

Goudhurst Parish Council



AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on 25 January 2022 at 19.30 in the Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs Chris Ditton (Chairman), David Boniface, Alan Foster, Antony Harris, Mrs. Caroline Richards, Mrs. Jayne Russell and Mrs. Alison Webster.
Mrs Claire Reed, Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Guy Sutton (unwell) and Phil Kirkby.

2. **Declarations of interest:** There were none.

3. **Council owned Bus shelters.** It was **agreed** that the Clerk should seek quotes for the staining of the shelters and roof repairs. **Action: Cllr Chris Ditton to draw up a specification and Clerk.**

4. **Quarry Pond.** It was **agreed to recommend to Council** that the expenditure of £2,000 be resolved to address the ammonia levels in the pond and a further £850 for an oxygen pump. It was agreed that commitment from the local community, to maintain the pond long term, was needed. **Action: Clerk**

5. **Goudhurst Pond.** It was **agreed** to approve delegated expenditure of £750 to address the ammonia levels in the pond and a further £80 to service the oxygen pump. **Action: Clerk**

6. **Jubilee Oak Trees.** It was **noted** that four oak trees had been purchased as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The trees have been planted with one in the north west corner of the Village green in Goudhurst, one adjacent to the Village Hall on the Millennium Green in Kilndown, one on the west boundary of the Lower Glebe field and one to the south of the pavilion on the Chequer Field. It was **agreed** that the trees should be marked with commemorative plaques. It was **agreed** to order four plaques and stakes from Royal British Legion Industries. **Action: Clerk**

7. **Cycle stands in the villages.** It was **noted** that a request to install cycle stands in the villages had been received from a resident. It was **agreed** that, subject to cost, cycle stands could be installed to the north of the electric charging points in Goudhurst. It was **noted** that the area can be covered by CCTV from the public conveniences. **Action: Clerk to investigate the cost of cycle stands.**

8. **CCTV to cover the Church Wall.** It was noted that Council are still awaiting a quotation from Council's CCTV contactor. **Action: Clerk to follow up with the contractor.**

9. **Christmas lights.** It was **agreed** that additional Christmas lights were needed, particularly on the Plain. It was **agreed** that Cllr Chris Ditton should make contact with the contractor who installed the existing lights to seek advice. **Action: Cllr Chris Ditton.**

10. Improvements to the Plain. It was **agreed** that the bench surrounding the Horse Chestnut tree should be replaced. The Committee agreed that a hard wood bench would be most appropriate in the location. Cllr Alison Webster will investigate options and bring suggestions to the next Committee meeting. **Action: Cllr Alison Webster**

11. Date of next Amenities Committee Meeting, Tuesday 29 March 2022, 7.30pm in Goudhurst Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.12.

Claire Reed
Clerk