

Godstone Parish Council

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

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Minutes

of the Meeting of Godstone Parish Council Greenspaces Committee

originally to be held on **Tuesday 15 June 2021 at 11am at The Bounty, Godstone Green**

Postponed due to illness and re-arranged for

Tuesday 22 June 2021 at 11am at The Bounty, Godstone Green

Members: Cllrs C Farr, L Case and S Farr
Apologies: Cllrs D Stone and J Farnaby
In Attendance: S Endersby (Clerk)

1. **Questions from Members of the Public** - If there are no members of the public present the formal meeting will commence.

2. **Apologies and reasons for absence**

2.1 Apologies were noted from Cllr D Stone due to a personal matter and J Farnaby due to work commitments.

RESOLVED – The Committee noted the apologies, and the meeting was deemed quorate.

3. **Declarations of Interest** – No Pecuniary interests, it was noted that all Councillors live in the Parish.

4. **Greens, Commons and Land**

4.1 **Godstone Green, including Playground**

4.1.1 Dead Tree on Godstone Green – Notified to TDC tree officer and can be removed as soon as arrangements confirmed with tree surgeon. Recommendations on replacement provided.

4.1.2 Horse Chestnut near Pavilion – The committee noted a branch that the tree surgeon had been asked to look at for removal.

ACTION GS6/21 – 1 – Clerk to follow up with tree contractor.

4.1.3 Wagon Pond – Grate broken and previously reported.

ACTION GS6/21 – 2 – Cllr C Farr to confirm location of the grate after Clerk was unable to locate it.

4.1.4 Wayleaves – It was noted that it was believed there were properties that should pay wayleaves, that currently do not. Wayleave payments would help contribute to the cost of the upkeep of the road and car park.

ACTION GS6/21 – 3 – Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Green Spaces Sub Committee to be arranged.

4.1.5 Car Park (nr Pond Tail Surgery) – Clerk confirmed the contractor had been asked when work would be completed, and no date confirmed yet.

4.1.6 Slide Repairs - The contractor has been confirmed to complete works, lead time is 4-6 weeks. It was noted that there was an option to appoint a contractor to carry out more regular inspections, for example quarterly, and non-obligation repairs quotes would be included for consideration with the report. The committee agreed that this maybe worth consideration in the future.

4.1.7 Playground – Your Fund Application – Currently no update to the application status.

4.1.8 Benches – The committee discussed that a review of the maintenance of benches was required, benches that are no longer fit for purpose to be removed and a review of different more sustainable options for future bench installations to be prepared.

ACTION GS6/21 – 4 – Review of different more sustainable options for future bench installations for families wishing to donate a bench to choose from. Clerk to provide information.

4.1.9 Wooden Carved Village Sign – Specialist wood carver to be investigated for this

ACTION GS6/21 – 5 – Specialist craft person to be investigated by Cllr C Farr.

4.2 Hilly Fields

4.2.1 Boundary Fence – The committee discussed the ongoing point that the boundary fence is in a deteriorating state of repair and needs replacing as soon as practical.

RESOLVED – The committee unanimously agreed that this project was a priority when funds were available to complete the project.

4.3 Blindley Heath Common, including SSSI

4.3.1 Unregistered land – The committee discussed that a review is needed in the area.

4.3.2 Land being donated – No update nor formal proceedings for land to be donated.

4.3.3 Layby nr Red Barn – Constant unauthorised use discussed.

ACTION GS6/21 – 6 – Law of property Act 1925 sign to be installed.

4.3.4 Car Park Over Height Barrier

ACTION GS6/21 – 7 – Summary and specification of proposal for the over height barrier to be provided to the Clerk.

4.3.5 Benches on the Common – Due to the condition of some benches the need to remove some benches was discussed.

ACTION GS6/21 – 8 – Confirmation of benches to be removed to be provided to the Clerk by Cllrs C Farr and S Farr.

4.3.6 Historic Assets - General care of assets was discussed and the desire to use the parish map technology to show a location on the map of where assets are and provide a photo of them to help keep parish records up to date.

i. Historic Benches on the Common – Committee discussed the importance of taking care to protect the historic benches on the common for current and future generations.

ii. War Memorial at St Johns – It is believed that this is the Parish councils as it was historically moved from the Common where it was next to the pond and placed at St John’s Blindley Heath.

ACTION GS6/21 – 9 – Information to be provided and Councillors and the Clerk to liaise to ensure the Asset register is updated with clear information on assets and historic assets.

4.4 Tilburstow Hill Common, including the Enterdent

4.4.1 The Enterdent Road – The committee discussed a proposal to make the section from 14 The Enterdent, up to Tilburstow Hill Road, a one way section to improve using the road and help tackle flytipping.

4.4.2 Reduction of canopy across the Enterdent Road – The committee discussed the care of trees along the Enterdent Road.

RESOLVED – The committee unanimously agreed that this project was a priority when funds were available to complete the project.

5. **Correspondence** - None

6. **Matters for reporting or inclusion on future agendas** - None

Part 2 – NONE.

----- Meeting ended 12.30pm -----

Committee Chairman

Dated

LIST OF COMMITTEES PROJECTS

ACROSS PARISH	
Tree Works – Various, including Enterdent reduction of canopy across the road	Enterdent reduction of canopy across the road - Priority Project when funds area available.
Benches	
GODSTONE	
Wagon Pond	
Wayleaves	
Car Park (nr Pond Tail Surgery)	
Slide Repairs	
Playground	
Wooden Carved Village Sign	
HILLY FIELDS	
Replacement of Boundary Fence	Priority Project when funds area available.
BLINDLEY HEATH	
Unregistered land	
Land being donated	
Layby nr Red Barn	
Benches on the Common	
Historic Assets	
TILBURSTOW HILL – THE ENTERDENT	
The Enterdent Road	
Reduction of canopy across the Enterdent Road	