

Goudhurst Parish Council



AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on 22 August 2023 at 7.30pm in Goudhurst Village Hall

PARTICIPANTS

Councillors Present: Cllrs David Knight, Antony Harris, Geoff Mason and Ed Read-Cutting.

Officers Present: Rebecca Barden, Assistant Clerk.

APOLOGIES

289/23 Apologies were accepted from Cllr Phil Kirkby, Cllr Caroline Richards and Cllr Alison Webster.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

290/23 There were none.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

291/23 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 23 May 2023, and previously distributed to members via Board Intelligence, be accepted as a correct record.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

292/23 There were none.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

293/23 *To consider and make a decision on the proposal to replace the footpath map (PROW) at Balcombes Hill.*

It was agreed to defer this decision until after the new information board on the Plain has been installed. **Clerk to add this to the Amenities Agenda for 28 November 2023.**

294/23 *To decide on when the litter bin audit will be carried out and who will action.*

The need to carry out an audit was discussed and to identify whether a bin could be purchased for Lurkins Rise. Cllr Knight suggested that this purchase was possibly dependant on the number of collections TWBC would facilitate. Cllr Read-Cutting offered to carry out the audit. **Assistant Clerk to provide Cllr Read-Cutting with the relevant spreadsheet (previously prepared by Cllr Knight). Clerk to identify whether TWBC would include the collection of rubbish from Lurkins Rise on their rounds.**

295/23 *To consider the request from a member of the public to update the Millennium Walk leaflet and to decide on any action needed.*

It was agreed that Cllr Richards should be consulted. **Clerk to liaise with Cllr Richards as to the need, what amendments were required and what format the new "leaflet" should be.**

296/23 *To consider and make a decision on whether to proceed with the creation of a pétanque pitch on the village green.* The cost of creating the pitch was discussed and Cllr Harris informed the committee that he had obtained a rough estimate from a known contractor which was approximately half of the quote obtained by the Assistant Clerk. It was **agreed** the Cllr Harris would gauge interest in this project by including it in the September e-newsletter. The issue of planning permission was also raised. **Clerk to look into this.**

297/23 ***To consider correspondence received regarding the street light on The Plain and to decide on any action needed.***

The Council sympathise with the issue of light disturbance and will investigate who is responsible for the light and establish what changes can be made to reduce the resultant light pollution. **Assistant Clerk/Clerk to investigate and report to the Committee.**

298/23 ***To consider the quotation for repainting the AED phone kiosk in Kilndown and to make a decision on the action needed.***

It was **agreed** to accept the quote for repainting the phone kiosk and for Cllr Read-Cutting to oversee the project and ensure that the work is carried out to the required standard.

OUTSTANDING PROJECTS

299/23 ***Cycle Stands***

The cycle stands have been purchased and are stored in the Hop Bine. Assistant clerk/Clerk awaiting to instructions as to the desired locations for such. **Cllr Knight to advise.**

300/23 ***CCTV for Village Hall***

Action: Clerk to inform the committee of progress/update on Contractor's site visit.

301/23 ***Village Pond***

Cllr Mason is working on proposals for the pond alongside those for The Glebe.

302/23 ***Renovation of Public Toilets***

The delays with the renovation were discussed and it was agreed that a sign should be created and positioned on the toilets advising gentlemen that they can use the ladies' toilet during the renovation. **Assistant Clerk to action.**

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next Amenities Committee Meeting on Tuesday 28 November 2023, 7.30 pm in Goudhurst Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.14pm

Rebecca Barden
Assistant Clerk