<u>Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of Godstone Parish Council held on</u> Monday 7 November 2016 at Parish Rooms, St Stephens Church, South Godstone at 7.30 pm

Members: Cllrs J Gardner, B Davis, M Gillman, M McLoughlin, R Johnson, J Faulkner, B Hubery and C

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In attendance: Mrs D Grose, Clerk

Open Forum

An Open Forum session was held prior to the start of the meeting. Surrey County Councillor Mrs H Windsor, and District Councillor representative, Mr N Childs attended, together with Councillor Black from Bletchingley Parish Council and 5 parishioners

Cllr Windsor raised the concerns of Bletchingley residents that Surrey County Council propose to increase the 30-mph speed limit to 40 mph on the Godstone Road near Chevington Villas. Bletchingley Parish Council have written to SCC to ask that this decision be delayed until a complete assessment can be carried out when the development at the old Knights Garden Centre has been completed and the proposed additional car parking site in Godstone. At this point a more accurate survey of the complete stretch of A 25 between Bletchingley and Godstone [known as the 'made mile/race track'] can be undertaken as a whole.

Cllr Windsor also commented that the Orphesus Centre in North Park Lane would appreciate a speed reduction on the road. She also advised that it would be a good idea if as many Parish Councillors attend the 'Local Committee Meeting' on 9 December to question SCC on this item.

Cllr Windsor asked that Godstone Parish Council support Bletchingley Parish Council by writing to Surrey County Council requesting that a survey be carried out after the development is complete. Councillors agreed to this request.

Action: Clerk

A Rabbetts said that the GVA were deciphering the Local Plan and will report back once this is completed. Mr Rabbetts stated it is more effective for individuals to ask the same question than an organisation to ask just the one question! TDC have produced 6 options, they investigate and come up with consensus. TDC do not consult and the document is inconsistent. The Local Plan it is written by a committee and not an individual. There is no justification for the number of houses [9,000] TDC say are needed. For example, it is stated that South Godstone have a small number of shops!

1	Apologies and reasons for absence - Apologies were received and agreed for Cllr K Knox.
2	Declarations of Interest - There were no declarations of interest
3	Minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2016 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 10 October 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
4.	Matters Arising - Air Quality Monitor - TAG-A25 Traffic Census Results confirmation has been received from Peter Forbes.
5	Community Wellbeing – The following question was received from a parishioner 'Does Godstone Parish Council believe that the use of such voluntary community organisations such as the East Surrey Community Mediation Service is beneficial to resolve issues peacefully and in a correct manner within the Godstone Parish? Would they advocate the use of such organisations? The chairman had done research on this matter consulting Tandridge District Council. His findings were mentioned in the notes given to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllrs Davis and Gillman stated that this question was outside of the remit of the Council and asked that this item be removed from the Agenda. Councillors unanimously agreed to this Cllr Windsor requested to speak the on the matter but Chair did not allow this but allowed her to hand the document to the Clerk
6	Neighbourhood Plan - An Extraordinary Meeting held on 10 October 2016 agreed that a public meeting should take place on 14 or 15 November at South Godstone Club to collect views and identify who was

