

Goudhurst Parish Council



YOUTH COMMITTEE

Minutes of a virtual meeting held via Zoom Conference call on Thursday 23 April 2020 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Phil Kirkby (Chairman), Antony Harris, David Knight, Mrs Jayne Russell and Advisers: Mr Steve Hope (Goudhurst Dynamos junior FC) and Mrs Laura Sinfield (Back Lane Play Area Group). Anthony Farnfield, Clerk and Mrs Claire Reed, Assistant Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES: None.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **agreed** that the Minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on 20 February 2020, copies of which had been previously distributed to Members via Board Intelligence, were a correct record of the meeting.

4. Reports from Youth Organisations in the Parish

4.1 Goudhurst Dynamos juniors FC.

Mr Steve Hope reported that the youth team stopped playing some weeks ago in line with Government and the English Football Association guidelines.

5. Back Lane Play Area by the Church Rooms

5.1 Update on fundraising

It was **noted** that the fundraising total currently stands at £37,010 which includes £14,000 from the Parish Council budget.

5.2 Quotations for new flooring

Members of the committee were provided with a number of quotes, prior to the meeting, for four different flooring types; Matta tiles, Wetpour, Ecotumble and rubber mulch. It was **agreed** that the flooring should not be taken up to the boundary of the Play Area but should cover the exiting area and the small additional area needed to sit under the new toddler play equipment. It was further **agreed** that the Assistant Clerk should go back to Wicksteed to establish a firm quotation for new flooring and associated works. **Action: Assistant Clerk**

5.3 Next steps

It was **agreed** that a definitive price for the Play Area project needs to be established. Cllr Knight **noted** that in the current climate, and with many businesses not expected to survive the current lockdown, no monies should be paid out at this stage.

5.4 Litter Bin in the Play Area.

Clerk reported that he had reached a verbal agreement with TWBC to have 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. Clerk also reported that once the new play equipment was installed the letter bin would be replaced. **Action: Clerk to follow up with TWBC.**

6. CCTV for the Play Area

It was **agreed** that CCTV to cover the Play Area was essential to protect the new equipment. It was **noted** that there is £750 budgeted in 2020/21 for CCTV and there is a further £1,500 remaining in the Special Projects budget for 2019/20 allocated to CCTV. It was further **agreed** that quotations for installing CCTV should be sought. **Action: Cllr Phil Kirkby to source quotations for CCTV. Cllr Mrs Jayne Russell to source a copy of the CCTV quotation prepared for the village Pre-School.**

7. Chequer Field

7.1 Drainage

It was **noted** that drainage at the South end of the Chequer Field continues to be unacceptable due to the clay soil base of the pitch. Goudhurst United FC is keen that a solution should be found for the problem which arose because of the poor quality of the works carried out towards the end of the football pitch construction. It was reported that, prior to the lockdown, the Football Foundation were offering grants to support the improvement of grass roots facilities. However, it is not clear if these will continue post lockdown. **Action: Clerks to investigate whether the Football Foundation are still offering grants for this type of project. If so, they will follow up with an application.**

7.2 Title Transfer

It was **noted** that the delay in the transfer of the title to the Parish Council of the Chequer Field land is still partly due to TWBC legal being unable to get agreement on a legal point with one of the landowner's solicitors involved in the compulsory purchase. It was further **noted** that the negotiated compensation due to the Parish Council from TWBC is still outstanding. **Action: The Clerk will raise the issue with our legal adviser when business returns to some sort of normality.**

8. Progress on Action Points.

It was **noted** that all outstanding actions from the Youth Committee Meeting on 20 February 2020 have now been completed.

9. Items for Information

The Clerk reported that work on the Village Green (Upper Glebe Field) had recommenced and that the seeding of the Green was due to take place in the week commencing 27 April 2020. It was **noted** by Cllr Antony Harris that the area on the West side of the Green was still somewhat uneven and that he would like to meet with the contractor to discuss this. It was **agreed** that, if possible, members of the committee would individually visit the Village Green over the weekend to assess the situation and report their findings to Cllr Harris who will arrange to meet the contractor to discuss. **Action: Councillors to inspect the Green independently and report findings to AH. Cllr Harris to arrange a site meeting with Pete Bamford of Caple Ground Care.**

10. The next Virtual Youth Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 21 May, 7.30pm.