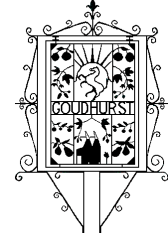


Goudhurst Parish Council



BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on 06 May 2021 at 19.30 via Zoom

Present: Cllrs Craig Broom (Chairman), David Boniface, Antony Harris, and Guy Sutton.
Anthony Farnfield, Deputy Clerk. 1 member of the Public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Chris Ditton (away on business) and Cllr David Knight (Electioneering).

2. **Declarations of interest:** None declared.

3. Update on Open Reach Fibre Broadband project

Goudhurst and Curtisden Green. Comments from Members attending included Curtisden Green residents being reminded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to verify their vouchers when they have already done so. The DCMS website has been 'down' twice in recent weeks. Members thought that the Parish Area B fibre installation may be a write off due to an insufficient application for vouchers and administrative problems. **Action: Clerks to check the up to date situation with Cllr David Knight.**

Kilndown: Members understand that Openreach plan to start work on the Kilndown fibre installation imminently.

4. Goudhurst

Cllr Craig Broom called for a working party meeting on Wednesday 12 May (no need for Clerk's attendance or an Agenda). The purpose is to discuss overall strategies which engage residents and businesses in organising events. Broadly the purpose is to increase footfall and activity at The Goudhurst Club and Goudhurst Parish Hall. Organising events must be by others than the Parish Council. Members might take advice from Advisers at Action with Communities in Rural Kent.

5. Other Projects.

Mrs Helen Sampson, a member of the public, reported briefly on her proposal to introduce a historic plaque scheme in the Parish. She has been in touch with the Goudhurst & Kilndown Local History Society about it. This might link with Cllr Mrs Caroline Richard's QR scheme on the PROWs. Cllr Boniface, in supporting the proposal, reported that a similar scheme had been proposed to the Parish Council some years ago but it had failed for a number of reasons. Mrs Sampson offered to help and support projects in the Parish.

6. **Date of the next meeting:** Tuesday 13 July at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm