

GODMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 10th January 2019 at 8.00 pm in Godmersham Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council

Cllr Grayson welcomed Lenny Pritchard of Kikk to discuss the possible development of the Parish website. There was a general discussion about how the website could look and the role it could play in providing community information and news. Lenny kindly agreed to access the website and supply a brief report on the options available for developing the website and the associated costs. Cllr Grayson on behalf of the Parish Council thanked Lenny for attending

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Taylor

2 Declarations of Councillor's Interests

There were no declarations of Cllrs interests in items on the Agenda

3 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th November 2018 were approved and signed

4 Matters Arising

The Clerk was asked to contact ABC Cllr Dehnel regarding the Council's Ward Member Grant application for funding towards the Parish BBQ and request an update

Clerk

The email from ABC Planning regarding the Thruxted Mill planning application, confirming that no S106 contributions would be payable, was fully discussed. It was agreed that a letter be sent to ABC Cllr Dehnel highlighting that there were contradictions in the application documents regarding the levels and extent of contamination. The letter would state that the Parish Council felt let down and misled by the process

Clerk

5 To discuss matters of public concern

There were no matters of public concern to discuss

6 Communal CCTV

This item was deferred to the next meeting

7 Speed watch

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from a Parishioner expressing an interest in joining a Speed Watch Group

The email from PCSO with information about setting up a CSW (Community Speed Watch) scheme was briefly discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk should forward to all Cllrs to review

Clerk/Cllrs

8 To discuss Planning & Enforcement MattersNew Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications to consider

Decided Planning Application

18/01342 – 4 Purr Wood, Eggarton Lane
Single storey rear extension

GRANTED

9 To Consider Finance Matters & Accounts for paymentAccounts for payment

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G Eaton, Clerks salary and expenses (Dec & Jan)	433.66
Clerk's tax (Dec & Jan)	88.60
Godmersham & Crundale VH, hall hire	516.00

Finance Report: April – Dec 2018

The Clerk circulated the Finance Report for the period 1st April – 31st Dec 2018 and the figures discussed. Cllr Fisher checked the bank balances stated in the report with the bank statements and confirmed they agreed. The Report was approved

Budget 2019 – 2020 and Precept Requirement 2019 - 2020

The Clerk circulated draft figures for the budget for 2019 – 2020 and these were discussed. Given the anticipated expenditure of £6075 it was unanimously agreed to request a Precept of £5950 the same as the current year. This would be in addition to the concurrent function grant of £280. Clerk to advise ABC

Clerk

10 Village Hall grass cutting

Cllr Grayson outlined various quotes for tree works at the Village Hall – reducing three large limes by 1/3, to remove the bushy lime in the car park and grind the stump and for the general grounds maintenance. It was agreed that Cllr Gee would check whether the works to the limes could be undertaken and to discuss the quotes with the Village Hall Committee. It was agreed that the works would be paid for by the Village Hall Committee and invoiced to the Parish Council

Cllr Gee

11 Correspondence

Email from ABC re defining settlement confines

Email re Lost Words Kent Campaign for books in Schools

Email re Airfield of Britain Conservation Trust plaque

Email re Speed Sign on Canterbury side of A28

Email re Songs and Opera from London Shows

Email re Ashford Picture house now open

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 Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 8.00 pm in Godmersham Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.35 pm