	willing to contribute to preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. However, due to the Public Drop In Meeting called by Tandridge the date was changed to Monday 28 November 8 pm at South Godstone Club. Chairman will open the meeting pointing out that the Parish Council are split over producing a neighbourhood plan due to the amount of resources needed, A Rabbetts, Chairman of GVA will outline the project and give his views on its merits. Cllr Gillman stated that he felt given the amount of time and money other parish councils have taken to produce a neighbourhood plan this was a total waste of resources. Without District Councillors who will strongly reflect the views of the residents most likely we will provide TDC 'a stick to beat us with' and the document could well be circumvented or ignored! Soundings with Councillors have already shown that not all councillors have so far been willing to commit the amount of their time required to produce a plan. Chairman reiterated that this meeting was not to discuss the Local Plan but to gauge local interest, resources, and ability to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that this would only work if representatives from all three villages would take part. Councillors noted that series of drop-in sessions where documents about Tandridge Local Plan and Sites Consultation and associated technical studies will be available to view and where you can speak to council officers and ask questions. People do not need to register for these sessions: South Godstone - Tuesday 15 November at 2pm - 7:30pm at South Godstone Sports and Community Association, Lagham Road, South Godstone, RH9 8HE. Blindley Heath - Wednesday 16 November - 2pm - 7:30pm - St John's Church Hall, Eastbourne Road, Blindley Heath , RH7 6JR
7	Standing Orders - No report has yet been received from Cllr Knox. It was agreed a new Working Party of Cllr Gillman and Davis will draft Standing Orders, which will include how we deal with the Minutes, these hopefully to be circulated before the December council meeting for comment/agreement at that meeting. Action: Cllrs Davis and Gillman
8	IT - Update – New computers have been installed, including anti-virus software. There is an issue with the Godstone Cemetery mapping system due to the Pear Program being missing this item to be followed up with the supplier. Action: Clerk Discussion took place as what should happen with the old equipment, two hard drives and one printer. Cllr Johnson advised that the hard drives need to be 'wiped' and a certificate produced to say all data securely destroyed. The machines need to be disposed of by a specialist company due to the fact that some components in the machines are environmentally unfriendly. It was agreed the computers will be kept for a further 6 months before disposal.
9	Parish Council Website – Cllr Davis stated he felt that the Clerk was incapable of being able to up load data onto the website the current information is out of date. He stated that the previous Assistant Clerk was able to do this. The Clerk had previously stated that since the Assistant Clerk had left the web site had been 'revamped' and a new list of instructions for uploading issued, these do not work. The Clerk stated she has e mailed relevant documents for uploading to the 'web master' these to have not appeared. Action: Clerk
10	Tenders – Councillors discussed whether current or future councillors have a right to be included on the Parish Council Contractors Tender List. They do have a right, as long as the guidelines are strictly adhered to. Cllr Gardner stated that his company Segment Engineering was not likely to ever choose to tender for work
11	Grants – A proposal for the management and distribution of grants funding, community projects was produced by Cllr McLoughlin. Councillors agreed the terms and conditions as laid out.
12	Bounty Lease – Update from Solicitor on Lease and solicitor's fees both for review and consideration had been received. Councillors agreed with these terms and fees. Two Councillors will need to sign the lease Action: Chair and another Councillor
13	Surrey Wildlife Trust –Activity Review and Financials 2012-2016 plus a request to transfer ringfenced money held by the Parish Council has been received. SWT have produced figures but they are still ambiguous ie manpower and material figures. SWT will be asked come back to us with a breakdown of materials. SWT

have no legal right to this money as it was paid to the council before the agreement was signed. It was suggested that some work needs to be carried out on the site lines at Ray Lane and as this is not SWT responsibility the PC could use some of this money to pay for this work.

The original lease was for grazing but a lot of land has reverted to woodland roughly 30 trees per hectare, consequently the Common is overgrown the Parish Council could considering clearing this and paying for this work - to seek advice from SWT

Overall SWT are doing an excellent job on maintaining the Common.

Cllrs Hubery and Gillman attended a Surrey Wildlife Committee meeting.

14 Reports

14.1 **Action taken** - No actions have been taken

14.2 Clerks Report

- i. Oxted Road bus shelter metalled footpath No further update following SCC and Cllr Windsor being contacted and being followed up by SCC with Oakleigh Care Home.
- <u>ii.</u> <u>Bay Pond Barrier</u> SCC reported this is on the 'list'
- <u>iii.</u> <u>Maintenance of benches</u> Most work is complete just some benches on Blindley Heath Common to be finished
- <u>iv.</u> <u>Scout letter</u> Invoice from Scouts received re balance of rent £75.00 now paid.
- <u>v.</u> <u>Clerks Networking Day DG</u> and SE attended Clerks Networking Day, which they found very useful and will produce a report. **Action Clerk**
- <u>vi.</u> <u>Training –</u> Councillors are asked to consider training provided by the Society of Local Council Clerks http://www.slcc.co.uk/content/ilca-the-essential-knowledge/457 for the Clerk and Admin Assistant. This item was not discussed
- <u>vii.</u> <u>Bounty Electrics –</u>Jenner Electricals work to start on 10 November 2016. Jenner Electricals will be asked to produce an Electrical Installation Condition Report following instruction from Cllr Gardner. The cost will depend on the number of circuits and whether there is a previous test certificate available.
- <u>viii.</u> <u>Greensands Way Sign</u> Reported Public Footpath to Highways on 25 Oct 16 about a sign needing to be returned to Tillburstow Hill Road (Crossing the Greensands Way at Brakey Hill).
- <u>ix.</u> <u>Handrail at Zebra Crossing (North side)</u> Reported Public Footpath to Highways on 25 Oct 16 about the handrail that needs repairing
- <u>x.</u> <u>Christmas Lights Clerk liaised with Chair and Ultralite to confirm work take place.</u>

Application for Provision of Temporary Attachments to Street Lighting has been submitted to Surrey County Council as required.

Ultralight tested the lights in all the trees and can report the following:

- 3 trees on the Green are all working 100%
- South Godstone tree needs loose connection sorting out. Cost £ Nil
- North Godstone tree is 70% working. Cost to replace 2000 lights £1200.00, Cllrs decided not to accept this cost as 70% are still working.
- Blindley Heath tree needs a new transformer. Cost £85.00. Cllrs agreed to this cost
- To test, switch on the lights. Cost £150.00. Cllrs agreed to this cost
- The lights will be switched on Friday 18th November 2016
- <u>xi.</u> Enterdent Trees Trees outside 10 and 12 Enterdent could pose danger to public / property quotations for appropriate action. Quotations will be obtained. See also tree on Godstone Green and Hilly Field Car Park

Chairman's Report

14.3

Work on some trees need to be carried out on Hilly Field Car Park [clearance], Enterdent and Godstone Green. Therefore Chairman recommended that an we obtain quotations for all these works at the same time, if possible allowing for specification to be prepared by Cllr Gillman and Gardner. Councillors agreed to this. Cllr Mcloughlin will let the Clerk have list of approved contractors

Action: Clerk

Update on planting licence required for any planting on the verge. This process takes a long time therefore it was agreed that an interim measure would be to ask our Contractor to tidy this area up

Action: Clerk

14.4 | Reports [for noting] from representatives on outside bodies etc.

Cllr Windsor said a speed survey had been carried out in Blindley Heath before the recommendation that the speed limit be reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph. Unfortunately, the data collected during the survey does not warrant a reduction in speed limit. Cllr Faulkner asked if the new social housing, with the extra residents and small children were taken into account. Cllr Windsor will check. Cllr Windsor asked if anyone had photographs of accidents that have occurred at Anglefield Corner as this would help matters for installing speed reduction signs further north on A22

14.5 **Reports [for noting] from Members' areas of responsibility:**

Asset of Community Values –Cllr Gillman reported that as the White Hart is not the only public house in the village, also it is not threatened with closure, it could be very difficult to have the building registered as a Community Asset. The present owners can object to this and even if it were made a Community Asset would the Council have the resources to purchase it and then if purchased maintain the building without putting a significant financial burden on residents

