

Goudhurst Parish Council



AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on 28 November 2023 at 7.30pm in Goudhurst Village Hall

PARTICIPANTS

Councillors Present: Cllrs David Knight, Antony Harris, Julia Kiggell, Geoff Mason, Caroline Richards, Alison Webster (arrived 20.15) and Ed Read-Cutting.

Officers Present: Claire Reed, Clerk, Kat Hoyle, Assistant Clerk

APOLOGIES

495/23 Apologies were accepted from Alison Webster for arriving late due to work commitments.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

496/23 There were none.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

497/23 It was resolved the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 22nd August 2023, and previously distributed to members via Board Intelligence, be accepted as a correct record.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

498/23 There were none.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

499/23 *Footpath map (PROW) at Balcombes Hill*

It was **resolved** to approve expenditure of £462.50 for a new map. Asst. Clerk to source artwork from Pear Mapping. **Action: Asst. Clerk**

500/23 *Millennium Walk*

Cllr Alison Webster **agreed** to approach David Boniface, regarding the accuracy of the route and condition of the signage. It was agreed to investigate the creation of a specific logo for walk. **Action: Asst. Clerk to source quotes for the logo/posts if needed and Agenda for 27th February 2024**

501/23 *Overgrown trees by the BT lines at Quarry Pond*

It was **agreed** to seek advice from Council's tree surgeon. **Action: Asst. Clerk**

502/23 *Goudhurst in Bloom 2024*

It was **agreed** to launch the competition for 2024. It was **agreed** that the Chair would approach parishioners to establish an organising Committee. It was **Resolved** to change the name to Goudhurst Parish in Bloom. **Action: Clerks to locate existing prize cups**

503/23 *Hedgehog Highways*

It was **resolved** to purchase a box of 50 for £150. **Action: Asst. Clerk**

504/23 *Pétanque Pitch*

It was **resolved** to add the project to the parish survey, before proceeding further

505/23 *"Don't feed the Ducks" Signs at Goudhurst Pond*

It was **resolved** to approve expenditure of up to £200 to replace the signs. **Action: Asst. Clerk.**

- 506/23 *The Village sign on The Plain*
It was **resolved** to obtain costings to re-paint. **Action: Asst. Clerk to sort.**
- 507/23 *Goudhurst Phone Boxes*
It was **resolved** to remove the new phone box, with the condition of the Clerk obtaining a quote for spurring off the power for the AED in the red phone box. Post meeting note: Power can only be used if the new phone box remains in situ.
- 508/23 *Goudhurst Red Phone Box*
It was **resolved** to approve expenditure of £500 for painting. **Action: Clerks**
- 509/23 *Goudhurst Village Green Trees*
It was **resolved** to approve expenditure of £580 to replace the dead trees and re-stake the remaining trees. **Action: Clerks**
- 510/23 *Legionella Control*
It was **resolved** to approve £1289 for the Legionella Control 2024. Clerks were asked to investigate the feasibility of by passing the cold-water tank in the public toilets. **Action: Clerks to investigate with plumber**
- 511/23 *Street lamp on The Plain*
It was **resolved** to approve to turn the light back on and re-assess in February 2024.
- 512/23 *Maintenance Contracts*
It was **resolved** to approve the proposed contract subject to agreed amendments discussed in meeting.
- 513/23 *Litter Bin Audit*
It was noted a litter bin audit was carried out and the Clerk was asked to speak with TWBC regarding how many collections they contracted to do. It is further noted the bin by the public toilet is not being emptied frequently enough. **Action: Clerks**
- 514/23 *Goudhurst Pond filtration*
It was noted that no response received from County Councillor Sean Holden. **Action: Clerks**

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 515/23 *Parish Council owned bus stop, Kilndown*
It was noted the residents of Kilndown would like to use the disused Parish Council owned bus stop as a library. **Action: The Clerk to request proposal.**
- 516/23 *The Plain Information Board.*
Councillor Alison Webster updated the Committee on the progress of the new design for the Information Board. It was noted a new QR code and corresponding webpage will need creating. When the artwork is received, the copy will need proof reading. **Action: Clerk to create webpage.**

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next Amenities Committee Meeting on Tuesday 27th February 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Kat Hoyle
Assistant Clerk