

**GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011**

**Present**

Councillors Kittle, Compton, Phillips, Ellison & Plumptre.

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies to record.

**2. Election of Chairman**

The Clerk asked for nominations for the post of Chairman. Councillor Plumptre was nominated by Councillor Kittle and seconded by Councillor Compton and was duly elected as Chairman.

**3. Election of Other Offices**

**3.1 Vice-Chairman**

Councillor Compton nominated Councillor Phillips and this was seconded by Councillor Ellison.

**3.2 Footpath Officer**

Councillor Plumptre nominated Councillor Kittle and this was seconded by Councillor Phillips.

**3.3 Tree Officer**

Councillor Phillips nominated Councillor Plumptre and this was seconded by Councillor Compton.

**3.4 Internal Auditor**

Councillor Plumptre nominated Councillor Compton and this was seconded by Councillor Ellison.

**4. Declaration of Acceptance of Office & Register of Interests**

Councillors signed the Declarations of Office and are to return their Register of Interest forms to the Clerk by 11<sup>th</sup> June.

**5. Minutes of the Meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March were signed as a true record of events by the Chairman.

**6. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda**

Councillor Ellison reported that the results of the Parish Broadband survey did not demonstrate a need great enough to apply for a grant for KCC. The group may do some publicity at the fete.

**7. Community Policing**

PC Keningale was not able to attend the meeting.

**8. District Councillors invited to report on DDC**

District Councillor Bartlett was unable to attend the meeting.

**9. Affordable Housing Scheme**

Work has begun on the new housing scheme, and the Parish Council's proposal to name the development Manicom Close is under consideration by DDC.

## **10. Planning**

**10.1** Ref: DOV/11/00242 Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (existing extension to be demolished). Location: Huntley Lodge, Orchard Court, Chillenden

The council agreed to support this application.

**10.2** Ref: DOV/11/00245 Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension, detached greenhouse and garden store and installation of oil tank and associated fencing. Location: Hop Cottage, Saddlers Hill, Goodnestone

The council agreed a response of ambivalent.

**10.3** Ref: DOV/11/00246 (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act & Regulations) Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension and associated internal alterations. Location: Hop Cottage, Saddlers Hill, Goodnestone

The council agreed a response of ambivalent.

**10.4** Ref: DOV/11/00293 (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act & Regulations) Proposal: Erection of an attached outbuilding to be used as ancillary residential accommodation (part of existing outbuilding to be demolished) Location: Hop Cottage, Saddlers Hill, Goodnestone

The council agreed a response of ambivalent.

## **11. Footpaths**

The council agreed not to pursue the previous suggestion of installing a Kissing Gate at the entrance to the wood above Fairfield. The Clerk agreed to write to Mr Gibson to remind him that the footpath that crosses their land between Goodnestone & Chillenden should be re-established after ploughing.

## **12. Highway Matters**

Following the proposal to install “no waiting at any time” road markings outside the school the clerk agreed to give a response asking for this not to go ahead. The reasons for this are that it is an unnecessary expense, and would be an eyesore. The clerk agreed to suggest that Kent Highways redirect the costs associated with this towards clearing the blocked drain by Park Cottage.

## **13. Finance**

### **13.1 Annual Audit**

The clerk agreed to pass the accounts to Councillor Compton as soon as they are complete for audit

### **13.2 Payments for Approval**

The following items were approved for payment:

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| i.   | KALC Membership & Notices  | £173.86 |
|      | <i>Proposed by Councillor Plumtre and Seconded by Councillor Ellison</i> |         |
| ii.  | Action with Communities in Rural Kent                                    | £35.00  |
|      | <i>Proposed by Councillor Phillips and Seconded by Councillor Kittle</i> |         |
| iii. | Clerk's Expenses   | £20.00  |
|      | <i>Proposed by Councillor Kittle and Seconded by Councillor Parsons</i>  |         |

It was agreed that the Clerk would purchase 6 copies of "The Parish Councillor's Guide" to assist all Councillors in performing their role at a cost of approximately £15 per copy.

**14. Written Correspondence**

The Clerk read out a letter received by a parishioner asking for action to be taken regarding various highway issues. The PC decided there was not a need for a mirror to be installed on the corner of Saddler's Hill as this may distract the driver from the road. The Council were not aware of any accidents having happened on this corner and suggested drivers make use of their horns. Although the Council were sympathetic regarding the parking issues during school drop-off and pick-up times it was felt a discussion with the Head Teacher as well as PC Keningale may be more appropriate than the suggestion of parking bays.

**15. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters**

The Clerk agreed to put the school on the agenda as a regular item and invite Head Teacher Katy Brooks to next PC meeting.

**16. Any Other Business**

The Clerk agreed to send former Chairman Nick Parsons a letter and a gift to thank him for his many years of service.

**17. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm	Goodnestone Village Hall
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30pm	Goodnestone Village Hall

There being no further items to discuss the meeting closed at 9.04pm.