

Minutes

Meeting held in Studdal Church Hall on Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7.30 pm.

1. Present and Apologies

Present

B Merriman (chair)
D Willet
A Calthorpe
R Buxton
DDC Member Nick Kenton
A Nigol (Clerk)

6 members of the public

Apologies

G Akhurst
H Densham
KCC Member Steve Manion

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Calthorpe declared an interest in item 10. Coronation Celebrations.

3. Approval of the minutes 7th February 2023

The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Merriman seconded by Cllr Calthorpe and all members voted in favour

4. Matters arising from the minutes 7th February 2023

- i) There was no update from Cllr Densham whether there has been another delivery of road salt, however the Clerk had checked the grit bins and they were all full.
- ii) Clerk had reported the missing salt bin at the Boys Hill to the KCC Highways, but had not heard back yet. Parish Council to consider replacing the bin. Clerk to circulate information and prices on suggested bins, paying special attention to the thickness of the plastic. To go on April meeting agenda.
- iii) Cllr Merriman to check whether the drain outside the nursery has been cleaned and whether it needs cleaning again. Clerk to report back to KCC Highways.
- iv) Pothole survey on Roman road and Homestead Lane have been completed by KCC Highways, and potholes repaired in Homestead Lane.
- v) Clerk to contact the only remaining person on the allotment waiting list to see if they are still interested in one of the newly measured plots, and informing them of the annual rent.
- vi) The grease bands for the Orchard were purchased and handed over to Doug Vickers, who kindly offered to place them on apple trees.

5. Visitors

Mrs Dawn Audsley reported that there are pieces of plastic and other rubbish around the C&M Hayes Warehouse. She had already spoken to them directly, however it has not been cleaned yet. Clerk to contact C& M Hayes and request they keep the area free of rubbish. Mrs Audsely also reported that there has been an ongoing issue with fly tipping at the end of the Waldershare Road near the field

entrance. Clerk had already taken some photographs and reported to DDC. During her voluntary litter pick Mrs Audsley also found a carrier bag full of some kind of medical files. Cllr Merriman agreed to visit the site and investigate. Cllr Merriman thanked Mrs Audsley for her continuous community work. Mr Parfitt spoke about the concerns regarding the Goldstone Hollow where the generators have been installed and there are number of vehicles on the site including lorries. A static caravan was installed last year presumably with an intention to live in it. There has been no evidence of a planning application. Clerk to contact DDC Planning Enforcement.

6. Finance

i) To approve the payment schedule for February was proposed by Cllr Calthorpe seconded by Cllr Willet and all members voted in favour.

Chq No.

001534	Clerk	February wages	£468.00
001535	Clerk	February ex - Onedrive	£13.68
001536	Cornilo Churches	July 2022-March 2023 Church Hall Hire	£120.00
001537	C Little	Grass cutting October-December 2022	£750.00

7. Update on Renewal of Grass Cutting Contract

The Chair agreed to take a look at the quotes received and will bring it back to the next meeting in April.

8. Local Community

i) Road sweep update from KCC Highways.

Clerk contacted KCC Highways, however the works have not been completed yet.

ii) Building practices on the Nursing site on Downs Road.

Cllr Calthorpe reported that she had a chat with a local resident who's concerned about the building practices on the Nursery site. All the soil from the site is being dumped out the back of the house along Downs Road- specifically behind the Canton new builds. The work is being done by Milton Groundwork's and it was also mentioned there are staff on site operating machinery without appropriate workwear (no hi vis or hard hats). Clerk to write to DDC Planning.

iii) Temporary Road Closure will take place - Strakers Hill, East Studdal – 24-28th April 2023

iv) Temporary Road Closure will take place- Vale Road, Sutton 28th April 2023

Both road closures are published on the Parish website.

v) Update on playground football nets. No update from Cllr Willet. To go on April agenda.