15 Current Planning Issues

15.1 District Council Planning Decisions

Application Number	Description	Address	Decision
2016/1529	Erection of single storey extension to north elevation. (Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Use or Development)	23 Ockleys Mead, Godstone RH9 8AX	Certificate of Lawfulness
2016/1601	Formation of dropped kerb.	69 Easter Way, South Godstone RH9 8HG	Approved
2016/1608	Demolition of existing part-collapsed flat-roofed front porch. Erection of gabled front porch.	22 Hunters Chase, South Godstone RH9 8HR	Approved
2016/1614	Erection of detached outbuilding. (Retrospective)	25 Bakers Mead, Godstone RH9 8AU	Approved
2016/1624	Erection of single storey extension to south west elevation. (Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Use or Development)	Little Haven, Byers Lane, South Godstone RH9 8JH	Certificate of Lawfulness
2016/1625	Erection of boundary fence.	Tiptree Cottage, Tilburstow Hill Road, South Godstone RH9 8LB	Approved
2016/1630	Erection of single storey rear extension.	16 Hunters Chase, South Godstone RH9 8HR	Approved
2016/1659/T CA	Remove two Acer stems encroaching onto metal fence	White Hart, High Street, Godstone RH9 8DU	Approved
2016/1423	Erection of single storey rear extension.	17 Lagham Park, South Godstone RH9 8EW	Approved
2016/1243	Formation of 18 car parking spaces.	Broadcast Engineering Centre, Eastbourne Road, Blindley Heath RH7 6JP	Refused
2016/1188	Extension to crematorium building, use of the site for small-scale waste transfer operations (including installation of concrete pad), replacement staff welfare portacabin, installation of septic tank and installation of refrigerated shipping container.	Cornerfield Farm, Byers Lane, South Godstone RH9 8JL	Approved

