

# Goudhurst Parish Council



## BUSINESS & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on 07 March 2023 at 7.30pm in Goudhurst Village Hall

**Councillors Present:** Cllrs Jill Andrew, Craig Broom (Chairman), Antony Harris, David Knight (arrived at 19.53) Barry Noakes and Guy Sutton.

**Officers Present:** Claire Reed, Clerk. Mr Edward Hodgskin.

- 1. Apologies:** There were none.  
It was noted that Cllr Alison Webster was absent.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** There were none.
- 3. Minutes:** It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2023.
- 4. Questions from the public and press:** There were none.
- 5. Coronation Celebration May 2023**  
It was **noted** that there have been a number of working group meetings and that plans for the weekend of events are progressing well. It was further noted that the committee Chairman has so far secured £5,000 in sponsorship for the weekend although it is expected this figure will increase. The working group has found a suitable live band for the Friday evening event and it was **agreed** to recommend to council that the expenditure of £1,300 be resolved. It was further **agreed** to recommend to council that the expenditure of £5,627.03, to cover the cost of the deposit on a 40x120ft marquee for the celebrations on the Village Green be resolved.  
**Action: Clerk.**
- 6. Business Networking Event**  
Although there was much interest in the event/ the establishment of a business group, holding the first event on a Friday evening proved unpopular. Following a small 'straw poll', it was **agreed** that a Thursday evening would be preferable and that the event should be run after the May elections. It was further **agreed** that, subject to availability, the event should be held at Goudhurst Club. Cllr Jill Andrew agreed to contact BID to see what, if any, assistance or advice they could give. **Action: Cllr Antony Harris to establish a date with the Social Club and Cllr Jill Andrew to contact BID.**
- 7. Christmas Shopping Event 2023**  
It was **noted** that the Friends of St Mary's plan to hold their shopping event in the church as usual however the group have proposed that the event is moved to the first Saturday in December due to clashes with other Christmas markets and therefore stall holder availability. It was **agreed** that the shopping event should be held on Saturday 02 December 2023 subject to the availability of Goudhurst Club and the Village Hall. It was **agreed** that in order to attract visitors and to raise funds, the event needed to be a shopping experience and not a showcase for local organisations and that this needed to be considered when deciding on the use of the Plain. **Action: Clerk to contact Social Club and Village hall.**

**8. Other events in 2023**

There were none.

**9. Items for Information**

The next Business & Communication Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 April 2023, 7.30 pm in Goudhurst Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at 20.45