of this magnitude. There have been no applications for a change of use to this site.
	There is no justification for the size of entrance and the roadway that is being proposed. There is already an existing, longstanding, access to the field from Morants Court Road and it is unclear why the proposed new entrance is necessary. The reference in the



12.2 PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS It was resolved to note the decisions from SDC or the Planning	
Inspectorate.	

12.2a	GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION
Application Number:	17/02392/HOUSE
Location:	30 Kingswood Road
Development:	Two storey and single storey extensions
Grant:	Subject to conditions
12.2b	GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION
Application Number:	17/02336/FUL
Location:	Dunton Green Free Church Station Road
Development:	Erection of a mews development comprising 2nos. detached houses, 2nos. semi-detached houses and 1 no. detached bungalow (Class C3); together with 5associated infrastructure including 9nos. car parking bays with electric charging points, refuse and cycle storage, hard and soft landscaping, and boundary treatment
Grant:	Subject to conditions

12.3 SDC Dunton Green Planning Obligations: S106 Receipts The Clerk had been sent information regarding Section 106 Receipts which she had queried with SDC (no response at the time of the meeting) as the detail that had been provided made no sense.



12.4 Sevenoaks Housing Forum 3rd November

The clerk and the Chairman would attend this meeting and would report back at the November meeting.

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13. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY AMENITIES

13.1 Pavilion

- a) Annual Maintenance Contracts
 - Heating & Plumbing (ratification of decision to appoint Cube Plumbing)
 It was proposed Cllr. Hersey, Seconded Cllr. Fox and Agreed that the decision to appoint Cube Plumbing be ratified.
 - ii. Electrical (Fire Alarm/Emergency Lighting)
 It was Proposed Cllr. Lapham, Seconded Cllr. Hersey and Agreed that M&C
 Electrical be appointed to carry out annual inspections of the emergency lighting
 Clerk and fire alarm.
 - iii. Alarm / CCTV

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had an annual maintenance contract with Telecom Alarms which covered the intruder alarm system but that there was no maintenance contract in place for the CCTV. Whilst the Parish Council had only just installed an upgraded system it seemed very sensible to arrange an annual maintenance check of the CCTV alongside the alarm system. It was Proposed - Cllr. Lapham, Seconded - Cllr. Fox and Agreed that Telecom Alarms be appointed to carry out an annual maintenance inspection.

b) Changing rooms toilets project

It was noted that work to install toilets in the main changing rooms had commenced and was expected to complete within one week.

c) Honours Board

The Clerk provided members with examples of the type of honours board (to record all the Chairmen and Clerks of the Parish Council). It was agreed that a laminate/wood effect board with vinyl lettering would be suitable and that it would need to be fairly narrow and long in order to be installed in the entrance foyer area of the pavilion. The cost was anticipated to be within the region of £800 to £1000 (excluding installation) although firm quotations would be sought. The Clerk would proceed with ordering unless the cost was significantly in excess of the estimate.

d) General matters

When work was carried out by Express Keys & Lock Services to rectify an issue with a door that was bolted closed & unopenable it revealed a shortcoming in the works carried out when the doors were originally fitted. The top bolts were attended to & fixed on 9 doors and it was probable that the bottom locks on each of those doors was similarly affected. To check the bottom bolts and take the steps to rectify any problems the doors would have to be taken off their hinges. To prevent any further issues with doors having the potential to be unopenable it was Proposed - Cllr. Lockey, Seconded - Cllr. Lapham and Agreed that the Clerk contractor be engaged to remedy the situation.

13.2 Recreation Areas

- a) Recreation Ground Lighting Project
 - The work had commenced and was likely to take w/c 9th & 16th October to be completed. The Clerk would speak to the contractors about future / ongoing site maintenance to ensure the longevity of the equipment. The lighting will provide many more windows of opportunity for the facilities to be used in the evenings, allowing the expansion of services/activities offered, The CDWs have been spoken to about the potential opportunities going forward and they would work on potential opportunities.
- b) The Play Inspection Company Annual Inspection report
 A report had been provided and had been circulated to members. The Clerk had contacted
 Sutcliffe Play for comment, help and advice and was awaiting a response.

13.3 Grounds Maintenance

There had been further comments about the length of grass at the recreation ground (in relation to the football club) and at the Crescent in Station Road. The Clerk had been in contact with the contractor and was awaiting confirmation of when the grass would be cut.



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14. ALLOTMENTS

Nothing to report.

15. FOOTPATHS (Public Rights of Way)

15.1 Flooding of SR103 (between Ryewood & the Wildlife Reserve) The footpath had been closed for a while after reporting KCC PROW that the footpath was flooded.

The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for the resurfacing of the PROW between the recreation Clerk ground and the station (25mm deep tarmac plus edging). There was likely to be support from KCC/PROW and Nick Chard could be approached for funding and with applications for CIL money now being accepted this might be a feasible project.

16. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

16.1 SE Water - use of DGPC land for compound

It was noted that SE Water had been granted permission to use the land at the north end of Longford Meadow as a storage area for spoil resulting from works along London Road. SE Water (via Clancy Docwra) had accepted a charge of £50 per week for the use of the land (which would help prevent further delays along London Road).