	2016/535	Erection of 2-storey building with habitable accommodation in the roofspace, comprising of 14 flats with associated parking, cycle stands and bin/recycle store.	Planning App Land North of Railway Static Eastbourne Ro Godstone null	f, Godstone on, oad, South	Refused		
15.2	Current Planni	ing Lists and Applications					
	Planning appl	lications received and discussed at the Planning Co	mmittee meeting	g 27 October 2	<u> 2016</u>		
		2016/1859 18 Hunters Chase, South Godstone RH9 8HR Demolition of existing conservatory and external play area. Erection of single storey rear extension. Recommended response: No Objections					
	Commercial u	2016/1739 <u>85 High Street, Godstone RH9 8DT</u> Commercial use class part of building to be changed to class C3 (dwelling). <u>Recommended response: No Objections</u>					
		2016/1622 Standitch Farm, Tilburstow Hill Road, Godstone RH9 8LY Conversion of barn to four dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping. Recommended response: No Objections					
		2016/1922 33 Woodlands Drive, South Godstone RH9 8HU Erection of single storey side/rear extension. Recommended response: No Objections					
	Planning appl	Planning applications received since the publication of the Planning Committee Agenda and meeting					
	2016/1912 - Oak View, Brickhouse Lane, South Godstone RH9 8JW No Objections 2016/1929 - Site Accommodation, M25 Junction 5 to 7 Managed Motorway Improvement Works Junction 6 Godstone Compound, Rooks Nest, Godstone RH9 8BY No Objections 2016/1925/TPO 3 Treetops, South Godstone RH9 8HZ No Objections 2016/1961 The Studio rear of Godstone Village Stores, 98 - 104 High Street, Godstone RH9 8DR Variation of condition 3 of planning application TA/2016/1082 to allow for the increase of hours by 1 hour and 15 minutes - Monday to Friday and 8 Hours on Saturday. A neighbour complaint had been received stating that the Studio are exceeding their original planning conditions as the building is being used as a gym outside of the hours laid out in the original application. Equipment is being 'thrown' against a party wall. The original application was for Change of use from office to sports injury/rehabilitation and personal training centre (Class D1)'. Councillors agreed to support the neighbour's comments for this variation						
	Planning applications received since the publication of the Parish Council Agenda						
	2016/1910 11 Oaklands, South Godstone RH9 8HX Erection of new pitched roof to front elevation over existing garage and first floor side extension over existing garage in association with conversion of garage to habitable accommodation. Erection of single storey rear extension. Associated changes to fenestration including installation of new doors and windows. Response deadline: 21 November 2016						
	Planning Appeals TA/2016/499 Taylors Hill, Eastbourne Road, Godstone RH9 8EH Erection of rear/side extension with dormer windows in side roof slopes. Councillors accepted the Planning Committees recommendation that were no further comments to be made in addition to previous comments submitted on the original application.						
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Staff Sa	laries	31 October 2016		1347.27	
William	Way	G435077 - Two wheelie Bins		100.80	
Gardeny	vise	Godstone Green Cut incl. Green View x 2 Burial Grounds cut Blindley Heath cut x 2 Burial Grounds, middle section Burial Grounds, front and ashes area x 2 Burial Grounds, old section	400.00 830.00 400.00	2710.00	
XX 11	YY 11	Maintenance Contract Certificate of Public Liability Insurance received.	1080.00	2710.00	
Solicitor	Headley rs	Standard requested cheque payment for legal fees in advance (payable to Wellers Law Group LLP).	350.00	350.00	
Norbury		Wood Products (Blindley Heath Noticeboard)		115.56	
Fairalls		Goods		212.09	
SSALC		Clerks Networking Day – 1 November 2016	156.00	156.00	
	 i. Summary Financial Report to 30 September 2016 The summary to be signed and dated by the Chair. A copy of the accounting records for September, including the bank statement, incorporating the bank reconciliation were available at the meeting for examination. ii. The October salaries have been paid in accordance with 7.2 of the Financial Regulations. 				
16.3	• BT - 7	Office Electricity 15 September 2016 to 23 October 2016 - £41.3 Felephone and Broadband charges for the period – 1 – 31 October ceived - Total Monies Received from 1 August 2016 yleave £21 (1 x Cheque Payment) n Audit scheduled to take place on 6 December 2016.			
17	Greens and Commons				
17.1	Allotments i. Update Follo ii Request	on Salisbury Road – Specifications sent on 22 September 2016. 1 w up letter to chase contractors has been sent. Awaiting replies for another allotment had been made, Plot 5 has been allocated to as been informed of the clearance works due to take place.			
17.2	Pavili ii. Bench iii. Playg Gardn under iv. Cricke Hare a inforn mone v. A lette park s Parish	that been received re a branch that had fallen from a Horse Che on looking North. Councillors requested a survey to establish the nes - These have been varnished round – Following our annual report on the Playground deteriorate are and McLoughlin carried out an inspection and concluded that a taken to rectify the faults. The Clerk will contact the Architects – et Club – Consider proposal in relation to funds left as a legacy by and Hounds run cricket on Godstone Green it was suggested that the fact that the fact of the legacy and that it can be used for the Cricket Club. By but ring fence it for any expenditure the H & H occur in mainter the had been received from a visitor to Godstone, complaining about paces in the village. The chairman had looked into the rules for pace therefore providing the recommended ratio of 4%. Clerk to write	ion and future sea lot of work need Davis White for Mr Richard Hothe Clerk write to The Council will nance etc. The lack of disproviding disable king spaces arous	ecurity. Cllr ds to be radvice ughton. The othe pub to l retain the sabled car ed bays. The nd the Green	

