**GRAVENEY with GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at The Village Hall, Graveney,**

**on Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Chairman Clare Boggia, Cllr Catherine Wilkinson, Cllr Alan Stewart, Cllr Teresa Bowles, Cllr Lesley Lound, Cllr Tom King, Cllr Rich Lehmann (KCC) and Cllr Alastair Gould (SBC)

 Public: 11

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Tim Valentine (SBC).

**2. Election of Chair**

Cllr Clare Boggia highlighted that the role of Chairman was accepted by Cllr Clare Boggia three months ago as we did not have a chairman at that time however, stated that she was happy to continue as Chairman if there are no other proposals until the elections in 2023. Cllr Alan Stewart proposed Cllr Clare Boggia as Chairman which was seconded by Cllr Tom King. All Councillors were in favour of this decision.

**3. Election of Vice Chair**

The Chairman informed the Parish Council that whilst we have not had a Vice Chairman for sometime it would be more ideal to have one. Cllr Catherine Wilkinson was put forward as Vice Chairman which was accepted by Cllr Catherine Wilkinson. The Chairman proposed this which was seconded by Cllr Alan Stewart and agreed by all Parish Councillors.

**Action 3: Declaration of Office Form to be emailed to Cllr Catherine Wilkinson by the Parish Clerk.**

**4. Declarations of Interests**No declarations of interest.

**5. To approve minutes from 11th April 2022, Annual meeting minutes held 11th April 2022 and the Planning meeting minutes held 26th April 2022.** The minutes from the monthly parish meeting held on 11th April 2022 were proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Alan Stewart. The Annual meeting held on 11th April 2022 were proposed by Cllr Teresa Bowles and seconded by Cllr Tom King. Cllr Alan Stewart suggested a small amendment that the meeting title should be changed to Annual Meeting. The Planning meeting minutes held on 26th April 2022 were proposed by Cllr Alan Stewart and seconded by Cllr Tom King.
 **Action 5a: Clerk to change title to Annual Meeting.
Action 5b: Clerk to amend the spelling of Relph to Relf on the Annual Meeting minutes.**
Meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.
Public discussion was closed and the meeting was reopened.

**6. Matters arising**Action 166a: Response received from Ken regarding Streetlighting queries. More information has been requested which has been provided by the Clerk. - Clerk to chase and send response to Cllr Alan Stewart.

Action 166b: Cllr Alan Stewart to respond to parishioner once a response has been received from Streetlights as per action 166a.

Action 172b: Clerk has sent a map to Hernhill Parish Clerk highlighting the area causing concern showing where lorries and mud on roads have been bought to the Parish Councils attention.

Action 189: Chairman confirmed to leave on action list. Clerk to email Alison Blackwood.

Action 190a: Clerk to chase Colin Relf.

Action 190b: Clerk to chase Swale Borough Council.

Action 193b: Ongoing regarding the Salt Bins. Cllr Lesley Lound to walk around area and check bins. Clerk to locate Salt Bin map from KCC Website and send to Cllr Lesley Lound.

Action 193c: Clerk to contact Alison Blackwell and chase for a Parish to Town Initiative Consultation.

Action 5: Information received from Cllr Alan Stewart. Clerk to email both candidates to request they attend a meeting on Tuesday 31st May 2022 to meet with Chairman and Parish Councillors to discuss role as Councillor further and apply.

Action 6: Follow up letter sent to Helen Whately, Clerk chasing response.

Action 11: Remove from action list.

Action 12a: Remove from action list.

Action 12b: Clerk to place KCC Hedge removal trial email onto Parish Website.

Action 12c: Clerk to send KCC Hedge removal email to all councillors.

Action 14: Remove.

Action 18: Clerk has contacted Gary Gibb who responded to say that he is not able to become involved until damage has been done. It was suggested that the Police were called if there is an obstruction. Clerk to email KCC reporting portal highlighting this vehicle issue in Culmers Terrace, Footpath warden to send pictures to the Clerk to assist.

Cllr Alan Stewart informed the Parish Council that there has been no further development on the Brenley Caravan siting or the Four Horse Shows planning.

**7. Cleve Hill Solar Park – Update**Cllr Alan Stewart circulated a report from GREAT previously to all Councillors which shows a small video link offering more detail on the Graveney Marshes. In terms of the main update there has been an article in the financial times regarding a 6-to-10-year delay on projects due to the need to upgrade the network and associated costs suggesting some projects may be standing idle until they are able to connect. There is a waiting list to be connected to the grid. GREAT had a meeting with Helen Whately where concerns were raised regarding the requirements, one of which being the water voles alongside current and future traffic issues in the Village including Brenley Corner. The developers that took over Cleve Hill Solar Park have continued to carry on with the scheme and it would seem this is not necessarily in accordance with policy. GREAT will suggest that this should be looked at with more scrutiny to ensure that the developers have followed the correct processes. It was suggested to Helen Whately that we do need renewable energy however, there are no guarantees that the energy production will stay in this Country. There does not seem to be any restriction on exportation. Helen Whately confirmed that the private owners of the grids have the right to sell the energy to whom they wish. Cllr Alastair Gould informed the Parish Council that usual practice would be for any surplus energy not used to be exported only.

**8. Parishes to Town – Active Travel Project**Cllr Teresa Bowles and Cllr Alan Stewart met with Adrian Berendt. Cllr Alan Stewart had a discussion with Adrian and said that this project is still in early stages but looking to tie in all villages with the town centre and could be linked with the Highway Improvement Plan. Any reference to the Faversham Community Corridor, Adrian felt to include as part of the plan would be difficult to obtain approval from the Planning Committee. Cllr Alan Stewart will continue to liaise with Adrian Berendt as the plan moves forward and try to promote as much as possible for the benefit of Graveney and Goodnestone. A KALC Swale Area Committee meeting is being held on 10th May 2022 which will discuss 20mph speed limits.

**Action 8: Clerk to email KALC representative to request a copy of the minutes from this meeting.

9. Highway Improvement Plan – Update**
The Chairman sent the HIP report to Cllr Rich Lehmann (KCC) as has been unable to upload onto the website. Cllr Rich Lehmann (KCC) confirmed they finally have a new officer covering the role this month and will pass on to the relevant parties that will deal with this report now who will then forward to the new officer. The Chairman contacted Speedwatch regarding portable speed indications devices. We need to identify fellow residents to volunteer to assist with the Speedwatch. Graveney Road was suggested as an area to monitor. Cllr Rich Lehmann (KCC) stated that a couple of Parishes are very interested however, sadly there are many that are unable to obtain volunteers. For anyone found speeding fines are not given however, warnings are sent to the individual. Doddington Parish Council would be happy to assist with the use of equipment.

**Action 9a: Chairman to contact Alan Watson.
Action 9b: Clerk to contact Doddington Parish Council to see who we need to speak to about this further.**

**10. Jubilee Celebrations – Update**Cllr Teresa Bowles informed the Parish Council that posters are up at School, church and notice boards. A Bouncy Castle has been booked. The Beacon has been priced at £350. WI are doing teas and will park at the Church and walk across. Disabled parking will be available at the Village Hall. Volunteers are required and requests have been placed on social media however, no responses as of yet. Cllr Teresa Bowles will complete an application for a Grant to send to the Trust, to be discussed further with Cllr Alan Stewart prior to sending to Roger Mitchell.
The Chairman informed the Parish Council that an independent judge is required for the best decorated house competition.

**Action 10: Clerk to ask KALC if there is a formal process to inform Queen of plans and results.**

**11. Crime Report** – No reports at present.

**12. Correspondence**Item 22 London Hearts, defibrillator grant offers going through. The Chairman has asked that their electrician install. The Chairman circulated a poster to place on the notice board to show statistics of lives saved with equipment and how to use it. The Defibrillator needs to checked weekly to ensure the light is working and once a month for further checks.

**Action 12a: Clerk to check grant for Defibrillator has been received from the Trust
Action 12b: Clerk to locate invoice received from Julie Lawton for the Defibrillator and add to the next Parish Agenda for payment.**

**13. Finance**
i, Bank Reconciliation
ii, Clerk Salary (for information only D/D)
iii, SSE Footway for April (information only D/D)
iv, Streetlights Invoice 12884 totalling £145.86
All approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Alan Stewart and seconded by the Chairman.