17. LIGHTING

17.1 LED street lights

Further to information provided at previous meetings, the Chairman & Clerk had met with KCC to talk about the process and costs for LED lighting. There was a lot to contemplate and the Clerk would confirm when DGPC last upgraded its lights at the November meeting.

18. EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

18.1 DGPC Events for 2017/18

Feedback

- a) Photographic competition: Saturday 30th September (Exhibition) It was noted that £30 gift vouchers had been awarded to the winners of the two categories. There had been some very good submissions but overall the number of entries and the general level of interest had been disappointing.
- b) Fireworks: Saturday 30th September 7.15/7.30pm

The event had gone very well. The fireworks display had been terrific again and thanks had already been given to Pyrovision Ltd. Hannah Northedge had also been thanked for her contribution to the evening. Not only had she sung for two sets, she had effectively compered the evening which was very well received and had helped create a wonderful atmosphere. Cllr. Lockey thanked all those who had assisted with all aspects of the event.

Planned or proposed events:

- c) Film Night 28th October
 - This is to be a family film night with a Halloween theme (Frankenweenie is the film of choice). Any help on the night was welcomed.
- d) Film Night 25th November This would be a non-children event and the film choice was yet to be determined. Again, any help on the night would be welcomed.
- e) Remembrance Sunday 12th November 10.45am Cllr. Lockey confirmed that this would be a standard service (no additional talk to run afterwards). Cllr. Lapham confirmed that he was prepared to give a reading. The Clerk was still awaiting confirmation from the school choir and Rainbows regarding attendance and would also follow up with the Scouts. Wreaths would be ordered. A decision would be taken at 9am on the day with regard to whether or not a gazebo would be needed. The new smaller gazebo would suffice.
- f) Carols around the Christmas Tree 18th December 7pm The tree would be put up on Saturday 2nd December. The Clerk would put up a request on the website and Facebook asking for help. Newlands Nursery had confirmed that they have a tree but may need to deliver a day or so beforehand. A DGPC representative would be need to go to the nursery to confirm that the tree that they have earmarked is suitable.



18.2 Other (non-DGPC) events

The school's Christmas Fair would take place on Saturday 2nd December. More details would be available nearer the time (the CDWs would be there to support the ice rink, as reported in Item 8.1.

19. COMMUNICATION

19.1 Newsletter

Deadline for copy 1st November. There were several articles still outstanding from members.

19.2 Website / Media / Technology Nothing to report.

20. CONSULTATIONS

20.1 KCC Highways & Transportation Survey: Deadline 1st DecemberClerk to respond on behalf of DGPC.Clerk20.2 DCLG - Planning for the right homes in the right places: Deadline 9th NovemberClerkClerk20.3 DCLG - New rules to strengthen standards for councillors and mayors. Deadline 8th December.Clerk to forward by email to members for consideration ahead of the November meeting.Clerk

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21. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR DECISION / ACTION	
KALC	Website Survey (response by 18/10/17)
	This has been circulated to members for their own feedback to KALC.
	The Clerk has already submitted a response.
Action with	Invitation to Annual Meeting (26 th October 3.15pm Headcorn)
Communities in Rural	Elections for Trustee Board 2017/18 (nominations by 20 th October)
Kent	Noted.
KALC	AGM 18 November (Ditton)
	Cllrs. Hersey & Mrs England to attend.

FROM RESIDENTS / BUSINESS OWNERS / LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Landowner	Suggested possible donation of land to DGPC
	To be discussed in closed session
Resident	Pigeons - railway bridge Station Road
	Noted. Reported to Network Rail.
Victim Support	Donation request
	It was Proposed - Cllr. Lockey, Seconded - Cllr. Fox and Agreed that a
	donation of £50 should be made.

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FOR INFORMATION

The items of correspondence below were NOTED by the Parish Council:

Local Councils Update	October 2017
SDC	In Shape - Local Plan special edition
KALC	Armed Forces Covenant
KALC	NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin 32 - 15 September 2017 (Council Tax
	Referendum Principles)
Kent Police	Rural Report
КСС	Invitation to Community Transport Awayday 2 nd November
Gatwick Airport	Invitation to Discover Gatwick 21st November 2017
KCC	Kent Adult Social Care Report (04/2015 - 03/2016)

22. INFORMATION PURPOSES

Nothing to report.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

23.1 Date of next meeting

Scheduled: Tuesday November 14th 2017 at Dunton Green Pavilion



PUBLIC SESSION

Ms Norton advised that as a relatively new resident at Ryewood she had expressed an interest in attending a meeting with a possible view of getting involved with the Parish Council. She was thanked for staying for the entire meeting and it was hoped that she would contact the Parish Council in due course.

CLOSED SESSION

It was agreed when discussing a tentative enquiry about the likelihood of Parish Council interest in a piece of land that potentially could be gifted to DGPC that members should first visit the site to familiarize themselves. This was with a view to making a decision in principle at the November meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.16pm.