	 vi. Godstone Village School have requested that the trees / shrubs on Green side of their fence be cut down as the light is being block for the Nursery unit. Councillors agreed. Cllr McLoughlin to ask Gardenwise to put on their list. Action: Cllr McLoughlin
17.3	Hilly Field Proposed car park – Specification still to be drawn up, Cllrs Gillman and Gardner agreed to undertake this task. Action: Cllrs Gardner & Gillman
17.4	Blindley Heath i. Clerk reported that a local resident was concern about the visibility at the junction to date no reply has been received the following is taken from the SCC web site Vehicle traffic vision mirror – Information as detailed on SCC website: Mirrors on the highway - Surrey County Council receives requests each year to install mirrors on the highway. Following previous guidance issued by the Department for Transport, we do not allow new mirrors to be put on the highway. This is because experience shows that rather than improving safety, a mirror could increase safety risks, which include: reflect light and interfere with a driver's vision reduce the ability to judge an oncoming vehicle's speed create an unreasonable dependence on the mirror if dirty, distort or restrict the view be an easy target for vandals Other measures to increase sight lines If you are concerned about the visibility from your driveway, please consider other measures that might improve sight lines, for example, cutting back vegetation or realigning boundary fences. Action to inform resident of the above but await a reply from SCC ii. Pond by Cricket Club - Gardenwise have looked at this work and work to start soon iii. Dog Bins - Residents have been complaining about the dog mess on pavements in Blindley Heath. A request to TDC has been made to install one near to the new development. TDC have advised that there is no money in the budget until April 2017 to pay for this. Councillors agreed to pay for this, the cost is £179. TDC will be responsible for emptying no cost to PC for this.
17.5	Tilburstow Hill Common i.Trees at the Enterdent - Cllr Hubery produced photographs of the trees that need to be felled. Cllrs agreed for quotations to be sought for this work ii. Noted that Parish Council have received the Woodland Management Plan - Tilburstow and Graeme Hendry Wood submitted by Surrey Wildlife Trust. They requested for comments by 22 nd November, if we do not respond by this date they have stated they will assume we do not wish to comment. Councillors agreed not to comment.
18. 18.1	Burial Ground Applications for Exclusive Rights of Burial – None received
18.2	Applications for consent to erect Memorials - None received.
18.3	War Memorials Stonecrest have cleaned the Memorials. They need to complete St Nicholas with repointing and making good lettering
18.4	Memorial at Postengate Farm Memorial Service held for Sergeant Fenemore – This was held on Saturday 29 October over 70 people including our MP attended. The Council thanked L Head for his work in organising this. The Council also thanked N Merrells, Philip Anderson and Cllr McLoughlin for helping people cross the busy and very fast A22 from Postengate Farm to the site. Thank you letters to be written. Action: Clerk It was suggested that the bench that was on site but replaced with a new one, could be resited at the children's play area in South Godstone near to the school. A copy of the original plaque would also be put on the bench. A small 'ceremony' could then be arranged once it has been installed to raised local people's awareness of this memorial. All Councillors agreed. Action: Cllr Faulkner & McLoughlin
18.5	Burial Ground

	2016 drafted and ready to go on confirmation between Cllr Gardner and Parish Office, to ensure this matt can be discussed at the December Parish Council meeting.
9	Correspondence
	The following emails have been sent:
	Invitation to GVA Meeting
	Press release: Annual Community Safety Review
	Press release: Local Plan second consultation and key dates
	3SC devolution newsletter
	Fly Tipping Campaign
	Key dates for the Local Plan
	• New £20,000 sports area for local children in Hurst Green
	Minutes for Tandridge Local Committee, Friday, 23 September 2016, 10.15 am
	Surrey Wildlife Trust Activity Review and Financials 2012-2016
	GVA - Village Meeting Reminder including Minutes of the last meeting
	Tandridge Delegated Action List
	Godstone Farm
	Fly Tipping Update
	Valuation Office Agency – Changes to business rates
	Press release: Committee agrees next Local Plan consultation
	White Hart Beefeater
	Press release: New shared Building Control Service for East Surrey
	Surrey Playing Fields October 2016 Newsletter
	TVSC - Network Lunch Thursday 24 November
	Air Quality Monitoring - A25 Nutfield Traffic Census
	GACC Newsletter
	Aviva Community Fund Competition
	Surrey Spring Conference
	• Tandridge District Council: Our Local Plan – Sites Consultation (Regulation 18)
	Village Meeting
0	Matters for reporting or inclusion on future agendas
	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 5 December 2016 at Parish Rooms, St Stephens Church, South Godstone
	Part 2 – No matters were discussed Meeting ended 10.35 pm

Chairman	 Date	 20	16