

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Doddington Village Hall on Monday 12 February 2018

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

Also present were KCCllr Andrew Bowles, Community Warden Dave Osborne and five members of the public.

Cllr Attwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Kevin Fraser (holiday); apologies accepted. Apologies had also been received from SBCllr Prescott: apologies noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Attwood declared a pecuniary interest in item 10.ii as the telecommunications mast is on his 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 8 January 2018

Councillors considered the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2018 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Attwood.

5. Matters Arising

- The meeting between KCC and Lenham Parish Council concerning the A20 junction has yet to be arranged.
KCCllr Bowles said he wants to attend the meeting if possible.
- Works are being programmed for the drain cleansing.
- The Newnham Clerk has agreed to enter into a reciprocal arrangement regarding being the Data Protection Officer for the Councils.
- There has been no update regarding the CSM inquiry following the Church Lane accident.
- *ACTION: Clerk to follow up.*

6. Community Warden Report

Community Warden Dave Osborne reported that there was a burglary in Painters Forstal and several items were stolen. There has been an increase in theft of tools from vans and in Faversham car parts, such as steering wheels and number plates.
Cllr Attwood thanked Mr Osborne for his report and for attending the meeting.

7. Neighbourhood Watch Report

Mrs Jackson, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, had sent apologies for being unable to attend the meeting and reported there have been no incidences in the Parish.

8. Public Question Time

*The meeting was adjourned for the Public Time.
Cllr Attwood left the meeting while item 10.ii was discussed by residents and Cllr Haynes took the Chair.*

A resident said when planning permission was given for the telephone mast it was understood that it would be masked.

Cllr Haynes said the Parish Council requested the mast would be masked but this did not form part of the condition of planning permission. The Parish Council has contacted Swale Borough Council and expressed concern and have requested a planning officer to visit the site.

KCCllr Bowles reported he has been contacted by residents and has passed correspondence to the planning officer and has copied SBCllr Prescott who is a Member of the Planning Committee. KCCllr Bowles said he will contact Graham Thomas, Swale Borough Council.

Cllr Haynes said that a planning application is needed for a mast over 20m high and will consider the benefit that mobile communications provide to the economy, health factors and the visual and environmental effect of any proposal on the surrounding area.

Cllr Cuthbert said the antennae need to be camouflaged better, the mast will weather down but the antennae are white and stand out.

Cllr Attwood returned to the meeting.

A resident said his field adjacent to the Ringlestone Road keeps flooding as water is coming out of the top of the soakaway, the water is not clean water.

Cllr Duckworth said he will contact Alan Blackburn for a site visit.

KCCllr Bowles said he will attend the meeting if available and would like to be copied in with any correspondence.

The meeting reconvened.

9. War Memorial

Cllr Attwood reported to Members that the list of names is nearly complete.

ACTION 1: Clerk to circulate list to Councillors

ACTION 2: Clerk to ascertain whether planning permission is required.

10. Planning Matters

i. To receive an update

17/505025/FULL Land North Of Homestall Road Doddington - Re-contouring of land, construction of earth bund, laying of hardstanding, formation of new access, erection of amenity building and creation of 2no. parking spaces (part retrospective).

Cllr Attwood reported the application has been refused.

17/506054/FULL White Lines Chequers Hill Doddington - New two storey dwelling

Cllr Attwood reported permission granted

ii. Correspondence regarding Telecommunications mast at Down Court Farm, Down Court Road Doddington

Cllr Atwood left the meeting and Cllr Haynes took the Chair.

Cllr Haynes said correspondence has been received from residents concerning the telecommunications mast. The Parish Council has written to Swale Borough Council requesting that a planning officer make a site visit. The Parish Council is pursuing the matter.

Cllr Attwood returned to the meeting.

11. Finance

i. Councillors Expenses

None were claimed.

ii. Invoices for Payment

a) Doddington Village Hall

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Doddington Village Hall £108.00 in respect of the Village Hall hire for meetings (cheque no 1143)

b) Any other invoice received by 12 February 2018

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Newington Parish Council £5.00 being share of Clerk's attendance at GDPR workshop (cheque no 1144).

12. Defibrillator

Cllr Coates said there were no issues to report.

13. Speed Watch

Cllr Coates reported there had been three Speed Watch sessions since the last meeting. The session in Wychling recorded thirty-two vehicles speeding and this resulted in six letters being sent, two of which were delivered by the Police. A session at Sunnyside recorded three vehicles speeding and a session at Northdown recorded four vehicles speeding. Kent Police have requested the number of vehicles travelling through the village also be recorded.

Cllr Attwood thanked Cllr Coates for his report.

14. Playing Field

Cllr Duckworth's monthly report

Cllr Duckworth said he has been unable to treat the moss because of the weather but he has inspected the playing field regularly. The order for the grass cutting has been placed.

15. Highways

Cllr Duckworth said he will contact Alan Blackburn, KCC Highways, about the drainage problems in the village.

KCCllr Bowles asked that he be informed of any meeting with Kent Highways.

16. Correspondence

1. 12.01.18- Kent Police Rural Liaison Team report
 2. 12.01.18- Kent Police & Crime Commissioner draft funding proposals for 2018/2019
 3. 18.01.18- Cllr Bowles's December Newsletter
 4. 22.01.18- KCC Urgent Road Closure - Seed Road, Newnham
 5. 27.01.18- KCC Urgent Road Closure - The Street, Doddington
 6. 03.02.18- Letter from resident concerning the phone mast
 7. 03.02.18- Letter from resident concerning the phone mast
 8. 11.02.18- email from resident concerning planning matters in the Newsletter
- The correspondence about the phone mast had been discussed earlier in the meeting.
9. 11.02.18- Cllr Bowles's January Newsletter

17. Any Other Business

Cllr Coates asked whether anyone was going to the Planning Conference.

Cllr Duckworth said he would if he were available.

Cllr Coates said he heard the noisy motor bike going through the village at approximately 7.20am.

Cllr Haynes said a number of residents have complained as this occurs every morning.

Cllr Attwood said he has reported it to the Rural Police Team.

Cllr Cuthbert asked if there should be an agenda item to consider matters which should be included in the Newsletter.

Cllr Attwood said that by the time the Newsletter is published it would be too late for residents to comment on Planning applications as deadlines would have passed. The report in the Newsletter is a historic report of the Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Haynes said there is limited space in the Newsletter although a link to the planning portal could be included.
Cllr Jones said residents should look at the Parish Council website and the agenda. There could be reference to future planning applications being on the Swale website. The Parish Council is trying to be an intermediary and listing planning application on the agenda makes it more accessible.

Date of next Meeting:- Monday 12 March 2018

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.04pm.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

.....Chairman
Dates 12 March 2018