

Godstone Parish Council

(incorporating the Villages of Godstone, South Godstone and Blindley Heath)

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MINUTES

of the Meeting of Godstone Parish Council Greenspaces Committee
held on **Friday 26 January 2024** at **10.00am** at **The Bounty, Godstone Green**

Members: Cllrs S Farr, I Smith C Farr and K Ward
Apologies: Cllrs L Case
Present: S Endersby (Clerk) and W Dennis (Parish Admin Assistant)

1. Questions from Members of the Public – None present.

2. Apologies and reasons for absence

2.1 Apologies were received from Cllr L Case due to a prior personal commitment and were noted.

RESOLVED – The committee was quorate and the meeting proceeded.

3. Declarations of Interest – None stated

4. Christmas Lights

4.1 The committee noted the matter for consideration by the committee:

MATTER: To review and approve the planning application for submission as per ACTION GS 1/24 – 2a of the Greenspace committee meeting of 15 January 2024, in relation to the installation of a power supply and associated required infrastructure for Christmas lights for Godstone Green (Phase 1 of the project.)

4.1.1 The committee considered the supporting papers tabled, prepared by Councillor C Farr for the committees review and consideration. The committee reviewed the document during the meeting as it was tabled.

4.1.2 It was noted that the current draft of the application does not include the potential installation of flagpoles to string lights between along the edge of the green between trees and that the number of car park spaces is to be confirmed.

ACTION 29/1 – 1 – Clerk to update the planning application to ensure that the number of car park spaces (for the car park opposite the White Hart pub) is correct before submission.

4.1.3 The proposed location was raised and noted as this differed to the conclusion of the last Greenspace committee. The application is to use a car parking space in the car park, not move the lamp post/monopole installation to the grass area away from the car park. This was to try and avoid having to seek further applications (i.e. S38) which could be necessary if work were to take place on the Green.

4.1.4 The proposal was now for a lamp post with lamp head, rather than the initially proposed monopole.

ACTION 29/1 – 2 – Update planning application to state lamp post, not monopole.

4.1.5 Low voltage lights in trees is the long term plan and key aim is to get lights lit in December 2024.

4.1.6 **AMENDMENT TO THE WORDING OF THE ORIGINAL MATTER PROPOSED, AS PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE** - To review and approve the planning application for submission as per ACTION GS 1/24 – 2a of the Greenspace committee meeting of 15 January 2024, in relation to the installation of a power supply and associated required infrastructure for Christmas lights for Godstone Green (Phase 1 of the project.), with the application to include the post to include a lamp head and potential for CCTV in the future.

ACTION 29/1 – 3 – Committee to report to full council the reason for proposed change to planning application to include a lamp head and potential for CCTV in the future.

4.1.6 The cabinet to be installed and it was noted that the material of the cabinet is likely to be different to what was originally thought.

ACTION 29/1 – 4 – Clerk to update the planning application to ensure that the cabinet material is correctly stated as steel.

4.1.7 It was estimated by the committee that the cost for materials would be around £1.8k. This does not include any works by UKPN for digging and connecting the new supply.

- 4.1.8 It was noted that the Clerk had circulated information in relation to the potential cost of UKPN (ranging between £3.1k – £7.8k – this is dependent on the location of current supply and if UKPN complete any digging works that will be required).
- 4.1.9 The committee noted budget for the Christmas lights included in the FY2024–25 budget is £3k, plus a proposal to use £5k of CIL reserves and that there was £1.7k of donations received that would be allocated as restricted funds to be used for Christmas lights. Total current estimate of funds is £9.7k.
- 4.1.10 The committee considered amalgamating projects, as the electrical supply for the Bounty is to be split from the Endeavour and this could provide a potential opportunity for one lot of work/cost. It was discussed by the committee however that a tall pole (i.e. the Lamp post) was needed to enable practical connections to the trees to power the lights and the location needed to be nearer the car park and trees rather than near the Endeavour/Bounty.
- 4.1.11 **MOTION AS PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE** - To review and approve the planning application for submission as per ACTION GS 1/24 – 2a of the Greenspace committee meeting of 15 January 2024, in relation to the installation of a power supply and associated required infrastructure for Christmas lights for Godstone Green (Phase 1 of the project.), with the application to include the post to include a lamp head and potential for CCTV in the future.

RESOLVED – The committee unanimously approved the planning application for submission in relation to the installation of a power supply and associated required infrastructure for Christmas lights for Godstone Green (Phase 1 of the project.), with the application to include the post to include a lamp head and potential for CCTV in the future.

ACTION 29/1 – 5 – Cllr C Farr to updated supporting papers to the planning application as discussed.

ACTION 29/1 – 6– Clerk to updated planning application with agreed changes.

ACTION 29/1 – 7– On completion of updates, Clerk to circulate the updated planning application and supporting papers.

RESOLVED – The committee unanimously agreed that on the circulation of the final planning application and supporting papers, if no comments were returned to the Clerk on the matter within 2 days, that the application be submitted to Tandridge District Council Planning department.

ACTION 29/1 – 8– Clerk to submit the planning application and supporting papers, giving two days grace for comment, following circulation on Monday 29 January 2024.

Part 2 – None.

----- Meeting Closed -----

Signed
Chairperson of the Greenspace Committee

Date