

Godstone Parish Council

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MINUTES

of the meeting of Godstone Parish Council held on **Monday 6th October 2025 at 7.30pm** at St Stephens Church, South Godstone

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

In attendance: 6 x Residents

92/25	1 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	
	1.1 The Secretary of South Godstone Sports Club attended the meeting to ask why no one from the committee had been approached regarding the ongoing discussions on TDC asset transfer – IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk would be advised to contact the club to discuss the asset transfer.	JC
	1.2 A member of the Allotment Association requested an update regarding the vehicular access and the Deed of Easement for the allotments in Godstone - IT WAS AGREED that the PC would sign the Deed of Easement document.	JC
	1.3 A resident has written to the Clerk on behalf of Godstone Bowls Club to request a key for the barrier near the Doctors Surgery. The Parish Council discussed the request, and it was noted that the club previously had a key, but this had not been returned to the PC. IT WAS AGREED that a key would not be provided and the Clerk would respond to the resident.	JC
	1.4 Tandridge Access Group has written to the Clerk to ask if the PC wants to engage with the Tandridge Access Group for any accessibility projects in the Parish. Cllr Ward expressed an interest in becoming involved. Cllr Case is already part of this group and invited Cllr Ward to attend the upcoming meeting.	
	1.5 A member of Redhill SOS Group has written to the Clerk to request support against the proposal to build 5 x 15 storey tower blocks on Redhill station car park. IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk would publicise any future information about this on the Parish Notice Board.	JC
	1.6 A resident has emailed to complain about the lack of grass cutting around the graves at the back of the church yard. IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk would discuss this matter with the grass cutting contractor and respond to the resident.	JC
	1.7 John Farnaby attended the meeting to advise he was chasing TDC about an update on the Godstone Neighbourhood Plan. He noted that the vote is due to take place in May 2026.	JC
93/25	2 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s85)	
	Apologies received from Cllr K D'Mello and J Coulthard (Clerk)	
94/25	3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS	
	None	
95/25	4 COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLLRS – Brief report on matters affecting the Parish.	
	Cllr C Farr in his capacity as SC Cllr reported that a decision on the reorganisation of Surrey County Council is to be announced on 17 th of October. District Cllr M Crane reported there was no update regarding the Ashill Development.	
96/25	5 MINUTES	

	Minutes of the full Parish Council (PC) meeting held on the 1st September 2025 and the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 17 th September 2025 were agreed but not signed. They will be signed at the next meeting on 3 rd November 2025 as a true record (LGA 1972 Sch. 12 s41) and will be uploaded to the website.	JC
97/25	6 REPORTS	
	6.1 Clerk's Report - Matters to bring to the Council's attention 6.1.1 Tandridge Access Group – To consider and agree or otherwise whether the PC wants to engage with the Tandridge Access Group for any accessibility projects in the Parish. This was discussed in agenda item 1.4. 6.1.2 Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government` (MHCLG)- To consider and agree whether to complete the MHCLG Neighbourhood Governance Survey and who will complete it. IT WAS AGREED not to complete this survey. 6.1.3 Redhill SOS Group request for support against the proposal to build 5 x 15 storey tower blocks on Redhill station car park. – To consider and agree or otherwise whether the PC wants to support in some way. IT WAS AGREED no further action was required. 6.1.4 Bounty refurbishment – Cllr Beagley advised that the exterior redecoration would be completed in October and the interior work in November. 6.1.5 Village Sign – re-erection update from Cllr Gardner. Cllr Gardner advised that the sign had been re-erected. 6.1.6 Old Church Noticeboard – update on progress from Cllr Beagley. Cllr Beagley advised that it had been repaired and is ready to be positioned in Blindley Heath. 6.1.7 Area inspections 6.1.8 Deed of Easement for Ashill Group Godstone development – To consider and agree or otherwise whether to agree to give Ashill Group the 'option' they have requested. IT WAS AGREED that Cllrs did not want to give Ashill the 'option' they requested and the Clerk would request further information. 6.2 Chairperson's Report – (for noting) information only. Cllr Beagley advised he had nothing to report. 6.3 Reports (for noting) from representatives on outside bodies Nothing to report. 6.4 Reports from Committees Cllr Case updated the rest of the PC on the Greenspaces Committee meeting on 6th October 2025.	JC JC JC JC
98/25	7 GREENS, COMMONS AND LAND	
	7.1 Godstone – Godstone Green; Greenview; Playground, Allotment and Hilly Fields 7.1.1 Godstone Green 7.1.1.1 To consider and agree or otherwise whether the Bowling Club can have a key to the barrier near Pond Tail Surgery – This was discussed under agenda point 1.3. 7.1.2 Greenview Nothing to report. 7.1.3 Playground 7.1.3.1 Update on replacement of roundabout from Cllr Case. Cllr Case advised that we are waiting on a site visit from Nicci from Kompan (equipment provider). Cllr Case also advised that the playground inspection is due to be done next month. 7.1.4 Allotments 7.1.4.1 Deed of Easement – IT WAS AGREED by all Cllrs to sign the Deed of Easement. 7.1.5 Hilly Fields 7.1.5.1 Cllr Gardner advised no further cuts have been booked for Hilly Fields. 7.2 Tilburstow Hill and The Enterdent 7.2.1 Tree on bank by Brakey Hill House – approve updated quote from Ben Nicholson and update on progress. IT WAS AGREED that the quote should be approved and the Assistant Clerk will contact the contractor to progress the work as soon as possible.	JC JC/GM

