

GODMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 8.00 pm in Godmersham Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council and ABC Cllr Dehnel

Cllr Grayson welcomed Redmond Lee who wished to discuss the provision of fibre broadband in the Parish and the setting up a Community Fibre Partnership scheme with Openreach to provide super-fast broadband. There was a full discussion around the current provision and costs and the likelihood of further provision to improve coverage and reduce costs. Cllr Grayson on behalf of the Parish Council thanked Redmond for attending the Meeting

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

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 10th January 2019 were approved and signed

4 Matters Arising

Email from Lenny Pritchard, re website - it was agreed to ask Lenny for a quote to build and host a new Parish website

Clerk

Email from Stagecoach re damaged bus stop at Pope Street – Clerk to chase Stagecoach as bus stop had not yet been repaired

Clerk

5 To discuss matters of public concern

The issue of the speed limit in Church Lane (the 'Godmersham Loop') was discussed. The Clerk was asked to confirm with Kent Highways the speed limit on the road and if 60 mph to request a reduction in the speed limit

Clerk

6 Communal CCTV

This item was deferred to the next meeting

7 Speed watch

After a discussion it was agreed that the previously circulated document including details of various web sites would be fully discussed at the next Meeting

All

8 To discuss Planning & Enforcement Matters

New Planning Applications

19/00044 – conversion of conservatory to garden/family room
The Old Cattle Byre, Pope Street

Circulated between meetings – no comments

19/00009 & 19/00010 – two storey extension/listed building
Redfern, Bilting Lane

Circulated between meetings – no comments

19/00142 – change of use to provide new access and gate
Bilting Court, Canterbury Road

Circulated between meetings – no comments

19/00234 – anti climb prevention measures
Bridge NE of Church Cottages, Canterbury Road

Circulated between meetings – no comments

Decided Planning Application

18/01634 –demolition of x3 Nissen Huts for 22 storage containers
Bilting Farm Business Centre, Bilting Road

GRANTED

9 Tree surgery and grass cutting

It was noted that the tree works were currently being undertaken and that the Village Hall had accepted a quote for general grounds maintenance

10 To Consider Finance Matters & Accounts for payment

Accounts for payment

	£
G Eaton, Clerks salary and expenses (Feb & March)	433.66
Clerk's tax (Feb & March)	88.60
GW Landscapes, tree works	1530.00

Review of Clerk's salary

Cllr Grayson reported that the Council had agreed to increase the Clerk's rate of pay to £12.00 per hour and requested that the Clerk put this item on the agenda each year. The Clerk thanked the Council for the increase

Risk Assessment

The draft Risk Assessment Tool circulated by email was discussed and approved. The Clerk was asked to load this onto the website

Clerk

11 Annual Parishioners Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Parishioners Meeting would be held on held on 10th April 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Clerk to invite speakers as agreed

Clerk

12 Parish Council Elections

Cllr Fisher declared that he would be resigning from the Parish Council and handed the Clerk a letter confirming this. Cllr Grayson on behalf of the Parish Council thanked Andrew for all his hard work and efforts over many years serving on the Council

13 General Privacy Notice and GDPR Consent form

The General Privacy Notice and GDPR Consent form previously circulated were discussed and approved. The Clerk was asked to load these onto the website

Clerk

14 Correspondence

Email from ABC re Great British Spring Clean

Email from ABC re adoption of the Local Plan to 2030

ABC Leader's briefings

Emails from ABC re Parish Council elections on 2nd May

15 AOB

There was no other business to discuss

16 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 8.00 pm in Godmersham Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.50 pm