

Goudhurst Parish Council



AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on 24 January 2023 at 7.30pm in Goudhurst Village Hall

Present: Cllrs David Boniface, Antony Harris (Chairman) and Geoff Mason.

Claire Reed, Clerk; Rebecca Barden, Assistant Clerk. Mrs Georgia Read-Cutting.

1. Apologies were received from Cllrs David Knight and Mrs Caroline Richards. It was noted that Cllrs Phil Kirkby, and Alison Webster were absent.
2. Declarations of Interest: There were none.
3. Minutes: It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2022.
4. Questions from the public and press. There were none.
5. 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.
6. Replacement noticeboard for The Plain
It was resolved to approve the expenditure of £280 for repairs to the notice board and £150 for the addition of a magnetic back board. **Action: Clerks.**
7. Fencing on The Plain
It was resolved to approve the expenditure of £1, **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
8. 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.
9. HWAONB report on the Lower Glebe Field
Draft recommendations were presented. Resolved to accept

Maintain footpath on ridge. Septic tank, contact Diocese.Clerk.

Amphitheatre - How often would it be used. Compromises wilding, change of use.

10. Use of the telephone kiosks in Goudhurst Village

Community Heartbeat Trust – starting a project.

Plain – G3, will need replacing. Modern box, Old Red box, AED in bag. Adopted from BT, power still there. Agreed to move to modern box. BT will rotade cabinet. Plastic tag to break. Vue AED. CHT package – £1400 – 2200. Mosiac, GRC will supply materials. Paint new box.

AED training – G R-C to run.

Amenities underspend 2022-23. Recommend to spend. Phil power supply. Martin contact BT. G R-C cost.

Kilndown box – needs repainting. E-newsletter for a volunteer.

11. 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**

12. Bus shelters

Recommend to council. £1250.00

13. Plaques for Green Canopy

Clerks to put in – photos.

14. Legionella. Resolved to renew with Envirocure for 12 months. Sort out RFO queries,

15. Graffiti. Resolved to approve expenditure of £500 for removal on 2 sites.

16. Outdoor Gym.

17. Fountain. Contact other Clerks. Hall concerned over use of power of fountain. Geoff, fish and fountain.

18. 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