

Graveney with Goodnestone Village Newsletter

August 2016



A note from the editor

There will be no newsletter for October, so please send any updates to be included for the September edition. The newsletter will return in November.

Volunteers for distribution still wanted. Do get in touch if you would like to help.

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Chris Harding

Parish Council News

The following is an edited summary of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 11th July at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Attended by 5 councillors, the Clerk, George Bobbins (Borough Councillor) and 2 members of the public.

Declaration of acceptance of office of co-opted councillors:

Councillor Boggia signed the declaration of acceptance of office and was welcomed to the Council.

Matters Arising:

An update was provided regarding the Eco Merchants site. As there are no significant housing, benefits or environmental issues pertaining to the site; planning enforcement will be picking up on the residential use. Advice is to log all evidence and report it to Swale Borough Council. It was agreed to ask residents to do this and to chase planning enforcement.

The review of options for the Parish website is no longer necessary as Kent County Council will continue to support the current arrangement.

An update was provided on mirrors for road junctions. Mirrors are available and not too expensive, but there are lots of criteria that need to be fulfilled in order to place one on the highway. Advice is that it is easier to place one on private land but this could be subject to planning permission. It was agreed to write to the homeowner of the house on the left and ask if they could trim the hedge.

Rubble has now been dumped at the blocked gully close to the Graveney village sign. This will be reported for removal.

Review of risk assessment:

The updated risk assessment was agreed and adopted.

Grievance policy:

Advice from KALC is that a grievance policy is advisable. It was agreed not to have a staffing committee and to change all references to one within the policy.

Complaints policy:

The draft complaints policy was agreed and adopted.

Election of representatives:

It was agreed not to appoint representatives to the KALC Swale Area Committee but for attendance to be by any councillor available and interested.

Transparency fund:

It was agreed to purchase a laptop and software up to the value of £600 including VAT, claiming this from the Transparency Fund, and to add this to the insurance, checking if the cost of this can also be claimed. It was also agreed to claim for two staff hours per month.

Village sign update:

It has proved difficult to set up a meeting but one should hopefully take place before the next Parish Council meeting.

Active Travel Strategy:

It was agreed that councillors would respond to the KCC Active Travel Strategy individually.

Correspondence:

Councillors were made aware of correspondence received.

Finance:

The Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation were provided to Councillors. A number of small payments were approved.

Planning:

Applications for Boughton House (rendering and addition of a balcony) and Sparrow Court (replacement of a window) have been approved.

Graveney & Goodnestone Trust:

Since the last meeting an application from the church for £10,000 has been approved and the funds will be available when requested. An update on the availability of the Trust will be promoted in the newsletter in a future edition.

Councillor Reports:

No work has been done at the Four Horseshoes site for some weeks. It was agreed to ask Councillor Bowles for an update.

The hedge by the noticeboard in Goodnestone is very overgrown, which makes the noticeboard difficult to access. Clerk to request it is trimmed.

A bad accident occurred a few days ago with a car and a cyclist.

Potholes have been reported at Poplar Hall and Baron's Oast and the overgrown hedge at the railway bridge.

Any Other Business:

A resident expressed dissatisfaction with the verge cutting this year. Only one cut has taken place and it has been too late to be effective. It was agreed to write to KCC complaining and asking if the PC can organise its own cutting and how this would fit with their schedule. The footpath on the flyover is also unusable due to the verge being so overgrown. Clerk to write to KCC.

A local resident is seriously ill and it was agreed to send a card of sympathy.

Next Parish Council Meeting:

There is no meeting in August.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th September 2016 at 7.30pm.

Forthcoming Services at All Saints Church

31st July 10:30am	Tenth Sunday after Trinity Morning Worship
7th August 10:30am	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Communion Followed by a Baptism service at 12:30pm
14th August 10:30am	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Morning Worship
21st August 10:30am	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Communion
28th August 18:30pm	Feast of St Bartholomew at Goodnestone Evening Prayer No services at All Saints' Church today
4 th September 10:30am	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Communion

All Saints Church Contacts and Notices

VICAR: The Reverend Jean Burrows - 01227 751410

CURATE: The Reverend Paulette Stubbings – 07713 777487
(Part-time)

If you or someone you knows, needs a member of the local clergy, wishes to book a Baptism or Wedding or would like transport to a church service or event, please contact:

The Reverend Gill Reed - 01795 534059

Bell ringers still needed! Training available.

Please contact the above if you are interested.

Graveney School Update

5th September	1 st day autumn term Children return to school
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21st October	Last day of Term 1
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For more information phone:

Sarah Dunkin	01795 532 005
www.graveneyprimary.com	

Village Hall Events and Notices

Wednesday Club

Meet fortnightly on Wednesdays, 2:00pm at the Village Hall.
Tea, cake, bingo and chat. Subs 50 pence

Contacts:

Penny Foster 01795 538732

Trish Timms 07926 351628

Forthcoming Boot Fairs at Abbey School Field

When: 7th, 21st and 28th August, start time: 8am for sellers

Location: Abbey School, London Road, ME13 8RZ

Cars: £8.00 (Only £5.00 for village residents) / Vans or
Trailers: £10.00

In aid of the Graveney Village Hall Fund. Charity number:
1073958

Contacts: Penny or Trish (above)

Toby Dangerfield

Plumbing And Heating

Gas registered

Boiler changes, cylinder changes, power flushes,

Large leaks, small leaks. Gas pipe changes.

