

Godstone Parish Council

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MINUTES

of the EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF GODSTONE PARISH COUNCIL held on **Wednesday 13th August 2025 at 7.30pm** at the Bounty, Godstone Green

Present: Cllrs S Beagley (Chair), L Case (Vice Chair), D Christmas, C. Farr, S Farr, J Gardner, K D'Mello, K Ward and C White

In attendance: 5 x Residents, J Coulthard (Clerk),

68/25	1 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	
	<p>Due to the late arrival of Cllr Beagley, IT WAS AGREED that Cllr Case would chair the meeting.</p> <p>1.1 A resident asked the Parish Council (PC) who other than the Parish Council would be contributing to the cost of maintaining the access way to the allotments. Cllr Gardner responded stating that the owner of the access way still needed to assess who has a right to use the access way. He stated that he had advised the owner that PC were not happy to split the cost 50:50 and additional changes were needed to the agreement for the before the PC would be comfortable these included adding a clause that the PC would contribute to costs that maintained the access way in its current state and a change to the limit to weight of vehicles allowed to use it. The PC were currently waiting for a formal response form the owner of the access way.</p> <p>7:05pm Cllr Beagley entered the meeting and Cllr Case handed back to Cllr Beagley to Chair the rest of the meeting.</p> <p>1.2 The same resident as above asked why the Deed of Easement for the access way to the allotments was not done 8 months ago. The PC explained that there was some confusion at the time regarding whether permission was required from the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State had not responded to correspondence from the previous Clerk. The PC had acted as soon as it received a copy of the email sent to the Chair of the Godstone Allotment Association from the National Allotment Society's legal adviser stating the Secretary of State's permission was not required.</p> <p>1.3 The same resident asked if residents of Salisbury Road were allowed to park in the allotment carpark. The PC advised that residents from Salisbury Road were not allowed to park in the carpark. Cllr Gardner advised he had spoken to the owner of the access way to ask him to sort out the parking issues. IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk would write to the resident who was parking in the carpark to remind them that it was not permitted.</p>	JC
69/25	2 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s85)	
	None	
70/25	3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS	
	None	
71/25	4 MATTERS ARISING	
	<p>4.1 Agreement for Cricket on Godstone Green – To consider and agree or otherwise whether to sign the agreement for Cricket on Godstone Green – The Clerk briefed the PC on the advice Merstham Cricket Club (MCC) had received from the English Cricket Board (ECB). The key issue related to the length of the term of the agreement offered by the PC i.e. 2 years. The ECB had recommended to MCC that the term should be 10 years but at least a minimum of 5 years. IT WAS AGREED to put this on the agenda for the Full Parish Council meeting for discussion and agreement on the length of the term of the agreement.</p>	JC

