

Goudhurst Parish Council



AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting held on 26 January 2021 via Zoom

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

1. Apologies: 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 24 November 2020 were a correct record.

4. Lower Glebe Field

4.1 Council's intention for the field.

Cllr Chris Ditton presented a proposed management plan for the Lower Glebe field based on recommendations from Kent High Weald Partnership (KHWP). It was **agreed** to recommend to Council that the plan be adopted, subject to quotations from contractors for the ongoing maintenance as detailed in the plan. **Action: Clerk**

4.2 Cess Pit.

It was **noted** that Clerks have been in contact with the Diocese of Canterbury property services contractor who are investigating the problem. It was agreed that Clerks would chase for a progress update. **Action: Clerks**

5. Village Green

5.1 Proposal to install a pedestrian gate in the north east corner.

It was **agreed** to recommend to council the expenditure of £744.09 for a pedestrian gate to be fitted in the north east corner of the Village Green. **Action: Clerks**

5.2 Management of the Green.

It was **agreed** that a vision for the Village Green needs to be established so that Council can take a more holistic approach to the management of the space. It was further agreed that the views of the residents and the Friends of Goudhurst Village Green (FGVG) should be sought. **Action: Clerk to email the Secretary of FGVG.**

6. Use of website and social media to publicise projects

It was **agreed** that better use of communication channels could be used to promote activities and engage with residents. It was **noted** that the Amenities Committee will be the first to be featured in the e-newsletter.

7. Flooding at Quarry Pond, Kilndown

It was **noted** that investigations are ongoing into the cause of the flooding.

8. Goudhurst Pond

It was **noted** that the contractor who will manufacture a protective cage for the pump is awaiting materials. It was further noted that Cllr Chris Ditton is trying to borrow a small rowing boat to assist in the 're-floating' of the duck house.

9. Tree Safety Survey

It was **agreed** to recommend to Council that a further tree safety survey is carried out in the Parish. The last survey was completed in 2019. **Action: Clerk to approach the Living Forest for a quote.**

10. CCTV improvements

It was **noted** that there is only one camera still to be installed. This will be located on The Old Bank. It was **agreed** that, once complete, the improvements should be featured in the e-newsletter.

11. Date of the next Amenities Committee Meeting: Tuesday 23 March 2021, 7.30pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm

Claire Reed
Clerk