

GODMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th November 2018 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

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Taylor

2 Declarations of Councillor's Interests

Cllr Grayson declared an interest in planning application 18/01634, Bilting Farm Business Centre, Canterbury Road

There were no other 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 12th September 2018 were approved and signed

4 Matters Arising

There was a general discussion regarding Cllr Dehnel's Ward Member's Grant and the Council's application for a grant towards the Village BBQ. The Clerk was asked to complete the form and email to Cllr Dehnel

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

It was reported that a notice had appeared in the Parish magazine regarding the setting up of a Speed Watch Group and that three residents had expressed an interest in volunteering. The Clerk was asked to find out further details about setting up and running a Speed Watch Group
Clerk

8 To discuss Planning & Enforcement Matters

New Planning Applications

18/01393 – dwelling and garage
Panorama, Canterbury Road

Dealt with between meetings and comments submitted to ABC

17/01917 – erection of up to 20 dwellings after site
clearance Thruxted Mill, Penny Pot Lane

The Parish Council had commented on this application at the outline stage. It was noted that the application was due to be discussed at ABC's Planning meeting this evening

18/01634 – demolition of three asbestos Nissen Huts and change of use for siting
storage containers
Bilting Farm Business Centre, Canterbury Road

Cllr Grayson declared an interest and left the room whilst the application was discussed

There were no objections to the application

Decided Planning Applications

18/01207 – demolition of out building and erection of car
barn The Coach House, Eggarton Lane

GRANTED

Other Planning Matters

18/00131/32 – removal of conservatory and erection of garden
room The Old V icarage, Godmersham Park

WITHDRAWN

9 To Consider Finance Matters & Accounts for payment

Accounts for payment

	£
G Eaton, Clerks salary and expenses (Oct & Nov)	433.66
Clerk's tax (Oct & Nov)	88.40
Godmersham & Crundale V H, hall hire	166.00
D Buckett, Internal Audit fee	316.20

Finance Report: April – Sept 2018

The Clerk circulated the Finance Report for the period 1st April - 30th Sept 2018 and the figures discussed. The Report was approved

Internal Audit Report: 2017/2018

The previously circulated Internal Audit Report for 2017/2018 was fully discussed and it was agreed that:

Given the importance of having a good website quotes should be sought for someone to professionally manage the website – Clerk to contact the Village Hall's webmaster

Clerk

It was agreed to adopt a Privacy Statement (based on those used by other similar sized Parish Council's) and to upload onto the website

To upload the Standing Orders Financial Regulations to the website

To undertake an Annual Risk Assessment

10 Correspondence received

Email from parishioner re broadband speeds

ABC Leaders briefings

Email from KCC re winter period

Email from ABC re Ashford concert band

Letter/poster from Royal Mail re scam mail

V arious documents from KALC re 71st AGM on 17th Nov

V arious documents from ABC re modifications to the Local Plan 2030

11 AOB

There was a brief discussion about the significant developments taking place at The Beeches in Chilham. The Clerk was asked to alert Cllr Dehnel

Clerk

12 Dates of 2019 Meetings

The following Meeting dates for 2019 were agreed:

10th Jan, 13th March, 8th May, 10th July, 11th Sept, and 13th Nov

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.30 pm