

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2013

Present:

Councillors Plumptre, Phillips, Ellison, Kittle & Compton.

1. Apologies

District Councillors sent their apologies which was unavoidable due to the last minute date change.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of the 11th September 2013

The minutes of the meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record of events.

3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

The Clerk is to obtain quotes for grounds maintenance for the next financial year as the cost of this is a large proportion of the annual expenditure.

4. District Councillors invited to report on DDC

The Clerk read out a copy of District Councillor Conolly's report, a copy of which is included in these minutes.

5. Community Policing

PCSO Hannah Batley had not responded to the invitation to attend the meeting. The Clerk is to contact Dover Police to enquire about the reports that were previously received, detailing crime statistics in the Parish.

6. Goodnestone CE Primary School

The Clerk read out a copy of Headteacher Katy Brooks' report, a copy of which is included in these minutes.

7. Footpaths

The Footpaths Officer, Councillor Kittle, reported all footpaths are understandably wet, muddy, and some are blocked by falling trees. Councillor Plumptre confirmed Steve Bennett is in the process of clearing these paths. Councillor Plumptre also informed the PC that the Serpentine Woodland Walk will be officially open in early 2014.

8. Highway Matters

The Clerk agreed to contact Kent Highways about the blocked drain in Short Street. Various other reported issues such as missing signs and faulty streetlights have been reported and fixed.

9. Table Tennis at Chillenden

The Clerk read out a letter received from a resident in Chillenden, asking if the PC would consider providing funds to enable the purchase of a table tennis table and associated equipment. After discussion, the PC agreed to this in principle. The Clerk agreed to research into higher quality / thickness tables than the one suggested, in order to meet certain league / competition standards, and to ensure a high quality table was purchased that would stand the test of time.

10. Vogt Solar Community Fund

After liaising with Sue Sutcliffe of Vogt Solar, the clerk confirmed the Community Fund would be payable upon completion of the project, expected to be in April 2014. Councillor Phillips offered to be the Council's representative in discussions with Vogt Solar concerning how the Community Fund is set up and distributed. The Clerk will pass Councillor Phillips' details to Sue Sutcliff & vice versa to enable discussions to take place.

11. Finances

- Payments for Approval

i. Roger Austin £338.40

Proposed by Councillor Ellison, Seconded by Councillor Kittle

ii. Smith of Derby £668.40

Proposed by Councillor Compton, Seconded by Councillor Phillips

iii. Chillenden Village Hall £112.50

Proposed by Councillor Plumpton, Seconded by Councillor Ellison

iv. Goodnestone Village Hall £54.00

Proposed by Councillor Phillips, Seconded by Councillor Kittle

v. KCPFA £20.00

Not approved for payment – the Clerk agreed to contact the Kent County Playing Fields Association to withdraw membership.

12. Planning

There were no planning applications / decisions to discuss.

13. Parish Clerk Vacancy

The Clerk agreed to advertise the post in the local noticeboards, village news and by email to the Parish email list and to the other local Parish Clerks.

14. Written Correspondence

There was no written correspondence to discuss.

15. Councillors Reports on Parish Matters

Councillors had no further matters to report.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

The next meeting will be held on January 22nd, venue to be confirmed.