

GODMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th May 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 and ABC Cllr Dehnel

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

2 Declarations of Councillors Interests

Cllr Grayson declared an interest in the Meadow Lea planning application

Cllrs Gee Taylor & Johnson declared an interest in the Village Hall Business Case for a ride on lawn mower

3 Election of Chiarman & Vice Chairman

It was proposed seconded and unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Grayson as Chairman

It was proposed seconded and unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Fisher as Vice Chairman

4 Election of Parish Council Committees

It was unanimously agreed to appoint the following Committee representatives:

KALC	Cllrs Taylor & Gee
ABC Parish Forum	Cllrs Taylor & Gee
Village Hall	Cllrs Gee & Johnson
Highways	Cllr Grayson
Countryside/footpaths	Cllrs Fisher & Gee
Press Officer	Clerk
Planning	All
Police Liaison	Cllr Fisher

5 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting

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

6 Matters Arising

Letter received from David Swan, Godmersham Relief in Need Charity, enclosing a cheque for £1350 repaying (with interest) the Parish Recreational Ground Fund which was passed to the Charity by the Parish Council in 2003

Email received from Godmersham Park Heritage Centre re Airfield plaque confirming that they would be pleased to display the plaque. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the plaque to be sent to the Heritage Centre, Godmersham Park

Clerk

7 To discuss matters of public concern

There was a brief discussion regarding speeding on the A28 and it was agreed to put speed watch on the next meeting agenda

Clerk

8 Village Hall Business Case for a ride on lawnmower

There was a full discussion of the final version of the Business Case for a ride on lawn mower prepared by the Village Hall Committee. They were thanked for their hard work and thought that went into its preparation and were to be congratulated on the lovely Village field. It was concluded and agreed that there would be no real cost savings associated with a ride on mower. It was unanimously agreed however that the Parish Council would contribute more to the Village Hall for grass cutting

9 Communal CCTV

This item was deferred to the next meeting

10 To consider the implications of the new GDPR regulations

There was a general discussion regarding the new GDPR regulations and the Clerk was asked to acquire further information for the next meeting

Clerk

11 To discuss Planning & Enforcement Matters

New Planning Applications

18/00520 – Erection of outbuilding (retrospective)
Meadow Lea, Canterbury Road

It was agreed that a letter be sent to ABC objecting to this application – against plot splitting, overdevelopment of the site, should have submitted application before commencing building

Clerk

18/00509 – Reconstruct and repair log store
Home Farm House, Bilting Lane

There were no objections to this application

Decided Planning Applications

There were no decided applications to note

Possible S106 contributions relating to the Thruxted Mill planning application

Email from ABC providing more detail on the possible S106 contributions

Cllr Grayson summarised a very useful discussion he had with the Chair of Chilham PC regarding S106 monies

12 To Consider Finance Matters

A Accounts for Payment

	£
G Eaton, Clerks salary and expenses (April & May)	433.66
Clerk's tax (April & May)	88.40
KALC, annual subs	195.89 incl VAT of £32.65
Zurich Insurance, annual insurance	368.14

B. To consider a donation to urgent tree works at the Village Hall

It was noted that the urgent tree works had been completed and paid for by the Village Hall Committee

C. To consider outsourcing the Clerk's payroll

After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed to outsource the Clerk's payroll to DM Payroll Services at a cost of £81pa

Clerk

13 Correspondence received

Poster from Kent Police – help protect Kent from crime

Letter from Air Ambulance requesting a donation

Email from ABC re WW1 photographic exhibition – 'Fields of Battle, Lands of Peace'

Email from Kent Police re National Rural Crime survey

Email from ABC – Leaders Briefing – work has started on the new J10a

14 AOB

There was a discussion regarding the purchase of a Parish BBQ and consideration given to where the BBQ should be sited in the Village Hall's grounds. Cllr Taylor outlined the quote he had received to carry out the ground work and install the BBQ.

It was agreed that a further meeting should be held ASAP to finalise issues around the BBQ so that an order could be placed. It was also agreed that at this meeting the Clerk should present the 2017-2018 annual accounts and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for signing off. Clerk to circulate meeting date ASAP

Clerk

15 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Ordinary Meeting would be held on 11th July 2018 at 8.00 pm in Godmersham & Crundale Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 10.15 pm