

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Doddington Village Hall on
Monday 10 July 2023

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

Also present were Police Officer Gary Morris and two members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Kevin Fraser (holiday); apologies accepted.
Apologies had also been received from County Councillor Rich Lehmann (Council matters);
apology noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Attwood declared a pecuniary interest in item 9i, as owner of the 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 5 JUNE 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)

Cllr Coates reported that training opportunities for Councillors had been circulated.

Cllr Coates informed Members that he and representatives from other Parish Councils had
attended an informal meeting with Helen Whately MP. It was an open session discussing
fly tipping; the closure of the Faversham tip; housing targets and issues with HGVs.

Cllr Coates said that so far, over 2,000 people had signed the petition against the closure
of Faversham tip. There are three different petitions which Helen Whately MP is hoping to
amalgamate. There is concern that the closure will increase fly tipping although Kent County
Council maintains that people using a tip do not fly tip. Selling Parish Council has submitted
an FOI request for evidence that the tip needs to close. Faversham Town Council is
organising protests at County Hall.

Cllr Jones reported that the work on the drainage in the Old Lenham Road was completed
on 14 June.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Cllr Coates introduced the co-ordinator's report and thanked her for it.

Constable Gary Morris introduced himself as the new Kent Police neighbourhood beat
officer for Boughton and Courtenay, East Downs and Watling wards. There is an uplift of

Police Officers across the Country and the Force has decided to go back to neighbourhood policing.

Cllr Coates thanked Officer Morris for attending.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time

A resident asked for an update on PROW ZR281

Cllr Coates said the matter is going to Judicial Review and a decision will be made in due course.

A resident asked what power the Parish Council has regarding the closure of Faversham tip.

Cllr Coates said the Council supports the campaign to keep the tip open and publicised the petition and the planned protest at County Hall organised by Faversham Town Council.

A resident asked if the Council had discussed getting the speed limit reduced through the village.

Cllr Coates said the Council had decided not to pursue a 20mph zone in the village. There is a very pro-active Speed Watch team and statistics show that this is having a positive effect.

The meeting was reconvened.

8. HIGHWAYS

i. To receive an update

Cllr Jones said The Street was surveyed in March and issues were reported to KCC Highways, some patching work had been done.

It was agreed that Cllr Jones and Cllr Fraser re-survey the road and report to KCC Highways.

ii. Drainage and Flooding

Cllr Jones reported that the next stage of the flood mitigation work is in hand for late summer and contractors have been appointed.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

i. Ref: 23/502589/FULL

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 Attwood left the meeting for this item and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

Councillors considered the application and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that there were no objections to the proposal.

Cllr Attwood returned to the meeting.

ii. Ref: 22/503568/FULL PINS ref: APP/V2255/W/23/3317192

Address: 4 The Retreat The Street Doddington Kent ME9 0DB

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden.

Cllr Coates said the Parish Council did not comment on the application as the September meeting was cancelled as a mark of respect to Her Late Majesty. The appeal will be

determined on the basis of Written Representations and comments have to be submitted by 13 July.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** not to respond to the Planning Inspector.

iii. Any planning matter received by 10 July 2023

Ref: 23/502418/LBC Location: Homestall Farm Homestall Road Doddington Sittingbourne

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for partial replacement windows and two external doors

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that there was no objection to the change of description for the proposal.

Ref: 22/505462/FULL Tawnyhill Kennels Homestall Road Doddington 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

Cllr Coates informed Members that a decision is yet to be made.

10. NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL HERITAGE LIST

Councillors gave consideration of possible local heritage, noted the protection afforded by the Conservation Area and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** not to progress the matter at this time.

11. FINANCE

i. Councillors Expenses

There were none.

ii. Clerk's Salary and expenses April- June 2023

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Mrs W Licence salary and expenses £1124.56 (cheque no 1336) and HMRC PAYE £26.60 (cheque no 1337)

iii. Invoices for Payment

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to re-issue the cheque for the donation for the Village Show £100 (cheque no 1338)

iv. To consider purchase of poppy wreath

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to purchase a poppy wreath.

Cllr Coates reported that a VAT refund of £3,228.26 has been received.

12. SPEED WATCH

i. To receive an update

Cllr Coates reported that Speed Watch sessions continue in the village.

ii. To consider joint purchase with Newnham Parish Council, of speed indication device

Deferred to next month.

13. PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Coates reported that the field was last cut on 20 June and Mr Swatland has been contacted to monitor the playing field periphery and verges.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 08.06.23- KCC Highways: Urgent Road Closure - Old Lenham Road, Wychling - 12th June 2023 carriage way patching
2. 08.06.23- KALC newsletter
3. 08.06.23- NALC newsletter

4. 09.06.23- NALC CEO bulletin
5. 09.06.23- KCC Highways: Urgent Road Closure - Old Lenham Road, Wychling - 14th June 2023 drainage works
6. 13.06.23- Police & Crime Commissioner: Update on rural policing
7. 13.06.23- Citizens Advice Swale: newsletter
8. 14.06.23- KCC's Draft Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 and Draft Kent Mineral Sites Plan - Regulation 18 Public Consultation
9. 14.06.23- Police & Crime Commissioner: Special Edition of the Kent PCC Newsletter
10. 14.06.23.- NALC newsletter
11. 15.06.23- NALC CEO bulletin
12. 21.06.23- NALC newsletter
13. 23.06.23- NALC CEO bulletin
14. 26.06.23- copy resident letter regarding water leak in Lady Margaret Manor Road
15. 28.06.23- KALC: training courses
16. 29.06.23- NALC newsletter
17. 29.06.23- KCC Highways: Emergency Road Closure - Down Court Road, Doddington - 29th June 2023, carriageway repairs
18. 30.06.23- Swale Borough Council: planning training for Parish Councils. Part 1, Monday 17 July, 6.30 – 8.30, virtual; Part 2, Monday 18 September, 1.30 – 4.30 Swale House
19. 30.06.23. Kent County Council: National Highways & Transport Network surveys
20. 03.07.23- Doddington Village Show: thank you for donation
21. 04.07.23 Swale Borough Council: policy round-up
22. 04.07.23- Faversham Town Council: details of protest against the closure of Faversham Tip
23. 06.07.23- NALC newsletter
24. 06.07.23- KALC newsletter
25. 06.07.23- Kent County Playing Fields Association: agenda for the Annual General Meeting
26. 06.07.23- KALC: training courses
27. 07.07.23- Citizens Advice Swale: July update
28. 07.07.23- South East Water: East Kent project update

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Information Items only

i. Newsletter and distribution

Cllr Jones reported that the Newsletter is distributed to three hundred and ninety-four addresses by email and paper copy.

It was AGREED that the Parish Council report be put on the Council's website, the village website, the notice board and also in the Village Hall.

ii. Proposed Parish Council table at village fete

Cllr Lumsden said the stall could include general information and games.

ACTION: Cllr Lumsden and Cllr Clark.

Cllr Clark reported that there had been a good response to the Kent Karrier article, forms were also left in the Village Hall.

It was agreed to obtain an update regarding the Enforcement Notice on The Retreat, and Grace's Place.

ACTION: Clerk.

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 4 September 2023

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 4 September 2023