

Godstone Parish Council

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

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MINUTES

of the meeting of Godstone Parish Council held on **Wednesday 29th July 2026 at 6:30pm** at the Bounty, Godstone Green

Chair: Cllr C White

Present: S Beagley, Cllr Case, D Christmas, Cllr Goodman

In attendance: J Coulthard (Clerk), G McPartlin (Asst. Clerk)

FC01/26	1. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	
	None.	
FC02/26	2 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s85)	
	None.	
FC03/26	3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS	
	None.	
FC04/26	4 MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
	The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of the 8 th of December were signed as a true record of the meeting at the Full Parish Council meeting of the 5 th January, therefore there were no minutes to be signed.	
FC05/26	5 FINANCIAL POSITION – Review any updated since the last meeting	
	5.1 Review of General Reserves – Cllrs revied the Rialtas report showing the General Reserve figure at the end of the 1st Qtr. 2026. The Committee agreed that the General Reserve were within the guidelines and looking healthy. 5.2 Review of Income and Expenditure vs Forecast - The Clerk talked the Committee through the Qtr. 1 Income and Expenditure report. - Income - 41% of the income expected for 2026/27 had already been received at the end of Qtr. 1 one this was boosted by the unexpected donation of £4,000 from a resident who wished to remain anonymous. - Expenditure overall was at 23.2% of forecast under the 25% of forecast expected at the end of the first Qtr. There were some overspends against some budget lines i.e. Tree Care, Commons, and Miscellaneous Expenses. However, these were not unexpected, and the Committee were able to track the reasons for the overspend through the Nominal Ledger report. 5.3 Review of Designated Funds – The Finance Committee agreed that there were currently no ‘Designated Funds’ as any money designated to a specific project was held in an earmarked reserve. 5.4 Review of Earmarked Reserves – IT WAS AGREED that the following earmarked reserves would return to the General Reserve: 319 DF – Special Events £3,000 322 DF – Children’s Playground £10,559.33 327 DF – Bounty Purchase/Refurb £4,662.94 331 DF – Recruitment/Training £500 333 DF – Tree Work £5,000 335 DF IT Replacement/Upgrade £1,000 IT WAS ALSO AGREED that the following earmarked CIL reserves would be returned to General Reserves as the money had been spent. 455 CIL - Fund 22/23 £6,941.20 spent on Hunters Chase Playground in 2025/26	

	• 456 CIL – Fund 23/24 £2,175.16 spent on Hunters Chase Playground 2025/26 • 457 CIL – Fund 24/25 £3,093.42 spent on Hunters Chase Playground 2025/26 • 458 CIL – Fund 19/20 £2,379.28 spent on Hunters Chase Playground 2025/26	
FC06/26	6 DISCUSSION OF BUDGET LINES AND REQUIRED FUND MOVEMENTS	
	6.1 To consider and agree or otherwise whether to move funds to budget lines e.g. • Oldencraig legal costs – The Clerk advised that Cllr Farr had requested budget for the costs of consulting a legal expert regarding whether the original promised gift of land at Oldencraig was legally binding – IT WAS AGREED that a budget of £1,000 could be allocated to this. • Additional tree work outside of immediate and within 6 months i.e. Year1, Year2 - IT WAS AGREED to move budget as necessary. • Any other – None	
FC07/26	7 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS	
	None.	
FC08/26	8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk would set a date for the next meeting for 3 months' time. Part 2 – To consider passing a resolution that pursuant to Section 1 part 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any business on the grounds that it is likely if the public were to remain, there would be a disclosure of exempt information. The resolution was not required.	JC

Signed
Chairperson

Print Name

Date