

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 9th March 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)

G31/25	1 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	
	A resident attended to listen to the meeting. She introduced herself and advised she had a special interest in the Godstone road collapse and would be available to talk to Councillors after the meeting.	
G32/25	2 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE	
	Apologies received and accepted for Cllr S Farr	
G33/25	3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	None	
G34/25	4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
	Cllr Christmas asked for a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting. Cllr Christmas then advised he was happy to approve the minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th January 2026 were agreed and signed as true record. (LGA 1972 Sch.12 s41)	
G35/25	5 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	
	<p>5.1 Outdoor Gym Equipment – Cllr Case confirmed that she had received the final survey numbers from the Godstone Village Association (GVA) members and all comments except one had been positive about the plans. Cllr Christmas asked what the deadline for the CIL Bid was and the Clerk confirmed it is 16th March 2026. Cllr Case confirmed that CCTV and lighting for the side of the pavilion would be included with the gym equipment as part of the bid. Cllr C Farr asked what height the lighting would be as it could impact nocturnal animals. Cllr Beagley advised they will be positioned on the Pavillion at a height of approximately 4 metres. Cllr Case reported that we would need to allow for Secretary of State approval costs. Cllr Farr confirmed there would be a cost for this.</p> <p>5.2 Update on Kompan visit and equipment recommendations – Cllr Case confirmed that the roundabout had been removed and the work done to allow Kompan to install the new equipment. Cllr Case reported that new playground signage is being designed and will include wording to reflect that parents are responsible for supervising their own children. Cllr Christmas asked why this wording is needed and Cllr Case confirmed it is due to previous claims and residents continuing to use scooters and bikes in the playground.</p>	

	<p>5.3 Signage at St Nicholas – Cllr Beagley asked if a sign could be put up inside the church rather than putting another post up. Cllr Case confirmed there was a sign outside before which stated that the churchyard is maintained by the Godstone Parish Council. IT WAS AGREED the Asst. Clerk will investigate having a sign made to state that the Churchyard is maintained by Godstone Parish Council and dogs must be kept on a lead.</p> <p>5.4 Memorial benches – The Assistant Clerk reported that the contractor will be installing the benches facing Godstone Green in April. The Assistant Clerk is also waiting on a price from the contractor for wood to fix the bench beside the basketball net.</p> <p>5.5 Blindley Heath Benches – Cllr Farr reported that the bench on Hare Lane had been removed and that this should have been on the asset register. Cllr Farr confirmed there is a bench outside St Johns that should be on the asset register and IT WAS AGREED the Assistant Clerk would review which benches are on the asset register. The Assistant Clerk updated that a contractor had been asked to visit the Anglefield Bus Stop and provide a quote on the repair works required. IT WAS AGREED that the Assistant Clerk would add a message in the Godstone magazine about memorial benches.</p>	<p>GM</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GM</p>
G26/25	6 TREES	
	<p>6.1 Tree Survey quotes – Cllr Farr asked if the contractor covered the SSSI site as part of the tree survey and the Assistant Clerk confirmed they had included this area and used the maps provided by Godstone Parish Council showing the areas of Blindley Heath Common and SSSI site.</p> <p>6.2 Tilburstow Hill tree update – The Assistant Clerk confirmed that the contractor can complete the required work without the BT line being removed. Cllr Beagley confirmed they would use a gate on the Enterdent to access the area.</p>	
G27/25	7 BUILDINGS, GREEN, COMMONS, AND LAND	
	<p>7.1 Oldencraig ongoing concerns – Cllr Farr reported that it had been agreed that this land would be donated to Godstone Parish Council. The land is just under one acre. Cllr Farr advised that he had sent the relevant paperwork to the Clerk and confirmed this would be a biodiversity net gain for us. Cllr Christmas asked about the diversity net gain benefit and Cllr Farr advised this is something that developers are required to do if they are changing the use of the land. Cllr Christmas asked if this is like CIL money and Cllr Farr explained that it is not and it is a way for developers to recompensate by making sure wildlife habitats are better after. Cllr Farr reported that we are running out of time to register the land. The Clerk reported that if we want to make this a priority, we need to deprioritise something else due to the workload we have. Cllr Case stated that we should pursue this and confirmed she is happy to work on this. IT WAS AGREED that due to the level of work required a sub committee should be formed. Cllrs Case, Christmas and Farr volunteered to join this committee. Cllrs agreed that the sub committee would complete their research and provide updates at future Greenspaces Committee meeting. The Clerk advised that Cllr White had attended a course on funding and IT WAS AGREED that Cllr Case would speak to him about this. IT WAS ALSO AGREED that Cllr Case would send dates for meeting to the Assistant Clerk and then an invite would be sent to sub committee members. Cllr Farr reported that two swans had been found on Oldencraig. Cllr Farr also reported that silt from the pond outside the Red Barn will need to be removed in the future.</p>	<p>LC</p> <p>LC</p> <p>GM</p>

