

# Goudhurst Parish Council



## YOUTH COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held on 20 February 2020 at The Scout Hut, Goudhurst at 8.00 pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Phil Kirkby (Chairman), Antony Harris, David Knight, Mrs Jayne Russell and Advisers: Mrs Jacqui Clark BEM (1st Goudhurst Scout Group), Mr Steve Hope (Goudhurst Dynamos junior FC), Mrs Laura Sinfield (Back Lane Play Area Group). Also Mrs Andrea Kirkby.

**APOLOGIES:** None.

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:** There were none.

### QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

There were none.

### Reports from Youth Organisations in the Parish

#### 5.1 1<sup>st</sup> Goudhurst Scout Group.

Mrs Jacqui Clark informed the committee that members of the Scout Group will be holding an Open Day at Lordship Woods in Horsmonden on 17 May 2020. It was **agreed** to recommend to Council that they support the event by promoting it via the Council website and Facebook page.

#### 5.2 Goudhurst Dynamos juniors FC.

Mr Steve Hope reported that the youth team have again been unable to play for a number of weeks due to waterlogged pitches caused by the unseasonably wet weather. It was also reported that the adult team have also been unable to play due to drainage issues on the Chequer Field. It was **noted** that numbers continue to grow.

### 6. Back Lane Play Area by the Church Rooms

#### 6.1 Update on fundraising

It was **noted** that fundraising was going well and so far £20,300 had been received in donations. It was **agreed** that Thank You letters should be sent out from the Fundraising Community and that sponsors should be kept up to date on progress. It was further **agreed** that sponsors should be invited to the opening ceremony once the Play Area is complete but that confidentiality of donors should be respected if requested. It was further **agreed** that the Clerks will send a weekly update to the committee on funds received and that the thermometer in the Play Area will be updated to reflect the money received so far. **Action: Clerks to send regular update emails to the committee.**

**JR to send out thank you letters to donors. EM to update the thermometer in the play area.**

#### 6.2 Next steps

It was **noted** that call for sponsorship letters had not yet been sent to all businesses in that Parish but that these will be completed in the next few days. It was suggested that a follow up email could be sent to businesses after they had received letters but no decision was made. **Action: Clerks to send out remaining letters to businesses.**

Cllr Knight reported that he was in discussion with a number of businesses in the Parish regarding sponsorship and possible raffle prize donations. **Action: DK to follow up.**

### *6.3 Additional equipment*

As there has been a good response to the call for sponsorship, it was **agreed** that the committee should investigate the possibility of replacing the flooring in the Play Area. **Action: Laura Sinfield to obtain quotes for new flooring.**

### *6.4 Litter Bin in the Play Area.*

It was **noted** that the bin is not yet being emptied by TWBC. The Clerk is negotiating with the Town Hall with a view to getting the bin in question emptied regularly under the TWBC contract; this will be in exchanged for the old concrete bin in Balcombes Hill car park which will be removed. **Action: Clerk to follow up with TWBC.**

## **7. Proposed Drug Information Talk**

Mrs Andrea Kirkby reported that a provisional date, of 30 April, had been set for the talk. It was **noted** that Hope UK will deliver the talk and they will not charge for doing so although they ask for a donation to the charity. It was **agreed** that the cost of promotional flyers and hire of the Parish Hall will be covered by the committee under delegated authority. It was **agreed** to recommend to Council that they support the event by promoting it via the Council website and Facebook page.

## **8. Meeting Dates**

It was **noted** that Mrs Jacqui Clark is no longer able to attend committee meetings on a Thursday evening. It was **agreed** that meetings would remain on a Thursday evening but would take place in the Jessel Room, at the Parish Hall, at the earlier time of 7.30pm. **Action: Clerks to book Jessel Room for remaining meetings.**

The next Youth Committee meeting will be held on Monday 19 March 2020 in the Jessel Room.