

# **GODMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th November 2017 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, ABC Cllr Dehnel, two PCSO's and two members of the public

### **Action by:**

#### **1 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence

#### **2 Declarations of Councillors Interests**

Cllr Grayson declared an interest in the planning application at Bilting Farm Business Centre

There were no other declarations of Cllrs interests regarding items on the agenda

#### **3 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were approved and signed

#### **4 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising of note

#### **5 To discuss matters of public concern**

There was a full discussion with the PCSOs regarding the perceived high level of crime in the area mainly involving theft and damage to property. There was concern that the Police response to crime in the area and Police presence was not what it should be. It was agreed that the Cllrs would prepare a list of recent crimes with commentary and that this would be sent to PCSO Sinden. ABC Cllr Dehnel stated that he would be pursuing some of the issues discussed with ABC officers and the Police. The PCSOs agreed to take back all comments and concerns and discuss with PCSO Sinden. It was generally expected that PCSO Sinden should attend the next meeting to discuss these matters. Clerk to advise him of the meeting date

**Clerk**

Email received from Parishioner re poor street lighting in 'The Triangle' opposite Purr Wood was discussed

## **6 Village Hall Business Case fro a ride on lawnmower**

There was a general discussion about the Village Hall Business Case and a number of matters discussed:

A larger mower (more expensive) may be more practical  
Village Hall to confirm insurance cover for drivers – may be better to have a nominated driver  
Where would the mover be kept? – Not suitable to be stored in the Village Hall container  
Any agreement between the Council and the Village Hall would be for a fixed 3 year period with a review after one year  
Clarify payment arrangements to the existing grass cutter

Clerk to email Mr. R Johnson, Village Hall Committee, asking that the Village Hall address these issues and revise the Business Case so that the Council could consider it again at its Jan 2018 meeting

**Clerk**

## **7 To discuss Planning & Enforcement Matters**

### New Planning Applications

**17/01495** – demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two detached dwellings Blur Firs, Canterbury Road

Agreed objection to be made to ABC – proposal represents over development of the site, over bearing and garages too close to neighbouring properties

**Clerk**

**17/01632** – demolition of two Nissen huts and replace with x12 storage containers Bilting Farm Business Centre, Canterbury Road

Cllr Grayson declared an interest in this application and left the Hall whilst the application was considered. There were no objections to the application

**17/01564** – Loft conversion and rear extension  
Broadfields, Canterbury Road

There were no objections to this application

### Decided Planning Application

**17/01318** – Change of use to overspill car park  
The Old Dairy, Godmersham Park

**GRANTED**

**17/01168** – Side and rear extensions  
Highways, Canterbury Road

**GRANTED**

**17/01114** – Lawful development certificate for proposed single storey rear extension  
Broadview, Canterbury Road

**WOULD BE LAWFUL**

**7 To Consider Finance Matters**

A. Accounts for Payment

	<b>£</b>
Cheque No 100843 No G Eaton, Clerks salary and expenses (Oct & Nov)	433.66
Cheque No 100844 Clerk's tax (Oct & Nov)	88.40
Cheque No 100845 Village Hall, grass cut/rabbit guards	267.40

B Parish Council Reserves

It was agreed that this item should be deferred to a future meeting when costings for some of the possible projects were available

C. Finance Report: April – Sept 2017

The Clerk circulated the Finance Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 and the figures discussed. Cllr Fisher checked the balances sated in the report with the bank statements. The Report was approved

**9 Correspondence received**

Email re Kent Downs AONB. Clerk to circulate other emails and maps

**Clerk**

Email re Christmas Recycling collections

Email re Business Rates consultation

Letter and documents re KALC AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov

Letter and report from The Kent Men of Trees – agreed Clerk would scan and email to Cllr Taylor to forward to interested parties. A plaque for the brownies to be displayed outside the Village Hall was discussed

**Cllr Taylor**

Email re ABC Leaders Briefing – agreed Clerk to circulate to Cllrs

**Clerk**

**10 AOB**

Cllr Grayson noted a number of dead lime trees – agreed contact Kent Men of Trees for advice regarding replacement

**Clerk**

**11 Meeting dates for 2018**

The following meeting dates for 2018 were agreed:

10<sup>th</sup> January, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 14<sup>th</sup> November

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.40 pm