	<p>Cllr Christmas left the meeting at 10:55am.</p> <p>7.2 Future of Godstone Green Pavillion – Cllr Farr reported that the facility is not being maintained well. Cllr Beagley stated that the football club do not use the facilities and Cllr Ward asked if the Cricket Club will use it. Cllrs had not been advised if it would be used by the Cricket Club. Cllr Ward advised that water checks used to be completed weekly, and Cllr Case advised that it should have a legionnaires check. Cllr Farr requested that the future of the Pavillion lease be added to the agenda for the next Full Parish Council meeting. The Clerk confirmed that if the GSA are in breach of their lease, then the Parish Council could take back control of the Pavillion. IT WAS AGREED by Cllr Case, Committee Chair, that this would be taken forward at the next Full Parish Council meeting on behalf of the Greenspaces Committee.</p> <p>7.3 Grass Cutting Contract – The Clerk reported that if Cllrs are happy with the current contractor there is an option to fix the contract for a longer time period than the current one year contract to ensure a better rate. IT WAS AGREED that the Assistant Clerk would request rates for a three year contract. Cllr Farr requested that an additional area at Blindley Heath be added to the grass cutting contract. IT WAS AGREED that the Assistant Clerk and Cllr Beagley would review the map of Blindley Heath Common and mark out this area for the contractor.</p> <p>7.4 Japanese Knotweed – The Clerk confirmed three quotes have been obtained and the landowner has previously used one of these contractors. IT WAS AGREED by all Councillors to employ Gaia to complete the initial survey. The Clerk advised that the quote will be added to the agenda for the next Full Parish Council meeting for approval.</p> <p>7.5 Holes on Godstone Green – The Assistant Clerk confirmed that Surrey Wildlife Trust were unable to identify which animals was digging the holes on the Green. Cllr Case reported that there had been one by the pavilion and one by the playground before the Summer Fete last year. Cllr Farr recommended that Jeyes Fluid be poured on the holes to keep animals away. IT WAS AGREED the Clerk would look into this further.</p> <p>7.6 Lime Tree Pollarding – Cllr Case reported that the working party had cleared the bottom of the Lime Trees at St Nicholas. Cllr Beagley advised he had met with two of the contractors at the Church to review the proposed works. The Cllrs voted to select Broadleaf to complete the work. IT WAS AGREED the Assistant Clerk would email the selected contractor to request for the work to be done as soon as possible. IT WAS ALSO AGREED that the Assistant Clerk would contact Broadleaf and request a survey on the weeping willow tree at Blindley Heath following the report from Surrey County Council. Cllr Farr reported that the Blindley Heath sign post is in need of repair. IT WAS AGREED the Assistant Clerk would obtain a quote to have the wood on the post replaced.</p> <p>7.7 Outdoor Gym – Update already provided under point 5.1</p>	<p>LC</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GM</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GM</p>
G28/25	8 CORRESPONDENCE	
	None	
G29/25	9 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS	

	None	
G30/25	10 AOB	
	Annual Parish Meeting – The Assistant Clerk confirmed the meeting would be on Monday 18 th May at 7pm and the venue is still to be confirmed. Cllrs are to consider who they would like to nominate for an Extra Mile Certificate which will be presented at this meeting. IT WAS AGREED the Assistant Clerk would add this information to the next submission for the Godstone and South Godstone Magazine.	GM
	11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING TO BE AGREED	
	The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 11 th May 2026.	

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 11:28am.

Signed by

Print Name

Date