

GODMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 8.00 pm in Godmersham Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Taylor and ABC Cllr Dehnel

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 15th January 2020 were approved and signed

4 Matters Arising

Cllr Johnson reported that the saplings had been received and that she had planted some around the Village Hall. Volunteers were to be sought for further planting

5 To discuss matters of public concern

There was a brief discussion regarding speeding on the A28 and traffic calming measures

6 Superfast broadband

Cllr Lee updated the Meeting on the progress of the two schemes covering the Parish and there followed a general discussion. It was agreed that further discussions would take place outside of the Council Meeting

7 To discuss Planning & Enforcement Matters

New Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications to consider

Decided Planning Applications

20/0051 – two storey extension
Redfern, Bilting Lane

GRANTED

19/0089 – discharge of condition 3
Bilting Court, Canterbury Road

GRANTED

8 Grounds maintenance contract

After a brief discussion it was agreed to renew the grass cutting contract with GW Landscaping for a further year, 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021. It was agreed that invoices relating to 2020/2021 would continue to be paid by the Parish Council but thereafter the Village Hall Committee would contribute to the cost

9 To Consider Finance Matters & Accounts for payment

The following cheque was approved for payment

Cheque No 907 Clerk's tax (Feb & March 2020)	£100.80
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It was noted that Cheque No 906 had been authorised to Cllr Lee on 7th February for expenses incurred on the BT Superfast broadband initiative - £186.29

It was noted that monthly Standing Orders were in place payable to G Eaton for the Clerk's salary and expenses £241.60 and to GW Landscaping for grounds maintenance £222.00

10 Correspondence

Letter from Godmersham in Relief of Need Charity re PC nominated Trustee – it was unanimously agreed to re-elect Mr. Greg Ellis as the Parish Council's nominated Trustee

Letter from HSBC – needs to confirm business details

Invitation to Lord Lieutenant of Kent's Civic Service on 17th March at 11.00 am

Email confirming VAT refund has been submitted

Email received from Robin Cooper, Chair Crundale Parish Meeting, advising that a second speed sign was soon to be installed by KCC on the Canterbury side of the A28 (to which the Parish Council had previously agreed to contribute £600). It was unanimously agreed that this was excellent news and the result of Robin's hard work and determination. Letter of thanks to be sent

Clerk

Email from Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership asking for a donation to replace stolen chainsaws

Email re Parish Forum on 15th April at 6.30 pm

Invitation to workshop re new vision for Ashford

Email re Mayor of Ashford's Charity Tea on 29th March at 3.00 pm

Poster re Keep Kent Clean and householder's duty of care

Letter from Air Ambulance requesting donation

11 Highway Matters

There was nil of note to report

12 Annual Parishioners Meeting

The Clerk was asked to look at possible dates for the APM and circulate to Cllrs

13 AOB

Cllr Gee reported that the noticeboard had been damaged and needed to be repaired

14 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Wednesday 13th May at 8.00pm in Godmersham Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.30 pm