	7.2.2 It was reported that a van had been parked for several days on a public road at the Enterdent. IT WAS AGREED that if residents report this to the PC they will be advised to report the matter to the police. 7.3 South Godstone 7.3.1 Hunters Chase Playground – update. Cllr White advised that there was a meeting at the school to discuss the playground renovation which he was attending. 7.4 Blindley Heath 7.4.1 Blindly Heath Liaison Group – Cllr S Farr updated the Cllrs that the next group meeting will be held in November. 7.5 Burial Ground - Exclusive Rights of Burial Applications and Memorial Applications. Nothing to report.	JC
99/25	8 FINANCE	
	8.1 Accounts for Payment - Approve OCTOBER accounts for payment. APPROVED 8.2 Finance Papers up to 31st SEPTEMBER 2025 - Bank Reconciliation and Accounts Reports – Income & Expenditure; Reserves, Balance Sheet and Summary of Funds (if Rialtas updated). 8.3 Insurance – to retrospectively approve the acceptance of the long-term agreement with Zurich that provides the Parish Council with discounted premiums for 3 years, starting this year. Reduced this year's premium from £1709.30 to £1,552.08. APPROVED 8.3 Budget 8.4 Finance Committee Meeting – agree date for next meeting. IT WAS AGREED this would be arranged by the Clerk on her return.	JC
100/25	9 TDC ASSET TRANSFER	
	9.1 Update from working group and the Clerk – this was discussed as part of agenda point 1.1 and 7.3. The Clerk was unable to provide an update due to being absent from the meeting.	
101/25	10 GOVERNANCE	
	10.1 To consider and agree to accept the External Auditor's report/conclusion of audit certificate. APPROVED 10.2 Notice of Closure APPROVED 10.3. gov.uk email addresses switch over APPROVED	
102/25	11 POLICES & PROCEDURES	
	Nothing to report.	
103/25	12 SALC/NALC	
	Nothing to report.	
104/25	13 CORRESPONDENCE	
	Nothing to report.	
105/25	14 MATTERS FOR REPORTING OR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS	
	Installation of the Blindley Heath Notice Board and the village sign at South Godstone.	
106/25	15 AOB	
	Nothing to report.	
107/25	16 CURRENT PLANNING ISSUES (Applications with a comment deadline prior to the next Planning Committee Meeting).	
	16.1 2025/851 – White Hart Barn, High Street, Godstone, Surrey. RH9 8DT – Provision of 12 PV Panels on the rear roof of the White Hart Barn, Godstone Village Hall. - RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION 16.2 2025/945 – 52 Easter Way, South Godstone, Godstone, RH9 8HQ – Lawful Development Certificate (proposed) for loft conversion into habitable space, including the addition of a rear dormer, a hip to gable roof extension, and front rooflights. - RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION 16.3 2025/998 – The Roundabout, Eastbourne Road, Blindley Heath, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6LQ – Erection of Outbuilding. - RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION 16.4 2025/1003 – 20 The Priory, Godstone, RH9 8NL – Proposed garage conversion together with elevational alterations. - RESOLVED – NO COMMENT 16.5 Any other planning matters	

	16.5.1 To note 2025/772 - Land at Love Lane proposal for 9 new homes – and Godstone Farm asking for the PC's support for the planning application. - RESOLVED – NO COMMENT 16.5.2 Update from meeting with developers for land southwest of Godstone Station (Cllrs who attended) 16.5.3 Update from meeting with developers for land nr haul road behind Tylers Close (Cllrs who attended)	
108/25	17 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS	
	• Planning Committee Meeting – Wednesday 16th October 2025 6:30pm at the Bounty, Godstone Green • Full Council Meeting – 3rd November 2025 7:30pm at St Stephens Church, South Godstone 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. – Motion not required. There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:05	

Signed
Chairperson

Print Name

Date