

GODMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 8.00 pm in Godmersham Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council

It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Redmond Lee onto the Parish Council. Cllr Lee thanked the Council and joined the Meeting

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from ABC Cllr Dehnel

2 Declarations of Councillor's Interests

Cllr Lee declared an interest in the planning application at 16 The Street, Godmersham

3 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

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

It was proposed seconded and unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Taylor as Vice Chair

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 & Redmond
Highways	Cllrs Grayson & Johnson
Countryside/footpaths	Cllrs Gee & Grayson
Press Officer	Clerk
Planning	All
Police Liaison	Cllr Redmond

5 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th March 2019 were approved and signed

6 Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that the damaged bus stop at Pope Street had been repaired

There was a general discussion regarding the Church Lane speed limit and KCCs position regarding reducing speed limits. It was agreed that Cllr Taylor would try and progress this issue and generally to keep a watching brief

Cllr Taylor

7 To discuss matters of public concern

It was noted that there was graffiti on the railway bridge and bus shelter. Cllr Grayson kindly offered to get a quote to remove this

Cllr Grayson

8 Communal CCTV

This item was deferred to the next meeting

9 Speed watch

After a brief discussion it was agreed to hold a meeting of all interested parties after the June Finance Meeting to be held on 12th June at 7.30pm

Clerk

10 To discuss Planning & Enforcement Matters

New Planning Application

19/00302 – replacement outbuilding for playroom/gym 16 The Street

Cllr Lee left the room whilst the application was discussed

There were no objections to the application

Decided Planning Applications

18/01411 & 18/01412 – removal of conservatory and erection of garden room
The Old Vicarage, Godmersham Park

GRANTED

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

GRANTED

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

GRANTED

19/0009 & 19/00010 – two storey extension
Redfern, Bilting Lane

REFUSED

11 Tree surgery and grass cutting

Cllr Gee reported that the new grass cutting contract was bedding in well and that the contractors were doing a professional job

12 To Consider Finance Matters & Accounts for payment

Accounts approved for payment

	£
G Eaton, Clerks salary and expenses (April & May)	503.20
Clerk's tax (April & May)	100.80
GW Landscapes, grounds maintenance	222.00
KALC, annual subs	194.50
Zurich, annual insurance	371.21

13 Parish website

There was a full discussion about a new website and it was agreed to accept Lenny Pritchard's quote. Cllr Redmond kindly offered to act as lead on this and would contact Lenny
Cllr Redmond

14 Correspondence

Email re Kings Wood exhibition on 18th May

Email re new highway steward

Notice of uncontested election for Parish Cllrs for Godmersham

Notice of election of Borough Cllr for Downs Ward

ABC Leader's briefings

Details re 'Do not knock' door stickers. The Clerk was asked to obtain a small supply

Clerk

Email from ABC re knife crime

Letter/poster re Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September

Letter re Godmersham Relief in Need Charity – new Clerk is Mrs. Julie Knuckey. Letter to be sent to David thanking him for all his hard work over the years

Clerk

15 AOB

The Clerk was asked to contact the bank and update the mandate

Clerk

Cllr Redmond gave a brief update on the BT Openreach project and undertook to seek further sources of funding to try and make the project viable

Cllr Redmond

16 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Wednesday 10th July 2019 at 8.00 pm in Godmersham Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.25 pm