All small jobs

Contact number: 01795539781

Mobile: 07810351079

A Message from Helen Whately MP

It's said a week is a long time in politics, and in the last few weeks that's been truer than ever. Westminster has been in turmoil following the referendum and for a few days every time I checked my phone, events had taken another turn. Who would be leader of the Conservative Party...who would be leader of Labour... would Jeremy Corbyn succumb to the pressure from his MPs and resign? (No). I'm very glad that there was a swift conclusion to the Conservative leadership contest, immediately reducing the post-referendum uncertainty and helping stabilise the pound. Now that Theresa May has taken office, things have settled down. With the awful events in Nice and attempted coup in Turkey, it feels particularly important to have a Prime Minister leading a fully functioning Government.

Amongst all the turbulence, I've got on with my constituency work, making sure the Government still delivers for Kent. In the coming months, I will be pressing the new team of Ministers to make sure they keep commitments made by David Cameron and George Osborne, such as the investment in the Operation Stack lorry park. As we move to negotiate our future relationship with Europe, I will be lobbying for a deal that works for my constituents and local businesses.

Before 23rd June, I asked local businesses whether they were Remain or Leave. Now I'm asking businesses 'what do you want from Brexit?'. The devil will be in the detail. What compromises will be acceptable to secure good terms of trade? People want less immigration, but what is the right level

and how best to control it, bearing in mind many businesses need to draw on an international workforce. Local fruit farms are an obvious example, and I have been visiting many in the last few months. One farm, just outside Maidstone, employs around 900 EU workers during peak season. Though the farm would like to employ locals, the reality is, too few British people want to pick fruit, and with low unemployment in this area there are other jobs available. So one of the things on my to-do list for the autumn is speak to the Minister for Farming about securing the future workforce for fruit farms.

A couple of weeks ago I received a letter from a constituent in Faversham, a lady who has lived and worked here for over 20 years, having come here from Poland many years ago. She's a British citizen. Though she's been here a long time, she still has an accent – and as a result, since the referendum, she's been the target of xenophobic abuse. This isn't the only incident I've been told about either. I'm in touch with the local police, asking them to do all they can, though many people affected probably won't even report it. It's up to all of us to make clear to people who've moved here, whether 20 years ago or 20 days ago, that they are welcome and valued.

The Prime Minister has committed to leading a Government that works for everybody. Among those feeling left out in our area are people who still don't have fast broadband. This is an obvious disadvantage for rural businesses, as well as for children who need good internet access for their homework, families who want to keep in touch with relatives overseas, or just to be able to catch up with a good TV series you missed on iPlayer. I've been campaigning for better Broadband since I was elected. At a recent meeting with Making Kent Quicker,

who are delivering publicly funded broadband locally, I heard that villages like Doddington, Boughton under Blean and Eastling are set for an upgrade. The majority - 95.7% of premises in Kent - should have access to at least 10Mbps by the end of 2018, which is great progress. Frustratingly there will still be some rural properties left out because they are far from BT cabinets, but I won't let the Government give up on this; I'm pressing for the planned Universal Service Obligation to include even the most remote cottages in the Downs.

I'm also working to improve healthcare locally – and nationally as a member of the Health Select Committee. It is estimated that a third of patients in hospital could be better treated elsewhere. Last year people in Kent spent over 50,000 unnecessary days in hospital because their move back home or into alternative care was delayed. In Whitstable an innovative new 'vanguard' medical practice is working on ways to care for more people at home rather than in hospital, but it's early days. I've been holding joint meetings between East Kent NHS and Kent Social Services to get on top of this problem, and in Parliament, I asked the Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, to tell me what he is doing to ensure people are cared for in the right place. He replied that helping people live healthy happy lives at home is a priority and confirmed that an extra £2.6 billion is being invested in GP services with this aim.

We're now into fete season so I've had the pleasure of going to several local fetes and fairs, along with joining celebrations for the Queen's 90th Birthday. Fingers crossed for a good summer and the passing of storms in Westminster.

As ever if you have a problem, big or small, that you think I can help you with please don't hesitate to ask.

Helen Whately
MP for Faversham and Mid Kent

I work for you. If you have a problem you think I can help you with, please contact me or visit me at one of my surgeries

House of Commons,
London, SW1A 0AA

Tel: 020 7219 6472;

Email: helen.whately.mp@parliament.uk

Upcoming surgeries

Tuesday 9th August, Headcorn
Friday 16th September, Faversham

Graveney Art Group

First and Third Monday of each month, 10:00am until 12:00 noon at All Saints' Church, until further notice. Refreshments and good company. All for £4.00 per morning. If you wish to know more contact:

Val

07866 984 678

Contacts of Local Representatives

Parish Councillors:

New Councillors: Clare Boggia and Teresa Bowles, details to be updated in the September edition

