

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the meeting of Doddington Parish Council on 12 October 2015

Present: Cllr Haynes (Chair), Cllr Coates, Cllr Duckworth, Cllr Fraser and Cllr Jones;
and Mrs Licence (Clerk).

<p>1 APOLOGIES Cllr Haynes took the Chair in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Apologies were received from Cllr Cuthbert (holiday) and Cllr Attwood (work): apologies accepted.</p>
<p>2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None were declared</p>
<p>3. TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY ITEMS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION None were identified</p>
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2015 Councillors considered the minutes and item 10 Defibrillator was amended to read "An electrician was called and replaced the fuse unit..." Cllr Haynes duly signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.</p>
<p>5. MATTERS ARISING i. Meeting with SBC Planning Cllr Haynes informed Members that no date has been confirmed by James Freeman. <i>ACTION: Clerk to contact James Freeman again</i></p>
<p>6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cllr Haynes told Councillors that Susan Jackson apologises for not being able to attend the meeting and she has reported that during the month of September there was little to report regarding Neighbourhood Watch in the area apart from the theft of heavy garden furniture from Doddington Place early in the month. Mrs Jackson also reported that she had been a victim to a Dropbox scam. Cllr Haynes thanked Mrs Jackson for her sterling work as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.</p>
<p>7. COMMUNITY WARDEN Cllr Haynes informed Councillors that Community Warden Dave Osborne has reported he has been to Doddington three times in the last month and has not come across any issues apart from cars parking on the kerb opposite the Village Hall. He has have not received any phone calls from residents of Doddington about any problems. Cllr Haynes said that pavement parking causes a problem for people with prams and pushchairs.</p>
<p>8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME No members of the public were present.</p>
<p>9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEETINGS & COURSES i. Councillor Induction Cllr Fraser said the course had been very informative and well worth attending.</p>

10. DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Coates said that there were no issues to report about the defibrillator.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

15/506203/TCA

Address: Avondale The Street Doddington Kent ME9 0BH

Proposal: Conservation area notification to 1no. Flamingo Maple - crown reduce by 15%

Cllr Haynes told Members that details of this application is for information only.

12. FINANCE

i. Councillors Expenses

There were none

ii. To receive second instalment of parish precept

Cllr Haynes informed Councillors that the final instalment of the precept of £3,800.00 was received on 23 September.

iii. Clerk's pay and expenses

Clerk's pay £594.00 and expenses £32.42 had been circulated and a cheque (no 1068) for £626.42 raised.

Invoices for Payment

i. KALC- Councillor Induction Course for Cllr Fraser £25.00 (cheque no 1069)

ii. Commercial Services:

Playing Field Mowing £231.35 (cheque no 1070) and pitch marking £134.32 cheque no 1071)

iii. Football net- £27.95 (cheque no 1072)

iv. Mr. Swatland: First instalment of agreed maintenance £125.00 (cheque no 1073)

13. SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Coates reminded members that he took an action in July to talk to Kent Police about the problems of speeding vehicles in the village. Kent Police have assessed the situation and has said that as there is no record of accidents and no deaths or serious injury in the village they can take no further action. The Parish Council may now need to consider Speed Watch. The issue has been raised by residents to Cllr Coates.

ACTION: Clerk to invite Guy Rollinson to the next Parish Council meeting.

14. PLAYING FIELD

i. Cllr Duckworth's monthly update

Cllr Duckworth informed members that Cllr Fraser had cut back the brambles at the top of the Playing Field and the area will be reviewed in the Spring. The bench at the far end of the Playing Field needs to be sanded down and treated. After the last cut by the gang mower, Cllr Duckworth brushed the loose cuttings off the tarmac and noticed the area was going green again and this will be monitored.

Cllr Duckworth reported that he spoke to the tractor driver after the last visit and this was the last scheduled cut, there may need to be a further cut.

ACTION 1: Clerk to check contract for the number of cuts.

ACTION 2: Clerk to ask contractor for the schedule of cuts.

Cllr Haynes thanked Cllr Duckworth for monitoring the Playing Field.

15. HIGHWAYS

i. Highways Update and notification of further work required

Cllr Haynes informed Councillors that KCC will be starting resurfacing work on Torry Hill/ Old Lenham Road on 30 October and it should take two days. The information has been put on Parish Council's website. Nothing has been heard from Katie Lewis as to when the drains would be cleaned.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Katie Lewis.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 15.09.15: SBC Minutes of Swale Joint Transportation Board minutes
2. 25.09.15: KCC Consultation - Street Lighting
3. 30.09.15: Home Office Consultation - Reforming the powers of Police Staff and volunteers
4. 30.09.15: KCC Older People's Services: Consultation regarding proposals for four of Kent's Care Homes (including Kiln Down in Faversham)
5. 30.09.15: SBC- Agenda Item Request - Swale Rural Forum (17.11.15)
6. 01.10.15: SBC- Faversham Local Engagement Forum - request for items
7. 02.10.12: KCC- Start of Works Notice for Torry Hill and Old Lenham Road, Doddington commencing 30 October 2015
8. 06.10.15 SBC- Planning Enforcement Training hosted by Peter Hinckesman, Planning Enforcement Team Manager, in the Council Chamber on Thursday 22nd October 2015 at 7pm
Cllr Haynes said he would like to attend.
9. 08.10.15: KCPFA- Annual Council Meeting on 12.30pm Friday 30st October 2015 at Sevenoaks Rugby Club.
10. 09.10.15: KALC- notice of AGM on 21 November 2015

18. AOB

No other business was raised.

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 9 November 2015

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.06pm

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

.....Chairman

Date: 9 November 2015