

Goudhurst Parish Council



AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on 28 January 2020 in the Jessel Room

Present: Cllrs Chris Ditton (Chairman), David Boniface, Alan Foster, Antony Harris, David Knight and Mrs Jayne Russell.

Apologies were accepted from: Cllr Phil Kirkby.

Declarations of interest: Cllr Chris Ditton declared an interest in the item regarding repairs to the guttering at Chequer field.

Questions and Statements from the Public. There were none.

Tree Survey

It was **agreed to recommend to council** that all outstanding works detailed in the Tree Survey, completed by The Living Forest in February 2019, be carried out subject to budget restrictions.

Actions: Clerks to contact The Living Forest to get updated pricing.

Repairs to guttering at Chequer Field Pavilion

It was **noted** that a contractor had been instructed to carry out the necessary repairs to the guttering on the pavilion at a cost of £475.00 – under delegated authority.

Additional fencing on the south side of Goudhurst Pond

It was **agreed to recommend to council** that the quotation of £1,199.68 for fencing and £240.00 for the painting of the posts, from Tate Fencing, be accepted.

To consider quotations for a new gate in the North East corner of the Village

It was **agreed to recommend to Council** that a gate at the North East corner of the Village Green was not needed. It was further **agreed to recommend to Council** that Council should explore the possibility with Kent Highways of extending the barrier at the North East corner of the Green, adjacent to Church Road, by the entrance to Queen Anne's.

Quarry Pond Flooding

It was **noted** that investigation work into the cause of the current flooding at the Quarry Pond was ongoing.

Village Green sign at the entrance to the Green

It was **agreed to recommend to Council** that £500 be allocated to the purchase of a wooden sign for the Village Green with the positioning of the sign to be agreed.

Hedge on the North side of the Village Green

It was **agreed to recommend to Council** that the hedge should not be removed or cut any lower than its current height. It was further **agreed to recommend to Council** that the possibility of planting more trees, funded by our County Councillor's Discretionary Fund, be considered.

Trees on the Lower Glebe Fields

It was **noted** that some of the trees, offered by our County Councillor, could be planted in the Lower Glebe, subject to the recommendations of the High Weald Partnership Habitat Survey carried out in 2019.

Blocking of Public toilets on Balcombes Hill

It was **noted** that Cllr Alan Foster had once again been in contact with Southern Water to try and resolve the issue. **Action: Clerks to follow up with Southern Water.**

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm.