

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 26th January 2026 at 10am at **The Bounty**

Present: Cllr S Beagley, Cllr L Case, Cllr D Christmas, Cllr C Farr and Cllr K Ward

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

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| G21/25 | 1 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC | |
| | N/A | |
| G22/25 | 2 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE | |
| | N/A | |
| G23/25 | 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | |
| | None | |
| G24/25 | 4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING | |
| | Signing of the minutes was deferred until the next meeting. | |
| G25/25 | 5 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING | |
| | <p>5.1 Outdoor Gym Equipment – Cllr Case confirmed that she is waiting on the final survey numbers from the Godstone Village Association (GVA) members, but the comments have been positive so far. IT WAS AGREED Cllr Case will share the results at the next meeting.</p> <p>5.2 Update on Kompan visit and equipment recommendations – Cllr L Case confirmed that the Kompan visit did not go ahead but we have received two quotes for the playground replacement equipment. IT WAS AGREED that Cllr Case would meet with the Assistant Clerk on 29th January to review both options.</p> <p>5.3 Burial Ground complaint – Cllr Beagley reported that the grass grows quicker in some areas due to the type of soil and the only resolution would be to increase the budget for more regular grass cutting. Cllr Case reported that some residents are unaware that GPC maintain the churchyard. Cllrs would like to consider a sign being put up to let residents know that it is maintained by the PC. IT WAS AGREED the Asst. Clerk will investigate a sign for the churchyard.</p> <p>5.4 Memorial benches – The Asst. Clerk reported that we have received the payment in full for the memorial bench on Godstone Green and this bench will be ordered once we have confirmed if the benches need to be replaced at Blindley Heath.</p> <p>5.5 South Godstone and Blindley Heath Benches - Cllr C Farr confirmed that the two benches at Blindley Heath are beyond repair and the inscriptions should be removed and new benches installed. IT WAS AGREED that the Asst. Clerk would order three benches and obtain a quote from contractor to install all three benches. IT WAS AGREED that the Hare Lane bench should be removed and not replaced. IT WAS AGREED that Cllr Beagley would look at the bench at Anglefield Bus Stop and report back and for the Asst. Clerk to obtain quotes for the work.</p> | <p>LC</p> <p>GM LC</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GM GM</p> |

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| | 5.5 Horse Pond repairs update – No update as works cannot be completed until summer. A quote for the repairs will be obtained in the summer when the water level drops. | |
| G26/25 | 6 TREES | |
| | 6.1 Tree Survey quotes – Cllr Chris Farr asked if the tree survey includes the land alongside Fairalls to the Eastbourne Rd. Cllrs. Beagley and Christmas reviewed map sent to the contractors and confirmed this area is included in the survey area. The Cllrs discussed the quotes and IT WAS AGREED that the Asst. Clerk would ask each contractor if their quote included a three-year tree plan and to provide an example report. These reports would be shared in advance of the next Full Parish Council meeting. | GM |
| | 6.2 Tilburstow Hill tree update – The Clerk updated the Cllrs on the response from Openreach. Cllr Christmas suggested that the work should proceed without getting Openreach to drop the line. Cllrs were uncomfortable with proceeding with this approach - IT WAS AGREED that the Openreach quote would be presented at the FPC Meeting on 2 nd February for approval. Cllr Christmas requested it be noted that he strongly objected to this decision and requested that the quote from another contractor be reviewed again. The Clerk explained that Cllrs had already voted on awarding the contract. | GM |
| | Cllr Beagley left the meeting at 10:54am. | |
| G27/25 | 7 BUILDINGS, GREEN, COMMONS, AND LAND | |
| | 7.1 Playground inspection update – The inspection report was shared with Cllrs and Cllr Case confirmed there are no urgent issues highlighted. Cllr Case raised her concerns about the playground gates and the risk of finger entrapment. IT WAS AGREED that this would be added to the agenda for the next FPC meeting. | GM |
| | 7.2 Playground equipment – Update covered under point 5.2 | |
| | 7.3 Playground signage – Cllr Case raised her concern about the signage and IT WAS AGREED that she would meet with the Asst. Clerk to review the playground signage and an update would be provided at the next meeting. | GM |
| | 7/4 Fly tipping on Parish Council land – The Assistant Clerk confirmed she was getting three quotes and would check that they were registered to carry waste. | GM |
| G28/25 | 8 CORRESPONDENCE | |
| | 8.1 Lime Trees in Churchyard – Cllr Case reported that the Lime trees which border the path to the church require work. A member of the congregation approached Cllr Case and offered to form a working party to work on the bases of the trees. The Cllrs agreed unanimously that the working party could proceed with this work. IT WAS AGREED that Cllr Ward would take photos and share with the Asst Clerk. IT WAS AGREED that the Asst. Clerk would then obtain quotes for pollarding. | KW GM |
| | Cllr Beagley rejoined the meeting at 11:15am | |
| G29/25 | 9 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holes on Godstone Green – The Asst. Clerk will contact Surrey Wildlife Trust for advice. • Pothole in Surgery Car Park – The Asst. Clerk will request three quotes for the work and share with Cllrs in advance of next meeting. • Future of the Pavillion • Grass Cutting Contract renewal | GM GM |
| G30/25 | 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING TO BE AGREED | |
| | The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 9 th March. | |

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 11:27am.

Signed by

Print Name

Date