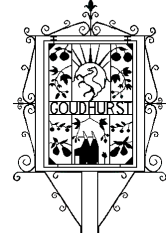


Goudhurst Parish Council



BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on 14 September 2021 at 19.30 in the Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs Craig Broom (Chairman), Antony Harris, David Knight and Barry Noakes.
Claire Reed, Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr David Boniface (working). Absent: Cllrs Chris Ditton and Guy Sutton

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

3. Additional signage on the Plain to support local business

A request has been received from a local business to add signage to the Plain pointing to the shops that are away from the High Street. It was **agreed** that any signage would need to be flexible to allow for changes in businesses or business names. The addition of a map showing local landmarks and points of interest was also discussed. It was **agreed** that a holistic approach to improvements on the Plain needed to be taken. Renewed or additional signage needs to be viewed alongside other improvements such as outdoor lighting/ power sources for events, seating, the need for a new parish notice board, tourist information, history of the village etc. Cllr Alison Webster agreed to take on the task of bringing a proposal for improvements to the Plain back to the Committee. **Action: Cllr Alison Webster and Clerk to send on any relevant information.**

4. Christmas Fair 2021

The date for the fair this year is Friday 26 November between 4-8pm. There needs to be liaison with the Friends of St Marys.

It was agreed that the issues needing further discussion were:

- Members of the public walking around at night, in the dark – lighting solutions?
- Parking – Village Green?
- Stalls on Plain and in Parish Hall.
- Crepe van outside Parish Hall.
- Creating a programme of events in time for the November Parish News.
- The closure of the top of Balcombes Hill and other roads. Lighting and marshals.
- GADS – stories around the village?
- Alternative venues/ inclement weather.

It was noted that the Social Club are taking part with Friends of St Mary's. **Action: Cllr Craig Broom to liaise with the Friends of St Mary's.**

Adding external sockets on the Plain was discussed to allow for lighting etc. It was **agreed** to seek advice from Cllr Phil Kirkby. **Action: Cllr Antony Harris.**

Welcome back funding. The Clerk explained to Councillors that Council had received an invitation to bid for funding from TWBC for 'Welcome Back' Christmas events. It was agreed that the Clerk should meet with TWBC to discuss the opportunity and possible uses of the funding.

5. Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 09 November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm