

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WOODNESBOROUGH PARISH HELD
ON TUESDAY 24th APRIL 2007 AT WOODNESBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

Councillors	R Ovenden D Ford D Smith	K Ellen D Woodward	B Wiseman B Baker
	Dist Cllr Butcher Sarah Wells Clerk to the Parish Council		42 Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. He then introduced the members of the Parish Council to the meeting. He then informed the meeting that unfortunately Claire Pitts from DDC waste management

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs J Armstrong & A Cracknell. Dist Cllr Lloyd-Jones Cllr S Leith. County Cllr L Ridings. Ms C Pitts DDC waste Management services. Mr D Vickers. Sharon Jones

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last annual meeting, held on 25-4-06 were available for all present to read.

3. MATTERS ARISING

An update on the Parish plan to be given later in the meeting. A question was asked about a street light in Marshborough road that was brought up last year. The Clerk to speak the lady that asked the question after the meeting.

4. RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

As Clair Pitt had been unable to attend Cllr Smith had offered to take this part of the meeting. He had attended a meeting on waste management at DDC at the end of last year and had spoken to Ms Pitt's line manager earlier today. He said that any questions that he was unable to answer would be forwarded to DDC.

Recycling – DDC hoped to have introduced kerb side recycling to most parts on the district by the end of April 2007. This had been made possible by the introduction of “Mini Collection vehicles” that were now in service. The future roll out of recycling was under consideration but did depend on the results of the forthcoming DDC elections and the policies of the winning party.

The current SITA contract is due for renewal in 2008 at which time any changes necessary can be made, however at this time fortnightly collections of household rubbish are not being considered.

Following questions and discussion from the floor it was agreed that the following action should be taken.

Dover District Council

- 1) Explain the increase in cesspool emptying charges.
- 2) The schedule for Green Waste collection in Woodnesborough to be requested, it was felt this should be implemented a.s.a.p.
- 3) When will plastic kerb side recycling start in the district? If this is due to the existing SITA contract why can't the contract be modified.
- 4) Black Boxes had been delivered to some areas of the village but no dates for start of the programme had been received.
- 5) One Householder in Hammill was not getting his box collected.

Kent County Council

- 1) Complain about the withdrawal of plastic recycling from waste management sites
- 2) Over 1 million pounds are to be spent on a TV channel for Broadband customers. The meeting would have preferred this money spent on better Library services and the continuation of plastic recycling.

Plastic Containers

- 1) The Parish Council to write the supermarket chains asking them to:
 - a. Use less plastic containers and packaging for their product lines
 - b. Offering recycling points at the sites for plastic and cardboard.

5. REPORTS

Dist Cllr Butcher reported on the progress of the Local Development Framework and the South East Plan. He explained that these documents were being produced in line with Central Government regulations. The question of infrastructure was brought up, some discussion followed.

6. CHAIRMANS REPORT

This will be that last meeting for Cllrs Armstrong and Cracknell who have decided not to stand for the next term on the Parish Council. John Armstrong has been on the Council for 40 years and will be missed by us all. Drew Cracknell had served for 4 years but as he has moved out of the Parish had decided to stand down. I would like to thank them both for their service.

Bill Newport - Who despite some health problems this year continues to keep the Village Clean and tidy.

My thanks to the Clerk for all her help over the past year.

Planning

The Council has been asked to comment on 14 planning applications this year.

The members are still involved with the development of the South East Plan and the Local Development Framework. Unfortunately this has been delayed by Central Government. The content

and scope of the LDF have been amended and the exact requirements of the document are still being determined.

Parish Plan – Work on the Parish plan has been progressing steadily and Cllr Woodward and Smith will give a full update later in the meeting.

Highways - Pot holes, missing or broken signs and blocked drains reported. The new fault reporting help line has been running for about a year and is proving quite successful, any highways related matters can be reported 24 hours a day on 08458 247 800. This is the same number used by the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Street Light Fir Tree Hill - It has been reported every year for the past 4/5 year that the Council have requested that DDC/KCC provide an additional light at the top of Fir Tree Hill. This request has fallen on deaf ears. Various excuses have been given, but the result is always the same, no light.

For this reason it was decided that the Parish Council would pay for this light out of the precept. The total cost will be less than £500, the light has been put up and we are now waiting for EDF to come and do the final connection.

Speedwatch – Last year I reported that the Council were looking in to the possibility of becoming part of the Speed watch scheme. Unfortunately a lot of problems have been identified with the scheme and it was never rolled out.

Village Hall – The Council have successfully applied for grant funding to resurface the entrance driveway to the Village Hall. We are grateful to the KCC Local Board who has awarded £3000 towards the costs. The Parish Council will be contributing £1000 and the Post Office has raised a further £300.

Grants - £600 St Mary's Church - Upkeep of Grave yard, £1500 towards a Youth Leader for the Young Peoples Club.

Accounts: - Copy of un-audited account is available for inspection if anyone is interested.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions following his report. As there were none asked the meeting continued.

6. PARISH PLAN

Cllr Woodward and Smith gave a presentation updating everyone on the progress of the Parish Plan. They explained that the delay in the production of the Local Development Framework had in turn delayed the final production of the Parish Plan. The members had been surprised that one of the sites contained in the draft LDF had been land adjacent to Sandwich Road. The forward planners had included this site but one of the conditions of development had been the provision of a Village Hall. The Council were now in contact with DDC and the land owner's agent to try and progress this matter.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm when the Chairman thanked everyone for coming and invited them to stay for refreshments.