

Goudhurst Parish Council



AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting held on 24 November 2020 via Zoom

Present: Cllrs David Boniface, Chris Ditton (Chairman), Alan Foster, Antony Harris and David Knight. Mrs Georgia Reed-Cutting and Claire Reed, Clerk.

1. Apologies: Mrs Jayne Russell (work commitments) and Peter Wood (unwell).

2. Declarations of interest: There were none.

3. Minutes: It was **agreed** that the minutes from the Amenities Committee meeting held on 29 September 2020 were a correct record.

4. Lower Glebe Field

4.1 Council's intention for the field

It was **agreed** that for the purposes of budgeting and for the ongoing maintenance of the Lower Glebe Field, a long term management plan for the field needed to be established. It was **agreed** that Cllr Chris Ditton would draft a management plan for discussion by the Committee.

Action: Chris Ditton

4.2 Cess Pit

It was **noted** that Clerks had contacted the Diocese of Canterbury Land Agent and were awaiting a response. It was agreed that Clerks would chase. **Action: Clerks**

5. Proposal from a resident to install a pedestrian gate in the north east corner of the Village Green

It was **noted** that a similar proposal was dismissed in 2019 owing to the cost and the difficulty caused to those with wheelchairs, pushchairs or small children. It was agreed that a gate should be set back from the edge of the Green to prevent pedestrians from exiting directly onto the driveway of the neighbouring property. It was further **agreed** that Clerks should obtain a quote for the works. **Action: Clerks**

6. Improvements to the CCTV coverage in Goudhurst Village

Cllr David Knight briefed the Committee on the current proposals to improve CCTV coverage in the village and to relocate the cameras currently on The Vine. It was noted that the proposals do not allow for coverage down North Road and also that the quality of the camera at Balcombes Hill Car Park is not sufficient. It was **agreed** that Cllr David Knight would draft a specification for the CCTV system so that a comprehensive quote can be obtained for the project.

7. Parish Council Notice Boards

It was **agreed** that with an anticipated reduction in Council income for the coming financial year spending should be prioritised. It was further **agreed** that Clerk should check the legal requirements for the display of notices in light of current legislation that only requires the posting of notices on the website. It was **noted** that an additional noticeboard on the Village Green will be required in due course to display details of relevant bylaws. **Action: Clerks**

8. Signage on The Plain

It was **agreed** that there needs to be a holistic approach to The Plain taking into account signage, seating and other amenities. No action was agreed.

9. Adoption of the BT phone kiosk on The Plain

Georgia Reed-Cutting briefed the Committee on the options for housing the defibrillator if the newer kiosk is adopted; it was **noted** that the manufacturer recommends the defibrillator (G3) be stored in a heated cabinet if located outside. Option 1 is to keep the defibrillator in its existing location, in the red phone kiosk, but divert the power from the newer box to it so that a heated cabinet and light can be installed. Option 2 is to move the defibrillator into a heated cabinet in the newer kiosk. It was **noted** that a heated cabinet for the G3 defibrillator would cost approximately £525 if purchased from the Community Heartbeat Trust. Georgia Reed-Cutting advised the Committee that moving the defibrillator to the newer kiosk would be easier and that, with it being more enclosed, the older red kiosk could be more easily be repurposed. Georgia also advised that an additional mosaic floor could be made for the newer kiosk and she would be willing to cover the cost of this. It was **agreed** that the contract from BT to adopt the phone kiosk, at a cost of £1, should be signed. It was further **agreed** that members of the community should be invited to make suggestions for an alternative use of either kiosk via the new Council e-newsletter. **Action: Clerk**

10. Additional memorial bench for the late Dennis Knight.

It was **noted** that Cllr Alan Foster had been approached by the family of the late Dennis Knight who are seeking permission to purchase a memorial bench for the Parish. It was **agreed** in principle that the family be allowed to establish a new memorial bench in the Parish, outside the newsagents, subject to this being Parish Council owned land. It was further **agreed** that the family would be asked to purchase a bench from the same supplier used by the Parish Council. **Action: Alan Foster**

11. Date of the next Amenities Committee Meeting: Tuesday 26 January 2021, 7.30pm via Zoom.