

Goudhurst Parish Council



AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on 28 September 2021 at 19.30 in the Parish Hall

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

- 1. Apologies:** Cllrs Phil Kirkby, Mrs. Caroline Richards (holiday), Mrs. Jayne Russell (unwell) and Guy Sutton (holiday).
- 2. Declarations of interest:** None.
- 3. CCTV to cover the Church Wall.** It was **agreed** that quotes should be sought to install a new CCTV camera to cover the church wall at the west end of St Mary's. Footage of any vehicles causing damage, including registration numbers and company details, will be used to bill hauliers for repairs.
Action: Clerk
- 4. To consider the quotation to provide remote access to the CCTV at the public conveniences.**
Ongoing. **Action: Clerk**
- 5. Signs for the Village Green.** The Committee **agreed** that they preferred wooden signs as they are more in keeping with the Green. It was proposed that two smaller wooden signs be produced, one affixed to the Vehicle gate and one on the gate in the north east corner of the Green. It was **agreed** that a sign was not needed on the gate in the south west corner. The Committee confirmed that £500 (delegated expenditure) was allocated to this project. **Action: Cllr Jayne Russell.**
- 6. To consider improvements to the Plain and any action needed.**
It was **agreed** that Cllr Alison Webster will progress this as already requested by the Business & Communications Committee. Cllr Webster agreed to take on the task of bringing a proposal for improvements to the Plain back to both Committees. It was **agreed** that the purchase of a new metal bench for the Horse Chestnut tree should be included in the Amenities Committee budget for 2022-23. **Action: Cllr Alison Webster, Clerk/ RFO**
- 7. To consider the need for additional waste bins in the Parish and make recommendations to Council.**
Ongoing. **Action: Cllr David Knight to chase TWBC on emptying contact.**
- 8. To consider the need for maintenance of the Chequer Pavilion and make recommendations to Council.** It was **agreed** that quotes for a deep clean of the pavilion should be sought. This should include cleaning the walls and floors and a demould, especially in the Referee's room. Once cleaned the pavilion should be repainted using anti-fungal paint. It was **agreed** that Council would attempt to establish a working party of volunteers (from the football clubs) to carry out the painting. It was **noted** that the lack of ventilation in the Referee's room was leading to damp and mould growth. It was **agreed** to confirm with Cllr Phil Kirkby that the extraction fans had been serviced as discussed. It was further **agreed** that maintenance of the Chequer Pavilion, including replacing the flooring, should be added to the budget for 2022-23. It was **noted** that Clerk had contacted a local surveyor/ architect to explore the idea of adding an extension to the pavilion to provide much needed storage

space. There is currently equipment and furniture being stored in the pavilion. **Action: Clerk, RFO and Cllr Phil Kirkby.**

9. To consider the need for maintenance to the bus shelter on North Road and to make recommendations to Council. It was agreed that the shelter should not be replaced as it is structurally sound and serves the purpose. However, some general maintenance is needed and it was noted that quotes had been requested for works. **Action: Cllr Chris Ditton to chase.**

10. To consider the need for repairs to the public conveniences and make recommendations to Council. It was noted that Quotes had been requested for the repair works.

11. To consider quotations for the maintenance of the Millennium Green and make recommendations to Council. It was **agreed** to recommend to Council that a larger grant be awarded to the Millennium Green Trust for maintenance. **Action: Clerk.**

12. Date of next Amenities Committee Meeting, Tuesday 23 November 2021, in the Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.12.

Claire Reed
Clerk