

# Goudhurst Parish Council



## AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 7.50pm in Goudhurst Village Hall

**Councillors Present:** Cllrs Jill Andrew (until 8.50pm), Antony Harris, Phil Kirkby, David Knight (Chairman), Geoff Mason, Caroline Richards and Alison Webster from 8.20pm.

**Officers Present:** Claire Reed, Clerk.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr David Boniface (unwell).
2. Declarations of Interest: there were none.
3. It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2023.
4. Questions from the public and press: there were none.
5. **Proposal from TrailTale**  
The proposal to have a history trail of the village professionally created and published on the free TrailTale app was considered. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should get feedback from Sevenoaks District Council who have a trail and investigate alternative providers. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Footpath Sign at the Public Conveniences**  
The proposal to replace the sign which is faded and damaged was considered. It was **agreed** that a more modern version of the sign should be investigated perhaps with QR codes. **Action: Clerks**
7. **Information Board for The Plain**  
It was noted that the Clerk and Cllr Alison Webster had met with a representative from Fitzpatrick Woolmer to discuss the proposal to introduce an information board on the Plain. It was resolved to recommend to council the expenditure of £2,490 for an information board with a map, photographs and local information. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Pétanque**  
It was **resolved** to apply for a Members Grant from Cllr Sean Holden to install a pétanque pitch in the parish. **Action: Clerk**
9. **Tree works**  
It was **resolved** to approve the expenditure of £68.00 to fell a small decayed oak tree on the Village Green. **Action: Clerk**
10. **Tree works**  
It was **resolved** to approve the expenditure of £135.50 for a 40% reduction in the crown of a cherry tree on the Village Green that is affecting neighbouring trees. **Action: Clerks**
11. **Outdoor Gym**  
Cllr Jill Andrew updated members. The proposal to establish a fundraising committee for the project was discussed but no decision was made. Cllr Jill Andrew will further investigate the

options and possible locations and report back to the committee at the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Jill Andrew.**

12. Tree Seat for The Plain.

It was **noted** that designs previously considered were not suitable as the tree is not circular. It was previous that alternatives should be sought. The Clerk was asked to contact Memorial Benches UK, who are Council's preferred contractor for wooden benches in the parish, to see if they are able to create a suitable bench. **Action: Clerk**

13. Cycle Racks

It was **noted** that Goudhurst Club have agreed to the siting of racks on their property. Clerks were asked to investigate possible designs and costs. **Action: Clerks**

14. The Queen's Green Canopy

It was **noted** that the plaques for the trees on the Village Green (Goudhurst) and the Lower Glebe field are still to be installed.

15. Green Spaces Management – Lower Glebe Field

It was **noted** that the Sussex Lund Fund opens for funding applications in April. Cllr Geoff Mason is currently drafting a management plan which he will circulate to members. **Action: Cllr Geoff Mason**

16. Goudhurst Village Pond

It was **resolved** to draft a management plan for the pond for approval at the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Geoff Mason**

17. Replacement Fountain for Goudhurst Pond

It was **agreed** to defer a decision pending the preparation of the new pond management plan.

18. Items for Information

Next Amenities Committee Meeting on Tuesday 23 May 2023, 7.30 pm in Goudhurst Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at 9.18pm