

GODMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 8.00 pm in Godmersham & Crundale Village Hall

Present : Cllrs Grayson (in the Chair), Fisher, Gee, Taylor & Johnson

In attendance: Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, ABC Cllrs Dehnel & Bradford, PCSO Sinden and a colleague and three members of the public

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

2 Declarations of Councillors Interests

There were no declarations of Cllrs interests regarding items on the agenda

3 Reports - ABC Cllr Dehnel & PCSO Sinden including a public discussion

There was a full discussion regarding actual and perceived crime taking place within the Parish and surrounding areas. Various issues were discussed including rural crime, public apathy to reporting crime, lack of Police presence on a regular basis in the area, the possible role of social media, use of CCTV and crime prevention measures. It was concluded that it was absolutely essential to report all crimes and suspected crimes to the Police either by phone or by using the new online reporting system

4 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th November 2017 were approved and signed

5 Matters Arising

Email from Kent Men of Tress re replacement lime trees – Cllr Grayson to contact

Cllr Grayson

6 To discuss matters of public concern

There were no matters to discuss

7 Village Hall Business Case fro a ride on lawnmower

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the March Meeting

8 Communal CCTV

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the March Meeting

9 To discuss Planning & Enforcement Matters

New Planning Applications

17/01783 – front extension/porch
The Coach House, Eggarton Lane, Godmersham

CONSIDERED IN BETWEEN MEETINGS – NO COMMENTS

17/014800 – variation of planning condition
Blue Firs, Canterbury Road, Godmersham

SUBSEQUENTLY WITHDRWAN BY APPLICANT

17/01862 – Car port & store
Greenways, The Street, Godmersham

ABC DECIDED APPLICATION – NOT LAWFUL

17/01917 – Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 20 dwellings/new access/planting
Thruxted Mill, Penny Pot Lane, Godmersham

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council was supportive of this outline application and felt strongly that two and three bed houses were very important and must be retained in the full application. Clarification was also required around the use of the S106 monies. Clerk to write to ABC

Clerk

Decided Planning Application

17/01564 – Broadfields, Canterbury Road, Godmersham
Loft conversion with dormer windows

GRANTED

17/01632 – Demolition of Nissen huts and replace with storage containers
Bilting Farm Business Centre, Canterbury Road, Godmersham

GRANTED

10 To Consider Finance Matters

A Accounts for Payment

	£
Cheque No 100846 G Eaton, Clerks salary and expenses (Oct & Nov)	433.66
Cheque No 100847 Clerk's tax (Oct & Nov)	88.40
Cheque No 100848 Village Hall, Hall hire/final grass cut	366.00

B Review of 2016-2017 Internal Audit recommendations

The revised Standing Orders (circulated by email) were approved and adopted

The revised Financial Regulations (circulated by email) were approved and adopted

It was also agreed that the Clerk should continue to develop the use of the website and upload the information required by the Transparency Code

Clerk

C To agree the Precept Requirement for 2018-2019

The Clerk circulated draft figures relating to the Precept requirement for 2018-2019 and these were fully discussed. It was unanimously agreed to keep the Precept at £5500 the same as the current year. Clerk to advise ABC

Clerk

11 Correspondence received

ABC Leaders briefings x 2

Email from ABC re DPI forms to be completed – original to ABC with copy to Clerk

Cllrs Grayson Fisher Gee & Taylor

Email re The Lord Lieutenant of Kent's Civil Service

Email re the Kent tree and pond warden scheme

Email re online crime reporting

Email re Community Policing volunteers

12 AOB

There was no other business to discuss

13 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on 14th March

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.50 pm