

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Doddington Village Hall on Monday 12 June 2017

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

Also present were Community Warden Dave Osborne and four members of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr Attwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from KCCllr Andrew Bowles (at another meeting) and SBCllr Colin Prescott (at another meeting): apologies noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11 iv and signed the declaration of interests book.

3. To Determine whether any items should be discussed in closed session

None were identified.

4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 8 May 2017

Councillors considered the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 8 May 2017 and item 4i of the minutes was amended to show that Cllr Fraser, not Cllr Attwood be the KALC representative. it was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes, as amended, as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Attwood.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Community Warden Report

Mr Dave Osborne, the Community Warden, informed Councillors there had been nothing reported to him. Mr Osborne has noticed the sign at the bottom of Chequers Hill has been knocked over, there is no damage to the sign and he will report it to Swale Borough Council.

7. Neighbourhood Watch Report

Mrs Jackson, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator had circulated a report that between 30th of April and 7th of May, frames from 12 bee hives were stolen from Beekeepers business at Little Sharsted Farm Doddington Sittingbourne.

8. Public Question Time

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time

A resident said she was concerned about the planning application at Woodstock. The visual aspect of the proposal will be visible from the east, west and rear of the property. The development at Chequers Hill was sympathetic with the conservation area, this is not.

A Newnham Parish Councillor asked for clarification as to whether it was family members who have contacted the Council about the alterations to the names of the men from Newnham?

The Clerk said the list had been sent by the Clerk to Newnham Parish Council.

The quote suggests making the additions in superscript, this will look like an afterthought.

Cllr Attwood said this would be something which will have to be agreed.

A resident said the heritage statement in the Woodstock planning application states the proposal cannot be seen from the cottages but it can. The bungalow has already been

extended. The wall is the boundary to the neighbouring property and concern was raised that the window over-looking the neighbouring house.

Cllr Attwood thanked everyone for attending and reconvened the meeting.

9. War Memorial

Cllr Attwood said the issue of names has been discussed and the Clerk will liaise with Newnham Parish Council for a definitive list.

Cllr Attwood said a carpenter has replaced the hand rails.

10. Planning Matters

Ref: 17/502552/FULL

Address: Woodstock The Street Doddington ME9 0BH

Proposal: Erection of new roof to front porch, conversion of loft into habitable space with the insertion of front and rear dormers and roof lights, insertion of replacement side window and erection of single storey rear extension.

Councillors considered the application, the comments which had been submitted on the planning portal and also the representations made during the Public Time.

Cllr Duckworth said the additional window would overlook the neighbour which would be unacceptable; the plan shows a roof trussing arrangement and if the roof were to be raised it would be unacceptable; the new build would be visible from the street, the sides and the front which would be unacceptable; the large window in the front dormer is unacceptable and the main extension at the back is unacceptable.

Cllr Haynes said the proposal would take away another affordable house and make it unaffordable for residents of the village. The heritage statement is unhelpful and is merely trying to justify the proposal. There have been two previous extensions. There is nothing in the application to show whether the foundations are adequate. The neighbour will be overlooked. There is nothing like it in the village and it is completely out of place in a conservation area. There had been no pre-planning guidance from Swale Borough Council.

Cllr Cuthbert said there were a few buildings with dormers in Chequers Hill but there are no flat roofs in the village. Concern is for the neighbour who will be overlooked.

Cllr Attwood said the proposal does not fit in with the conservation area and it is of poor design.

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to object to the application.

11. Finance

i. Annual Governance Statement

Councillors considered the Annual Governance Statement and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the Annual Governance Statement which was duly signed by Cllr Attwood and the Clerk.

ii. Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

Councillors considered the Annual Return and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the Annual Return which was duly signed by Cllr Attwood and the Clerk.

iii. Councillors Expenses

There were none.

iv. To consider request for a grant from Swale Citizens Advice Bureau

Cllr Jones did not take part in the discussion or vote on the request.

Councillors considered the request and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to make a grant of £60.00 to the Swale Citizens Advice Bureau (cheque no 1120)

v. To consider quotation for portaloos at the Doddington Fun Day

Councillors agreed to accept the quotation from Four Jays if it included VAT.

Invoices for Payment

vi. KALC Trophy

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to reimburse Cllr Haynes for the KALC trophy for £50 (cheque no 1119)

vii. KCPFA- subscription

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to renew the subscription to KCPFA for £20.00 (Cheque no 1121).

12. Defibrillator

There was nothing to report.

13. Speed Watch

Cllr Coates reported to Members that a Speed Watch session in The Street recorded the highest number of speeding vehicles in the village and this has been reported to the Police. There was an incident where a biker travelled at a reasonable speed and as the bike passed the speed indicator it revved up and sped away, the speed and registration number were recorded and reported to the police.

Cllr Jones informed Councillors that there have been helpers from Wychling and one person has joined the Doddington team.

14. Playing Field

i. Cllr Duckworth's monthly report

Cllr Duckworth reported the grass cutting regime is working well with the gang mower and contractor. Following a request to Swale Borough Council the bins now have liners in them. Cllr Duckworth said that he and Cllr Fraser will re-stain the benches. There are no issues with moss growth at present.

ii. To consider quotation for play area inspection

Cllr Cuthbert **PROPOSED** to accept the quote from Craigdene for £150 for the play area inspection; **SECONDED** by Cllr Duckworth: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Duckworth and Cllr Cuthbert will meet with the inspection after the visit.

15. Highways

Cllr Attwood said KCC Highways are content the changes made to the A20 Junction are safe.

Cllr Duckworth said the drain still has not been re-sited in Ringlestone Road and the road was flooded after recent heavy rain.

ACTION: Clerk to contact KCC.

16. Correspondence

- 1- 12.05.17 Andrew Bowles: newsletter- circulated
- 2- 12.05.17 SBC: Planning Enforcement/Legal briefing session- circulated
- 3- 17.05.17 Cyber attack - circulated
- 4- 18.05.17 Rural policing report - circulated
- 5- 18.05.17 SBC Visitor economy - circulated
- 6- 24.05.17 SBC Planning enforcement powerpoint- circulated
- 7 -03.06.17 KCPFA Newsletter – circulated
- 8- 11.06.17 Andrew Bowles's newsletter – circulated
- 9- 12.06.17 Rural policing update – circulated
- 10- 12.06.17 KALC Parish News – circulated
- 11- 12.06.17 Police open day – circulated

17. Any Other Business

Cllr Duckworth asked, in light of the recent cyber attacks, whether the Council had any backup.

Cllr Attwood said the system is backed up monthly onto a memory stick which is swapped every month.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.23pm

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 10 July 2017