Faversham without Ward

Catherine Wilkinson 01795 591 731

Goodnestone Ward

Roger Mitchell (Vice-Chairman) 01795 532 372

Graveney Ward

Alan Stewart (Chairman) 01795 533 205

Lesley Lound 07933 350 999

Sarah Jefferys 07876 752 409

Clerk to the Council:

Bex Ratchford clerkggpc@gmail.com

Parish Website:

www.graveneywithgoodnestonepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/

Borough and County Councillor:

Andrew Bowles 01227 752 840

Borough Councillor:

George Bobbin 01227 751 388



ABBEY UKULELE CLUBS

Meet as follows:
please check for dates

TUESDAYS

THE AVIATOR

**Queensborough Road
Isle of Sheppey
7.30 – 9.30pm**

WEDNESDAYS

**Village Hall
Sandbanks Lane, Graveney
2pm – 4pm**

THURSDAYS

**All Saints Church - 10.30am – 12noon
Village Hall, Sandbanks Lane, Graveney
7pm – 9pm**

**Beginners & players all welcome
For more information please contact**

**JANET & KEITH
01795 530854**

janetipayne@btinternet.com

<http://janetipayne.wix.com/abbeyukeplayers>



A Thought for the Month

Do you sometimes remember a few lines from a poem you knew as a child?

This happened to me recently.

Perhaps because I hadn't been sleeping very well, these words kept drifting through my head and I found them most soothing:

*'And the night shall be filled with music,
'And the cares, that infest the day,
'Shall fold their tents, like the Arabs,
'And as silently steal away.'*

That was all I could remember, but, browsing in the library, I found an anthology of American verse. Flicking the pages, there it was!

'The Day is Done' by Longfellow.

I was pleased to be able to read the rest of it, and the strange thing is, I've slept better these last few nights.

I hope that you, too, will find that all your cares 'Silently steal away.'

Iris Hesselden

Upcoming Events at the Woman's Institute

10th August W.I. Treasure Hunt.

14th September Len Howell – The Cinque Ports.

12th October Annual Meeting.

We meet in the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors always very welcome £2.00 to attend.

For further information contact:

Teresa Bowles on 07966 299648 or e-mail
teresa.bowles22@btinternet.com

Or

Sue Wraight on 01227 751361

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Neighbourhood Watch

Please be safe:

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLOCKED WHILE YOU ARE AWAY OR AT NIGHT

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR WINDOWS OPEN WHILE YOU ARE AWAY OR AT NIGHT

DO NOT LEAVE OUTBUILDINGS UNLOCKED

DO NOT LEAVE TOOLS OR MACHINERY IN PLAIN SIGHT

REPORT ALL INSTANCES TO THE POLICE

Use 999 if it is urgent or 101 if it is after the fact

After you have reported it to the police, notify

Neighbourhood Watch - Mr. Kevin Castle

Contact: 07749 736669 - kevincastle@btinternet.com

♥ ♠ Mini-Bridge ♣ ♦

Every Thursday, 2pm – 4pm at The Freewheel. If you've ever played any form of whist (trumps) before or if you just like playing cards you'll pick the game up very easily. We are a small very friendly group – why not join us? If you want to know more you can just turn up on the day or contact me as below:

[Peter 01795 531 851](tel:01795531851) or peterppe@hotmail.co.uk

Recipe of the Month

Here's a super simple crumble recipe using a lesser eaten but star fruit...

Greengage crumble

Ingredients

1kg greengage plums

100g of brown sugar

For the Crumble topping

200g of plain flour

100g of unsalted butter, cold and diced

100g of brown sugar

Method

1 Preheat the oven to 180°C/gas mark 4

2 Wash the greengages, cut them in half and remove the stones

3 Place in an ovenproof baking dish and sprinkle with the sugar

4 In a large bowl, rub together the flour and sugar with your fingertips and mix in the remaining sugar

5 Pour the mixture on top of the greengages and bake for around 45 minutes until the crumble is golden brown

You can personalise the crumble topping, adding oats, ground nuts or whatever recipe you find works best.

Important Contacts

Neighbourhood Police Community Support Officer:

Joshua Carle

For non-emergencies dial **101**

For emergencies dial **999**

Email: 59077@kent.pnn.police.uk

Neighbourhood Watch:

Kevin Castle

07749 736 669

kevincastle@btinternet.com

Chairperson for Swale Neighbourhood Watch:

Margaret Trinder

01795 530 297

margandtime@gmail.com

Four Horseshoes Park Residents Only:

Peter Huckstep

peterppe@hotmail.com

Public Right of Way:

24 hour helpline

0300 333 5540

Kent Highway Services:

Flooding, potholes etc.

0300 041 8181

www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem

Swale Council:

Customer Services

01795 417 850

Village Notice Boards

We now have two sets of keys for the village notice boards. If you wish to put up a notice please contact:

Carol Mitchell 01795 532 372

Penny Foster 01795 538 732

Articles for this Newsletter

For any comments, corrections and contributions please email:

graveney.goodnestone.news@gmail.com

Please ensure all submissions are made by the 20th of each month to ensure inclusion in the following months' edition.

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www.graveneywithgoodnestonepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/

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