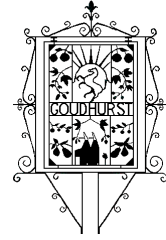


Goudhurst Parish Council



BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE **Minutes of a Meeting held on 21 September 2020 at 19.30 via Zoom**

Present: Cllrs Craig Broom (Chairman), David Boniface, Chris Ditton (until 19.50 due to connection difficulties), Antony Harris, David Knight, Barry Noakes, Guy Sutton and Peter Wood. Ed Bates – advisor to the Committee.

Apologies: None.

Declarations of interest: None declared.

Questions and Statements from the Public: There were none.

4.1 Communications – Building an email list

It was **noted** that Cllrs Craig Broom, Antony Harris and Clerks will be attending a zoom meeting with Breakthrough Communications on 23 September. The purpose of the meeting is to take advice on the best way to merge email lists and set up a Parish Council e-newsletter. It was **agreed** that consent to receive the newsletter would not be sought from individuals until after the meeting on Wednesday. Current email lists held include; NDP, Clerk's cascade list, Broadband, Cllrs David Knight and Antony Harris and the Kilndown newsletter list held by David Denton.

4.2 Business Engagement

It was **agreed** that a meeting should not be arranged with businesses until there was something tangible to discuss as projects such as Christmas lighting are still in the early stages.

4.3 Destination Goudhurst - Christmas Lighting

It was **noted** that a meeting had taken place with Blachere (lighting specialists) to discuss possible lighting in the centre of the village. Discussion had centred around the Plain with the suggestion of feature lighting that could be added to the trees, Parish Hall and/ or the fountain on the pond. Blachere will send graphics showing the lighting plan in due course. It was **noted** that festoon lighting along the High Street would be difficult as it would require permission of individual owners and possibly planning permission, being within the Conservation area. It was suggested that buildings of interest within the village could be illuminated. It was **agreed** that for Christmas 2020, a Christmas tree would be placed on the Plain along with lighting - it was **noted** that Council still have the lights that have been used in previous years. It was further **agreed** that 'Destination Goudhurst' should be planned to launch in 2021. **Action: Ed Bates, CB.**

4.4 Parking - Approach

A number of sites were discussed during the meeting including the land behind the Parish Hall. It was **agreed** that Cllr Craig Broom will make an initial approach on behalf of the Council. The Lower Glebe was suggested but no action was agreed. **Action: CB**

Next meeting: Monday 19 October 2020, 7.30pm via Zoom.

Claire Reed
Assistant Clerk