

Goudhurst Parish Council



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL on Tuesday 09 January at 7.00pm in the Church Rooms

Before the meeting was convened, there was public participation but no requests to speak had been received.

PARTICIPANTS

Councillors present: Cllrs Craig Broom, Antony Harris (Chairman), Edward Hodgskin, Suzie Kember, Julia Kiggell, Phil Kirkby, Geoff Mason, Ed Read-Cutting, Caroline Richards, Paul Wareham.

Officers present: Kat Hoyle, Assistant Clerk and Panetta Horn, RFO.

Others present: Sean Holden arrived at 19.55 and left 20.10

APOLOGIES

562/24 Apologies were received from Alison Webster for being late due to work commitments (arrived 20.26) and David Knight (LPC).

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

563/24 None

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

564/24 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 December 2023, copies of which had been previously distributed to Members via Board Intelligence, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

565/24 **County Councillor Sean Holden**

- *Meeting with cabinet member about the recategorization of the A262, was not successful. The matter around additional signage was raised, but equally unsuccessful given the restrictions around the road classification. Cllr Holden is meeting the traffic groups of Biddenden, Sissinghurst and Goudhurst in January.*
- *Reports of Cranbrook Highstreet being closed from 16th January.*
- *Updates regarding sewage flooding near Romney Marsh*
- *Kent County Council continues to tackle the increasing issues of potholes using the 138million offered from Central Government, although it is noted this sum is to last ten years.*
- *Craig Broom asked about supporting the objection to application 23/03246/FULL. Sean Holden confirms he has been in contact with Cranbrook Parish Council but considers it unlikely the application will pass.*

566/24 **No updates from Borough Councillors**

567/24 It was **resolved** to close the meeting to members of the public and press in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s2 owing to the commercial sensitivity of the business to be transacted.

COMMUNITY ASSET

568/24 Council considered the proposal as presented at the meeting, around the potential purchase of a community asset and it was **resolved** to continue with the public consultation before any decision is made. Craig Broom and Antony Harris to meet with relevant parties before public publication.

The meeting was reopened to members of the public and press.

ACCOUNTS

569/24 Council **noted** the summary of receipts and payments in December 2023:

Receipts UTB in December 2023

Amenities Income	0
Burial Authority	670
Mary Day Garage Rents	606

Receipts CCLA in November 2023

450

Total Receipts

£1,726

Payments December 2023

UTB	25,566
CCLA	0

Total Payments

£25,566

Cash Balances at Bank

UTB at 31st December 2023	110,116
CCLA at 30th November 2023	98,898

Current Balances

£209,014

570/24 Council **resolved** to approve the payments for January 2024 as presented at the meeting and detailed in Appendix 3.

571/24 It was **resolved** that Cllrs Phil Kirkby and Geoff Mason would approve the electronic payments on UTB. **Action: RFO**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

572/24 The Chairman briefed council, the report can be found at Appendix 1.

573/24 It is **noted** an informal brain storming session will take place discussing key focus and projects.

574/24 It is **noted** there is an active gardening club in Kilndown and for contact to be made for judging Goudhurst Parish in Bloom.

CLERK'S REPORT

575/24 Council **noted** the proposed meeting dates 2024 -25.

576/24 It is **resolved** to amend the Burial Committee dates in June and September to 19.30 and keep March and November as 13.00. **Action: Asst. Clerk to update.**

It was **resolved** the extend the meeting by ten minutes.

RESOLUTIONS

577/24 It was **resolved** for the working group to present the proposed public consultation strategy, including the survey, and timeline at the February meeting. **Action: Asst. Clerk to add to February Agenda**

578/24 It was **resolved** for two nominations for the KALC Community Award. Action: **Asst. Clerk** to check if nominations can be awarded posthumously

579/24 Edward Hodgskin requests members send known event dates to him to aid in the creation of the parish event calendar.

580/24 Suzie Kember updated members on plans for D-Day 80. It was **resolved** for Edward Hodgskin to speak with the School.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

581/24 **Recent planning Applications;** Please see Appendix 4.

CORRESPONDENCE

582/24 There were none

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

583/24 There were none

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

584/24 Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 7.00pm in the Church Rooms.

The meeting closed at 21.37 pm

Kat Hoyle

Chairman's Report – January 2024

Purpose: Items for information, discussion, and if for decision then future agenda.

