

Goudhurst Parish Council



AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting held on 29 September 2020 via Zoom

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

Apologies: Peter Wood (unwell)

Declarations of interest: Cllr Mrs Jayne Russell declared an interest in item 6.2.

Minutes: It was agreed that the minutes from the Amenities Committee meeting held on 28 July 2020 were a correct record. Cllr David Boniface asked for it to be recorded that under item 7.2 he said that “*some of* the Friends of Goudhurst Village Green were against the proposal” and not “*the* Friends of Goudhurst Village Green were against the proposal,” as minuted.

5. Village Green

5.1 *Proposal to plant an avenue of trees along the path with grant funding from Sean Holden.*

It was **agreed** to recommend to council that an avenue of Jacquemontii tress be planted on the Village Green along the south side of the path from east to west.

5.2 *Parking on Goudhurst Village Green*

It was **agreed** to recommend to council that the following resolution be passed; *Parking on Goudhurst Village Green (Top Glebe) is lawful as a long-established shared use. Goudhurst Parish Council will permit parking on the Village Green in line with the terms of the lease, paragraph 4.2, dated 07 August 2018 between the Diocese of Canterbury and Goudhurst Parish Council.*

5.3 *Reduction of the hedge on the north boundary of the Village Green*

The proposal to reduce the height of the hedge line along the north side of the village green to approximately 4ft was rejected.

6.1 *Lower Glebe Field*

It was **agreed** that any proposals for the use of, or improvements to, the Lower Glebe field should be sent to the Clerks.

6.2 *Pre-school Garden*

It was **agreed** to recommend to council that the proposal from Goudhurst Village Pre-school, to extend their existing area of fenced garden on the Lower Glebe field by 10m in length and 4.2m in width, be approved.

6.3 *Cesspit on the Lower Glebe Field*

It was **agreed** that Clerks should write to the Diocese of Canterbury, on the Council’s behalf, regarding the condition of the cesspit.

7 Legionella Control Scheme

It was **agreed** to recommend to Council that Envirocure be appointed as the Council’s Legionella contractor and that the expenditure of £1140.00 for the Legionella control scheme be approved. It

was further **agreed** to approve expenditure, under delegated authority, of £451.00 for remedial works at the Chequer Pavilion and £169.00 for remedial works at the public conveniences on Balcombe Hill, as detailed on the Legionella risk assessment of 02 July 2020.

8. Additional CCTV cameras at Burfields House, West Road

It was **noted** that the cameras located on top of the Vine are only working intermittently. It has been proposed, by the Council's CCTV contractor, that an additional camera(s) be installed on the front of Burfields House, West Road. It was **agreed** that Clerk would arrange for the contractor to make a site visit to Burfields House so that he may provide a quote to the Council for the required works.

9. Blocking of the charging points on Balcombe Hill

It was **noted** that a resident had reported the blocking of the charging points by inconsiderate parking. It was **agreed** that the situation would be kept under review.

10. Items for information

10.1 Adoption of the BT phone kiosk on Balcombe Hill.

It was **noted** that Council have applied to adopt the kiosk for a nominal fee. Once 'adopted' the kiosk will be used to house the village defibrillator and the red kiosk can be repurposed.