<p>4.2 Allotments Deed of Easement/Wayleave to consider and agree or otherwise whether to agree to split the cost of maintaining that access 50:50 and if not acceptable, what split would the Parish Council propose – Cllr Gardner advised he was waiting to hear back from the owner of the access way as per 1.1 above.</p> <p>4.3 The Assistant Clerk has received reports from residents of a red car, with a flat tyre, which has been parked in the Parish Council carpark opposite the White Hart and not moved for several months. The Police advised that it is road legal, not reported as stolen and owned by someone living locally. To consider and agree or otherwise whether the PC would like the Clerk/Assistant Clerk to take any action. – IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk/Asst. Clerk would put a note on the car advising that if it was not moved within 7 days it may be towed.</p> <p>4.4 The Chair of the GSA has shared the details on what they would like to use for the weed and feed of Godstone Green where the football pitch is located the product is listed by the contractor as non-toxic, non-flammable and non-corrosive nature containing: PRAXYS, DEPITOX & XTEND. To consider and agree or otherwise whether there is any reason to request alternative products be used or to request that the weed and feed does not go ahead – Several Cllrs had researched the products proposed and advised the products were toxic when wet. They therefore felt that the use presented to greater risk. Therefore, the use was NOT APPROVED and IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk would advise the Chair of GSA that alternatives needed to be researched.</p> <p>4.5 The Clerk and Assistant Clerk's PCs have now been upgraded to laptops. The Clerk is able to use her old big screen in conjunction with the laptop however, the Assistant Clerk's screen is too old to allow this. To consider and agree or otherwise whether to purchase a new large screen for the Assistant Clerk's use in the office. Quotes from our IT provider are: Minifire = £63.74, LG £69 (but a time limited deal so may not be available still), BenQ = £84.99, Samsung £89 all prices inclusive of VAT. APPROVED.</p> <p>4.6 SCC have advised of that they wish to permanently divert public Footpath no. 138 (Godstone) from point A (grid ref. 535291 150929) proceeding north then immediately southeast to point C (grid ref. 535343 150913), then southeast to point B (grid ref. 535397 150882), a total distance of 110 metres, as shown on the plan attached to the order. To consider and agree whether the PC has any objections to the diversion. - The PC agreed they had no objection the diversion.</p> <p>4.7 Tree that needs to be removed at Tilburstow Hill – To note that the Assistant Clerk is in regular communication with the contractor asked to provide a quote. The contractor is currently waiting to hear back from SCC regarding their enquiry about closing the road and any associated costs. NOTED. Cllr Christmas had circulated an alternative quote to Cllrs before the meeting. Cllr Farr questioned why Cllr Christmas had obtained an alternative quote without the action being agreed by the PC. Cllr Christmas advised that he felt it was important as Cllrs had a responsibility to ensure value for money when spending PC funds. Cllr Farr advised the PC used a preferred contractor due to historic issues with other contractors and the difficulty of getting contractors to quote for specialist tree work. It was felt that the current contractor did deliver value for money. IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk should try to obtain a third quote for comparison.</p> <p>4.8 Cllr Christmas received a request from a resident for permission to hold a charity event, mainly a charity football match on the green to raise money for the East Surrey Hospital to renovate one of the Oncology Rooms. To consider and agree or otherwise whether to give permission. – Cllr Case reported she had met with the resident and after briefing her on the requirements for hold an event, the resident had decided to wait until next year. Cllr Case had agreed to help the resident organise a coffee morning in September instead.</p> <p>4.9 To consider and agree what further action the PC wants to take regarding the building materials outside the house at Greenview. IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk would write to the owner to advise that the PC would give him until the 7th of September to get the building materials removed.</p> <p>4.10 The Clerk has an issue with Rialtas which may prevent her from updating the system. The Clerk is requesting approval to utilise the help of Andy Beams from Mulberry LAS to resolve this issue. Cost may be £45 per/hr and would take</p>	<p>JC/GM</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p>
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	approx. 2 hours to resolve remotely. To consider and agree whether to approve. APPROVED.	
72/25	5 CURRENT PLANNING ISSUES	
	<p>5.1 2025/603 – 87, High Street, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8DT – Demolition of modern extensions and change of use of existing hotel to form 4no. dwellings, erection of 5no. dwellings on surrounding land, and associated alterations to access and parking. – RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION</p> <p>5.2 2025/670 – Buttons Mead Farm Livery, Buttons Mead Farm, Tandridge Lane, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6LW – Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 2024/1167 dated 06 June 2025 (Extension to agricultural/equestrian barn to provide storage for mechanical equipment together with associated landscaping works) in order to re locate the proposed ecological enhancements within the site. – RESOLVED – NO COMMENT</p> <p>5.3 2025/736 – Springfield, Godstone Hill, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8AL – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two storey building with habitable roof space containing 9no. flats with associated access, parking and landscaping. RESOLVED – OBJECTION on the basis that the application presents over development of the existing site.</p> <p>5.4 2025/750/NH - The Haven, Godstone Hill, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8AL – Erection of single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 6.00 metres, for which the maximum height would be 3.82 metres (Notification of a Proposed Larger Home Extension in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) – Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A. – RESOLVED – NO COMMENT</p> <p>5.5 2025/533 – The Old Vicarage, 29 St Johns Meadow, Blindley Heath, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6JU – Existing concrete garage to be removed. Erection of domestic garage. – RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION</p> <p>5.6 2025/642 – Oakhurst, Eastbourne Road, Blindley Heath, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6JX – Erection of single storey rear extension (Demolition of existing single storey rear extension) – RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION</p> <p>5.7 2025/709 – Southlands Nurseries, Hare Lane, Blindley Heath, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6JB – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 2016/1684 dated 09.02.2017 (Demolition of existing horticultural glasshouses and 3 residential dwellings. Erection of 7 detached dwellings and garages). The proposal seeks to alter the design and materials of the proposed development. – RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION</p>	
73/25	6 AOB	
	The Clerk advised that BBC Surrey had been in touch and asked if a Parish Councillor would agree to be interviewed regarding the road collapse in the High Street. IT WAS AGREED that Cllr Beagley would represent the PC. The Clerk to advise BBC Surrey.	JC
74/25	7 MATTERS FOR REPORTING OR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tilburstow Hill Trees • Allotment Access Way • Cricket Agreement 	
75/25	8 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Committee Meeting – Wednesday 20th August 2025 (only if there are planning applications to be considered), at the Bounty, Godstone Green • Full Council Meeting – Monday 1st September 2025 7:30pm at St Stephens Church, South Godstone <p>There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8:40pm</p>	

Signed
Chairperson

Print Name

Date