Part A. Current matters

Confirmation from Clerk date for **next Goudhurst PC election – May 26?** (barring vacancies).

Note, Borough Council **election May**, potential candidates will need to declare interest to GPC at a certain point.

What do councillors consider should be our **GPC Priorities for 2024** (limited in number so they get done/started) for February Council.

Parish Activities Fete, Christmas Fair etc.

What are the plans for Parish Events to seek cooperation, coordination and harmony with various Parish events, organised separately and collaboratively in the parish and the GPC role – legal (needing input by Clerks, road closures etc) and by choice (events calendar, committee etc) on agenda. Annual events plan – Who? How/ When? Jan?

Traveller site.

Where have we got to on this? Clerk and others.

Cranbrook High Weald Closure and local educational options. Follow up to visit with Cranbrook Chairman re planning application objection (on GPC Planning agenda).

Goudhurst in Bloom.

Good news, Gill Wallis Hoskins has offered to resume her judging role, we also have some volunteers.

Where are the cups - they appear to have been located. Who is leading for **GPC? Timing?**

Part B. Longer term.

Planning and the TW Agreement. KALC group reforming to agree priorities (GPC input).

Parish Council – Scope of interest.

What role will Parishes play in the future? Do we shape our future or just ride with it?

“Do we stick just to our limited brief or also try to voice and represent the opinion of the community where we can”.

KALC TW Area Committee

Issues for future meetings of Area Group? Follow up to last meeting – Planning (and NDP) workshop with external facilitators proposed after May elections. What else of interest should Chairman take to KALC.

KALC AGM 2024 probably in November – suggest some Councillors may find interesting. Clerk to watch out for date.

ADH

9 Jan 2024

Goudhurst Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2024-25 (subject to change)

Meetings take place in the Church Rooms unless specified otherwise

Agendas can be found at <https://goudhurst-pc.gov.uk>



Month	Council Meeting	Planning Committee	Amenities Committee	'Highways' Committee	Youth & Housing Committee	Finance Committee	Burial Authority
April	Tuesday 9 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 9 th 6.30pm Tuesday 23 rd 6.30pm			Tuesday 23 rd 7.30pm		
May	Tuesday 14 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 14 th 6.30pm Tuesday 28 th 6.30pm	Tuesday 28 th 7.30pm				
June	Tuesday 11 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 11 th 6.30pm Tuesday 25 th 6.30pm		Tuesday 25 th 7.30pm		Tuesday 18 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 18 th 1.00pm Hop Bine
July	Tuesday 9 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 9 th 6.30pm Tuesday 23 rd 6.30pm			Tuesday 23 rd 7.30pm		
August	Tuesday 13 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 13 th 6.30pm Tuesday 27 th 6.30pm	Tuesday 27 th 7.30pm				
September	Tuesday 10 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 10 th 6.30pm Tuesday 24 th 6.30pm		Tuesday 24 th 7.30pm		Tuesday 17 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 17 th 1.00pm Hop Bine

Month	Council Meeting	Planning Committee	Amenities Committee	'Highways' Committee	Youth & Housing Committee	Finance Committee	Burial Authority
October	Tuesday 8 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 8 th 6.30pm Tuesday 22 nd 6.30pm			Tuesday 22 nd 7.30pm		
November	Tuesday 12 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 12 th 6.30pm Tuesday 26 th 6.30pm	Tuesday 26 th 7.30pm			Tuesday 19 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 19 th 1.00pm Hop Bine
December	Tuesday 10 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 10 th 6.30pm					
January 2025	Tuesday 14 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 14 th 6.30pm Tuesday 28 th 6.30pm		Tuesday 28 th 7.30pm			
February	Tuesday 11 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 11 th 6.30pm Tuesday 25 th 6.30pm			Tuesday 25 th 7.30pm		
March	Tuesday 11 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 11 th 6.30pm Tuesday 25 th 6.30pm	Tuesday 25 th 7.30pm			Tuesday 18 th 7.00pm	Tuesday 18 th 1.00pm Hop Bine

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RFO report to Council

Accounts.to (31/12/23)

These figures will be presented to Council at the January 2024
Council meeting.

