

Goudhurst Parish Council



AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on 22 November 2022 at 7.30pm in Goudhurst Village Hall

Present: Cllrs David Boniface, Antony Harris, David Knight (Chairman) and Geoff Mason.
Claire Reed, Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** There were none.
It was noted that Cllrs Phil Kirkby, Mrs Caroline Richards and Alison Webster were absent.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.
3. **Questions from the public and press.** There were none.
4. **CCTV for the Church Wall**
It was **resolved** to approve the expenditure of £2,740 for 3 turret cameras and one ANPR to be affixed to the Star & Eagle Hotel. It was **noted** that planning permission may be needed.
Action: Clerk to check the need for planning permission and to inform the contractor.
5. **Replacement noticeboard for The Plain**
It was agreed to await the outcome of the renovation, by volunteers, of the noticeboard in Curtisden Green before making a decision on the renovation/ replacement of The Plain noticeboard. **Action: Cllr Antony Harris to report back.**
6. **Fencing on The Plain**
It was **agreed** to postpone a decision until the next meeting, to allow time to request additional quotations. The question of whether a fence was needed at all was raised. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek advice from TWBC planning. **Action: Clerk**
7. **Tree Seat**
It was **agreed** to postpone a decision until the next meeting due to a lack of information on the design and key councillors being absent.
8. **HWAONB report on the Lower Glebe Field**
It was **agreed** to review the full report at the next meeting. Cllr Geoff Mason was asked to summarise the key points and draft proposals for discussion. He was also asked to investigate when the Sussex Lund fund is open for applications. The use of the Lower Glebe field for event parking was discussed and it was **agreed** to investigate alternatives such as the school carpark or Club carpark, perhaps for a donation. It was **noted** that the Churchyard, covered in the report is the responsibility of the Burial Authority. **Action: Cllr Geoff mason**

It was **resolved** that ragwort on the Lower Glebe field will be managed rather than be removed completely.
9. **Use of the telephone kiosks n Goudhurst Village**
It was **agreed** that the Clerk should follow up with Georgia Read-Cutting for discussion at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

10. Cycles racks for the Parish

The Clerk was asked to follow this up with Cllr Alison Webster for discussion at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

11. Bus shelters

It was **agreed** to add a sign to the inside of the Goudhurst bus shelter reminding users to place rubbish in the bin provided. It was further **agreed** that Cllr Antony Harris should seek a quotation for the varnishing/ waxing of the shelter. **Action: Cllr Antony Harris.**

12. Plaques for Green Canopy

It was **noted** that the plaque for Kilndown has been installed. It is hoped the remaining plaques will be installed prior to Christmas. **Action: Clerk to contact Cllr Alison Webster regarding the plaque on the Chequer Field.**

13. Items for Information

- Cllr David Boniface told the committee about a relatively new, large footpath/ walkers map on the Village Green in Horsmonden. There is a similar map affixed to the public toilets in Goudhurst but it is very old and faded. It was **agreed** that Clerk should contact Horsmonden Parish Council to find out who produced the sign and if it was funded by KCC. **Action: Clerk**
- Cllr Geoff Mason has organised a village litter pick this Saturday, which he hopes will become a regular event. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should seek to purchase additional litter pickers to support the event.
- The Duck House has been repaired and is to be re-floated on Goudhurst pond by Ed Bates.
- The Clerk was asked to contact Hawkhurst Fish Farm to see if the fountain can be re-established on Goudhurst pond and to find out how much power the aerator and fountain use.

Next Amenities Committee Meeting on Tuesday 24 January 2022, 7.30 pm.

Meeting Closed at 20.45