**14. Planning**REF 22/501787/FULL Land adjoining Faversham showground staple street Hernhill Kent ME13 9HY - No objections have been made by Hernhill Parish Council and Boughton have no objection to the plans. Parish Council have no objections.
REF 22/501481/FULL 4 Ewell Barn, Ewell Farm, Graveney Road, Faversham ME13 8UP – Cllr Catherine Wilkinson informed the Parish Council that there is an avenue of trees along the existing access and whilst the planning shows there are no issues with trees it is believed that half of these trees would need to be removed on the first access. Another comment was made regarding machinery as not applicable however, a large refrigeration unit will be placed on site which causes some noise. The existing refrigeration unit on the site does make some noise which can be heard by residents. Cllr Alan Stewart is unclear regarding parking which needs to be increased obviously, but there has been no mention of increased lorry movements on the planning however, this should surely increase if the plans were to go ahead as a bigger operation. Currently there are only 5 lorry spaces at present. There was no reference to vehicular movement’s which are also believed to increase. Kent Highways will be involved with comment regarding vehicles. The Chairman stated that the Cottages in Homestall Lane would not have any screening from this site. There is also no indication of lighting or hours of operation on the site within the planning.

**Action 14a: Clerk to comment on website regarding tree screening, noise of refrigeration, lighting, parking and hours of operation and vehicle movement required prior to comment from the Parish Council.
Action 14b: Clerk to chase response from Swale Borough Council Planning No 1 All Saints re dropped Kerb. Check email from Chairman.**

**15. Graveney and Goodnestone Trust**Cllr Alan Stewart informed the parish council that an announcement from Roger Mitchell dating back to last November on the Facebook page was moved to later announcements as someone has commented. There are still 4 trustees and looking to increase that to 6. Roger Mitchell has confirmed that he is happy to remain as a treasurer.

**16. Reports from Parish Councillors**Cllr Lesley Lound is concerned about Monkshill Road due to the vegetation encroaching the pathways making it difficult for walkers and believes that this is extremely hazardous.
There are also boulders that are hidden.
Cllr Tom King spoke of the green grid meeting attended on Wednesday, there were 3 parish councils and 1 town council present. Minutes will be issued in due course and circulated.
There will be bi annual meetings, tree planting and grant applications.
Cllr Alan Stewart made a report to Kent Highways portal to highlight broken branch on Head Hill Road. Kent Highways responded to confirm has been removed.
Cllr Teresa Bowles would like to know if we as a parish council can purchase some bag holders and the litter picker for the volunteer litter pickers.
The Chairman highlighted that the Notice board is in need of some improvement by way of the use of some paint. Also suggested some red paper is placed on the notice board to make the boards stand out. Cllr Teresa Bowles suggested the union jack wrapping paper.

**Action 16a: Lesley will place comment on the Kent Highways Portal**
**Action 16b: Chairman will place comment on Kent Highways Portal
Action 16c: Clerk to obtain prices for bag holder and litter pickers and place on next agenda under finance.
Action 16d: Clerk to add materials for notice board improvement under finance for discussion on the next agenda.**

**17. Reports for Borough and District Councillors if present**Cllr Rich Lehmann (KCC) informed the Parish Council that he has been working with someone at KCC and has been in contact with Quinbrooks regarding the Cycle Way Corridor. Sub Trans have taken an interest and have independently highlighted the Seasalter route as not a suitable route for the Cycle way. No further progress at present. Cllr Rich Lehmann (KCC) was contacted by a resident in Graveney re Bus times for School as they will run late. He has had a discussion with KCC who have spoken to Regents Coaches who are looking into bringing the bus times forward by 10 minutes. No answer as of yet but will update us further.
Skip lorries through village, one resident has made contact regularly. One of the agreements was for skip lorries not to come through the village during school hours. A parishioner has highlighted that this is not being adhered to. Vehicle counts have been done in Oare and there have been at least 20 to 30% higher traffic flow than agreed. Cllr Lesley Lound has been vigilant and has said that she has been pleasantly surprised that the flow has not been excessive however, there are no routines as some days are excessive and other days there seems to be no movement at all.
Cllr Alastair Gould informed the Parish Council that the Local planning project is progressing, there will be changes as the Council moves to the new committee system.

**18. Footpath Update** – Not present.

**19. Any other Business**
No other business to report.

**20. Date of next meeting Monday 13th June 2022.
Action 20: Apologies received in advance from Cllr Catherine Wilkinson and Cllr Tom King.**

**21. Close of Meeting**The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 10.05pm.

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Date………………………………………………………..