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Accounts Payable to 31.12.2023 for authorisation

Payment Ref	Invoice Number	Supplier	Description	Gross	Net	VAT Code	Vat	Authorisation Ref
25280	8936	KALC	Lunch at KALC conference	6.00	5.00	s	1.00	Clerks Discretion
25281		GVH	Hall Hire for Hop Pickers meeting	15.00	15.00	z	0.00	Council
25282	2348	F&C	November Cleaning of Balcombes Toilets	802.80	669.00	s	133.80	Contract
25283	1176	Board Intelligence	Annual Software contract	144.00	120.00	s	24.00	Contract
25284	2522319	Castle Water	December Water usage Balcombe toilets	68.50	68.50	z	0.00	contract
25285	247053	SLCC	Assistant Clerk Annual Membership	188.00	188.00	z	0.00	Contract
25286	213976	SLCC	Course for Assistant Clerk	36.00	30.00	s	6.00	Clerks Discretion
25287	693	Hedgehog R Us	Hedgehog highways for residential properties	157.50	157.50	z	0.00	Council
25287		Richard Greenaway	Maintenance at Toilets	132.40	132.40	s	0.00	Clerks Discretion
25288	71763	Envirocure	December L8 Control Chq Field	61.50	51.25	s	10.25	contract
25289	4652	Pearsons	Balance for works at Tattlesbury Triangle	180.00	150.00	s	30.00	Contract
25290		Microshade	January Payment for Software	82.66	68.88	S	14.22	Contract

The Council needs to appoint two Councillors to authorise the November Payments on Unity.

The Bank Reconciliations are required to be signed by a Councillor who is not the Chairman. The reconciliation reports and Bank statements will be brought to the meeting and a volunteer will be asked to sign them off at the end of the meeting.

A year to date expenditure report will be issued next week following completion of the December Bank Reconciliation.

Panetta Horn
RFO
4 January 2024

KALC COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME 2024

**(SUPPORTED BY KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, THE HIGH SHERIFF OF KENT
and MAYOR OF MEDWAY)**

OUTLINE

Aim of the Scheme: To acknowledge and give recognition to those that have made a significant contribution to their local community.

Implementation: The closing date for nominations will be 2nd February 2024, so that the presentation of the awards can take place at the 2024 Parish, Town and Community Council or Parish Meeting (Local Council) Annual Meetings, which take place between March and 1 June 2024. It is recognised that some Local Councils already have their own well-established Community Awards Schemes in place. Where that is the case the KALC Scheme could be presented as an additional award.

It is also recognised that some principal authorities have their own Awards Scheme for their area. The KALC Awards Scheme will operate on a more local level and should therefore avoid duplication or overlap with the principal authority.

Who can be nominated for an Award?

Anyone that the Local Council/public think merits an Award for having made a significant contribution to their local community. The person/group must live or work within the Local Council boundary. We are unable to accept nominations for campaign groups.

What is the nomination process?

The Local Council would make their own decision as to how they want to identify those that have made a significant contribution to the local community. For example, the Local Council might already know who that person might be, or they might decide to formally invite nominations from their local community with the winner being the one with the most nominations.

What is the criteria for making an Award?

There will be no pre-determined criteria on what a “significant contribution to the local community” might be, although as above we are unable to accept nominations for campaign groups. These criteria would be determined by the Local Council taking into account what was important to them locally. However, some examples of criteria that Local Councils might want to consider are set out in Annex A.

What does the winner receive?

This will be a Certificate signed by those supporting the Scheme, including the Kent County Chairman/representative from Medway and the KALC Chairman. The Local Council will provide no more than 30 (thirty) words that they would like inserted on the Certificate to explain the reason for the Award. The Local Council can decide whether it wants to also present something to the winner or to all nominees.

Who presents the Award?

The Award should be presented by the Local Council Chairman/Mayor at their 2024 Annual Meeting. If the Council would like one of the Supporters of the Scheme to participate in the presentation, then please let KALC know so that we can see who would be available to attend. The Awards would provide an opportunity to promote the Local Council and the Award winner in the local media.

Is there any funding available to support the Award?

The Award Scheme has been designed to avoid creating undue time or financial burdens on the Local Council. The cost of the Certificates and frames will be met by Kent County Council.