9. Community Litter Pick.

The date has been confirmed, 15th April 9:30AM- 12:30PM and the Community Hall has been booked. The Parish Council agreed to spend £50.00 on refreshments. The information has been published on the website, notice boards and in Rural Roundup.

10. Coronation Celebrations

Cllr Calthorpe asked if the Parish Council would be willing to make a donation of £300.00 towards the Coronation Celebrations at the Community Hall. The money will be used towards the refreshments and will be advertised on local notice boards and the website. The Chair proposed to make a donation of £300.00 to support the Coronation Celebrations taking place Sunday 7th May at the Community Hall, it was seconded by Cllr Buxton and all members voted in favour. Cllr Calthorpe abstained from voting. The Chair asked for the itemised details of the spend to be provided.

11. Local Planning

For discussion:

- i) APP/X2220/W/23/3314870 Appeal- Manor Farm, Willow Woods Road, Little Mongeham, CT14 0HR. Change of use of land to an airfield to include a runway, helipad, erection of 2no. aircraft hangars, flight office and toilets, workshop/plant storage building, glamping for 10no. pitches,

associated parking and a vehicular access track. This planning application was refused by DDC and has now gone to appeal. It will be a face-to-face hearing at the Dover Council on 20th June. The Chair asked the Council to discuss whether or not the Council would be willing to make a further contribution to the Chocks Go Away campaign should it be requested. It was agreed to make a similar donation to that made in November 2022 (£300). Donation up to £300 was proposed by Cllr Merriman and seconded by Cllr Buxton.

Parish Council also agreed to submit a comment to the Appeal Panel that they still strongly object to this development and their views had not changed since the previous two objections Parish Council made on 11th May 2021 and 2nd March 2022. Clerk to action before deadline of 28 March.

Noted:

- ii) 22/01661 Land to North-East Of Martin Gorse Water Supply Works Waterworks Hill West Langdon CT15 5JW. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) for amendments to the design and layout of planning permission DOV/21/00993 (S73) (retrospective) Change of use of land and erection of ion exchange building and associated works, temporary welfare, office and storage units. Permission Granted.

12. Report from DDC/KCC

DDC Member Nick Kenton reported on the following:

No grants available for Coronation Celebrations

Fly tipping challenges

Community DDC bus can be invited to the community events. Clerk to investigate whether it would be possible to invite them to the litter pick event in April.

13. Allotments & Orchard

- i) The grant application has not gone in yet, update needed from Linda Steger. Clerk to action.
- ii) Parish Council had a correspondence from allotment holder who expressed their concerns about some twenty decking pieces had gone missing from their allotment shed. Clerk to respond.
- iii) Some hedges along Waldershare Road need cutting back. Cllr Willet to talk to the Land Owner requesting the hedges be cut back sometime soon.

14. Correspondence

- i) DDC Housing needs survey have been extended until 18th April 2023. The information is available on the website.
- ii) Email from KCC about the Professional Referral Energy Voucher Scheme.
- iii) Advice, note and brief guide which the Monitoring Officer has prepared for Dover District Council's councillors and officers for this year's elections. Clerk to contact DDC Elections department for the Nomination Forms for existing Councillors.
- iv) Local resident reported via website to have found a carrier bag full of files and syringes some kind. This was discussed under the item 5. Visitors.

15. Any other business to report/matters to discuss

- i) The Chair queried DDC Member Nick Kenton if the new on demand bus service from Aylesham could be extended to Sutton once or twice a week. Cllr Kenton explained how this service was being partly funded by Aylesham PC and the bus was only running from Aylesham and surrounding villages to Whitfield.
- ii) It was reported that the highland cattle on the field between the playing field and Stoneheap Road had on several occasions escaped onto Stoneheap Road. These cattle have now been removed from the field.
- iii) Cllr Buxton mentioned that Rural Roundup has now gone online only, this is due to higher printing cost.

16. Date and status of next meeting

Monthly Tuesday 4th April 2023 7.30pm – Studdal Church Hall

Meeting closed: 20:45

A Nigol

Parish Clerk