

# 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 Greenspaces Committee

held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at **10am** at **St Nicholas Youth Centre, Godstone**

**Present:** Cllr S Beagley, Cllr L Case, Cllr D Christmas

**In attendance:** J Coulthard (Clerk), G McPartlin (Assistant Clerk)

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| <b>G11/25</b> | <b>1 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</b>  |                              |
|               | 1.1 Cllr Christmas reported that a resident had spoken to him about the Japanese Knotweed behind Taylors Yard and the need to remove it. Cllr Beagley advised that we needed to ask the new owners of Fairall's yard to access our land via the yard as that was the easiest access route. <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that Cllr Christmas would speak to the previous owner the yard and ask if he they contact details for the new owner.   | <b>DG</b>                    |
| <b>G12/25</b> | <b>2 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE</b>   |                              |
|               | Apologies received and accepted for Cllr Ward, Cllr S Farr and Cllr C Farr.  |                              |
| <b>G13/25</b> | <b>3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  |                              |
|               | None   |                              |
| <b>G14/25</b> | <b>4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b>   |                              |
|               | Signing of the minutes was deferred until the next full Parish Council meeting.  |                              |
| <b>G15/25</b> | <b>5 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</b>   |                              |
|               | <p><b>5.1 Outdoor Gym Equipment</b> – Cllr Case confirmed that the Outdoor Gym would be the type that needed to have a hard surface around the equipment and permission would be needed from the Secretary of State. Cllr Case read out the analysis of the responses to the Facebook post asking residents what they thought of the idea of having an Outdoor Gym on Godstone Green.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 121 positive /supportive comments</li><li>• 1 negative comment</li><li>• 65% of reactors were female</li><li>• 25% of reactors were mail</li><li>• 10 reactors were anonymous</li></ul> <p>Cllr Case said she would ask the Godstone Village Association (GVA) to ask GVA members for their view. Cllr Case reported that Kompan would be visiting on the 18<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the equipment with her and she would report back with their recommendations.</p> <p><b>5.2 Burial Ground</b> – Cllr Beagley mentioned that the complaint received about the length of the grass in the Burial Ground needed progressing. Cllr Beagley advised that as the PC only arranged for grass cutting to be done when the grass was growing, there would be times when the grass would be long. <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that the Clerk would respond to the complaint accordingly.</p> <p><b>5.3 Road Closure – Enterdent</b> – The Clerk reported that this had been actioned and that the road would be closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November and that letters had gone out to residents of the Enterdent.</p> | <b>LC<br/>LC<br/><br/>JC</b> |

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|               | <p><b>5.4 Memorial benches</b> – to review fees and charging arrangements</p> <p>The Asst. Clerk reported that there were several residents interested in having memorial benches. The Asst. Clerk wanted to check if Cllrs were happy with the associated process for ordering benches and the fees. Cllrs confirmed that people wanting to place memorial benches would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pay for the cost of the bench</li> <li>• Pay for the cost of the installation the cost of which will be £450.</li> <li>• Pay a one off £300 ongoing maintenance fee</li> <li>• The PC would order the bench and arrange for the installation. The person wanting the bench would pay the PC and the PC would pay the contractor.</li> </ul> <p>The plaque and the inscription would be arranged and paid for by the person wanting the bench.</p> <p>Cllr Beagley mentioned that the bench at the bottom of Hare Lane, Blindley Heath needed work and the Bus Stop needed repairing. <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that Cllr Beagley would look at the bench and Bus Stop and report back and for the Asst. Clerk to obtain quotes for the work.</p> <p>Benches in front of Hunters Chase playground were discussed, and <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> to ask Cllr White about the benches.</p> <p><b>5.5 Horse Pond repairs update</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that the Clerk will speak to SCC regarding dredging the pond due to the new pipe channelling road surface water into the pond increasing the level of silt and driving the need for dredging.</p> <p><b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that the Asst. Clerk will obtain a quote to fix the pond wall and the Clerk would put it on the next full Parish Council meeting agenda for discussion.</p> <p><b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that Cllr Ward agreed to take the lead on the dredging of the pond.</p> <p><b>5.6 Additional committee member update</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that Cllr C Farr would like to rejoin the Committee and that this would need to be discussed and agreed at the next full Parish Council meeting. <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that the Clerk would put the request on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p><b>5.7 Tree survey update</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS AGREED</b> to defer this item for discussion under item 6. Trees on the agenda.</p> | <p><b>SB/GM</b></p> <p><b>GM/CW</b></p> <p><b>JC</b></p> <p><b>GM</b></p> <p><b>KW</b></p> <p><b>JC</b></p> |
| <b>G16/25</b> | <b>6 TREES</b>   |   |
|               | <p>Cllr Beagley reported that a tree had come down in the burial ground at St Nicholas Church and needed to be removed. A quote had been received for the work which included the removal of the tree and making the ground good. £450. <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> to proceed with the work and obtain retrospective approval at the next full Parish Council meeting and for the Clerk to put the item on the agenda.</p> <p><b>Tree Survey update</b> – the Asst. Clerk reported that she was working on the requirements of the Tree Survey getting ready to request quotes for the surveys. She needed to Cllrs to confirm the areas to be surveyed and to confirm which contractors should be approached for quotes. <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that the areas to be surveyed would be the same as those on the previous request for quotes and the Asst. Clerk would finalise the letter to contractors and the requirements. In addition, <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that the Asst. Clerk would call Cllr S Farr to double check the approach for the Blindley Heath SSSI site.</p>   | <p><b>JC</b></p> <p><b>GM</b></p> <p><b>GM</b></p>  |
| <b>G17/25</b> | <b>7 BUILDINGS, GREEN, COMMONS, AND LAND</b>   |   |
|               | <p><b>7.1 Tilburstow Hill tree work update</b> – The Assistant Clerk she was liaising with Openreach regarding whether they needed to take down the telephone line across the PC land to enable the work on the trees at Tilburstow Hill to go ahead.</p> <p><b>7.2 The Bounty renovation update</b> – Cllrs were already aware of the status and there was nothing additional to report.</p> <p><b>7.3 Playground inspection update</b> – The Asst. Clerk reported that the inspection was booked for December.</p>   | <p><b>GM</b></p>  |

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|               | <b>7.4 To consider and agree or otherwise whether to accept the quote to fix the outside light at the Bounty – Approved and IT WAS AGREED</b> the Asst. Clerk would inform the contractor and schedule the work. | <b>GM</b> |
| <b>G18/25</b> | <b>8 CORRESPONDENCE</b>  |           |
|               | None   |           |
| <b>G19/25</b> | <b>9 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS</b>   |           |
|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extra Grass Cutting at the Burial Ground – full Parish Council Meeting</li> <li>• Retrospective approval for the removal of the tree at the burial ground</li> </ul>    |           |
| <b>G20/25</b> | <b>10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING TO BE AGREED</b>  |           |
|               | The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026  |           |

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 11:45am.

Signed by

Print Name

Date