ANNEX A

Examples of possible criteria

A significant contribution to the local community could be any or all of the following:

- a) Long and sustained service to the community or part of it;
- b) Achievements or actions of an inspiring nature to the local community;
- c) Such other activities which have reflected credit on or brought benefits to the village/town or its people;

In reaching its decision, the Council might want to take into account any or all of the following:

- The level of commitment shown;
- Any obstacles that had to be overcome;
- The amount of benefit derived by the community;
- The number of people benefited or affected;
- The length of service;
- Such other matters that in the opinion of the Council promote the purpose of the Award.

Appendix 4 to Minutes of a Council Meeting held on 9th January 2024

Recommendations and Decisions December 2023

Application	Address	Proposal	GPC	TWBC
23/02753	Beech House, North Road	Demolition of existing lean to and conservatory, internal alterations, new dormer to existing roof and the construction of a two storey side extension with 2 No. dormers	Approve The Council does not consider that the development will impact any neighbours.	Permitted
23/02814/LBC	Ilden House , Cranbrook Road	Listed Building Consent - Addition of one dormer window on the west mezzanine roof, Conversion of mezzanine space into shower room	Approve	Permitted
23/02813	Ilden House , Cranbrook Road	Addition of one dormer window on the west mezzanine roof, Conversion of mezzanine space into shower room	Approve	Permitted
23/02881	May Farm, Chicks Lane	Alterations to existing private access road including: new permeable surfacing, relocation of gates, planting of new trees, hedge and grass	Approve	Permitted
23/03097	Chingley Manor London Road, Flimwell	Demolition of existing concrete portal framed agricultural barn and erection of a timber framed barn for agricultural purposes	Approve	
23/03175/LBC	The Granary, Finchcocks, Riseden, Goudhurst, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 1HH	Listed Building Consent - Internal alterations forming additional bedroom and ensuite shower room	Approve	

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Recommendations and Decisions December 2023

23/03213/FUL L	12 Flimwell Close, Flimwell, Wadhurst, Kent, TN5 7PP	Three storey dwelling house and detached garage	Refuse The Council raised concerns regarding the scale and mass of the proposal, particularly in relation to neighbouring properties, character and street scene. Concerns were also raised over the height of the building and the close proximity to the A21.	
23/03283/ENV SCR	12 Flimwell Close Flimwell Wadhurst Kent TN5 7PP	EIA Screening Opinion: Three storey dwelling house and detached garage (23/03213/FULL refers)	No comment	

Mrs C Reed
Parish Clerk
Goudhurst Parish Council
The Hop Bine
Risebridge Farm
Goudhurst
Cranbrook
TN17 1HN

21 December 2023

Dear Claire,

Re: Thank you for your Donation

Thank you for your Grant of £1000 that we received 15th December 2023 in support of the Cygnets Parenting Programme which is very much appreciated. I would like to take this opportunity to invite the councillors to visit us at Hextable to see for themselves what is provided here and how that is beneficial to our families.

About We Are Beams

Please find our Annual Review enclosed for the year 2022-2023. We are very proud of what we have achieved over the past 12 months and the wider impact this has had on local children living with a disability. This is just a snapshot of some of the activities we have delivered and has been brought to life with photos and graphics.

The Garden project, a daring Capital Appeal launched during the pandemic and completed in March 2023, blossomed into an award-winning success story. We proudly won the Special Project Award at the Kent Charity Awards and the Best Marketing Campaign award at the Dartford Business Awards in 2023.

It was thanks to donations that we are able to deliver our range of services. We received in total 5587 donations, large and small and generated £808,318 fundraising income. Our total revenue performance with commissioned services was £2,131,000. This was a new record set and has enabled us to support so many more families in need.

The generous support we have received this year has been instrumental in enabling us to continue our vital services for disabled children and their families in Kent and Medway but as a charity, we rely heavily on the kindness and generosity of our community. Your contribution would directly impact the lives of hundreds of families, including those residing in your parish, facing the challenges of raising a disabled child

and will help us continue providing essential services such as respite care, family support, and advocacy.

We Are Beams has an unwavering dedication to alleviating stress and isolation among families of disabled children by providing essential support and resources, empowering these families to navigate the challenges they face with resilience and hope. Without the charity's intervention, many families would struggle to cope, experiencing heightened stress and a sense of isolation that can have detrimental effects on their overall well-being.

With just one quarter left in this financial year, Beams stands ready to continue its vision of ensuring disabled children in our community receive the support they need to thrive and develop their independence.

Once again thank you for your kind support.

Yours sincerely



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