

Finance Committee 18th June 2024

MEETING 18 June 2024 19:00 BST

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To: Cllrs Craig Broom (Chairman), Antony Harris, Phil Kirkby, David Knight and Geoff Mason.

I summon you to a Meeting of the Finance Committee on Tuesday 18 June 2024 at 7.00 pm, in Church Rooms, where business detailed on this agenda will be discussed.

Goudhurst Parish Council recognise that there are continuing risks associated with COVID-19 and are supportive of individuals wearing masks in meetings and maintaining a social distance. We will continue to provide hand sanitiser at the entrance to the Village Hall. In order to keep everyone safe, please do not attend a meeting if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 5 days. We will continue to review the risks and will comply with any future controls recommended or mandated by HM Government.

Members of the Public and the Press are welcome to attend this meeting. At the Chairman's discretion, 15 minutes will be set aside for questions from members of the public each one of whom may be invited to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes in total relating to items on the Agenda or about issues of local concern. Thereafter they have the right, and are welcome, to stay and <u>observe</u> the rest of the Meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1.

Please inform the Clerk if you intend to film or record the Meeting.

Katrina Hoyle Acting Clerk to Goudhurst Parish Council 13 June 2024

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A quorum for Finance Committee is 3 Members.

Agenda Location Date Time Church Rooms, Back Lane, Goudhurst, Kent 18 Jun 2024 19:00 BST Item Page 1 Members to Elect a chair _ To receive apologies for abscence and to approve the reasons given 2 Declarations of Interest. 3 To resolve to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 19th March 2024 4 4 To review year to date expenditure, note overspends and consider virements. 6 5 6 Grants 6.1 Receive proposal and agree to recommend alteration to grant policy. 17 6.2 To resolve to support the grant request for Goudhurst Scouts. 20 Date of the next meeting 18/06/2024 7



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on 19 March 2024 at 7.00pm in the Church Rooms

PARTICIPANTS

Councillors Present: Cllrs Craig Broom (Chairman), Antony Harris, Phil Kirkby, David Knight and Geoff Mason.

Officers Present: Mrs Panetta Horn, RFO.

APOLOGIES

726/23 There were none.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

727/23 There were none.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

728/23 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 21 November 2023, and previously distributed to members via Board Intelligence, be accepted as a correct record.

YTD EXPENDITURE AND 2024/25 BUDGET

729/23 The expenditure YTD and YE Forecast was reviewed and noted. The final YE spreadsheet will be circulated in April following the Bank Reconciliation and Riatas shut down.

2024/5 BUDGET CONSTRUCTION

730/23 The Budget Construction was reviewed and comments noted. The Councillors agreed some amendments to EMR and accruals were approved. The RFO is to update the spreadsheet and circulate to Council at April meeting.

DIRECT DEBITS AND STANDING ORDERS

731/23 The current DD and SO for 2024/24 were discussed and noted.

ASSET REGISTER

732/23 Changes to the Asset Register in 2024 were noted. It was agreed that insurance value for Assets need to reassessed ahead of the insurance renewal in 2024. Action Clerk or RFO

COUNCIL CONTRACTS

733/23 The RFO produced the first draft of the Schedule of Council Contracts. The contents were noted and the RFO is finalise the document with notice periods and contract end dates.

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR COUNCIL SERVICES FOR 2024/25

734/23 It was **resolved** to approve the following schedule of charges subject to the terms of the licence agreement for Mary Days. Post Meeting note: Agreement states that Mary Days licence fees can be amended with two weeks notice. The increase will apply to the next payments due 20.06.24.

Fee Payer	Purpose	Existing Amount	New Amount
Dynamos	Use of Chqr Field	800	Unchanged
School	Use of Chqr Field	£500	Unchanged
Residents	Small Garage Rental	£135	£145
Residents	Large Garage Rental	£168	£180
Burials	Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial – Earthen grave for 35 years	£1,500	£1,575
Burials	Interment Fee	£460	£485
Burials	Approval for Memorial Headstones and Inscriptions	£290	£305
Burials	Approval for additional inscriptions	£290	£305
Burials	Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial – Ashes Section for 35 years	£1190	£1250
Burials	Change of ownership	£50	£55
Burials	Approval for Memorial Bench	£50	£55

GRANT REQUESTS

735/23 It was **resolved** to approve the following grant request for 2023-24:

Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre - £500

It was determined that there was insufficient information in the grant application from the Village Hall for £5,400 and the RFO is to respond to them, requesting the additional information and asking them to resubmit.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next Finance Committee Meeting, Tuesday 18 June 2024, 7.00 pm in the Church Rooms.

Panetta Horn RFO

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Note: Budgets and YTD Expenditure as at 31.05.2024

		2023	/24			2024	/25				2025/26	
		Budget	Actual	Brought Forward	Net Virement	Agreed	EMR	Total	Actual YTD	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
<u>Admir</u>	istration											
<u>101</u>	Administration											
1076	Precept	219,800	219,800	0	0	227,800	0	227,800	113,900	0	0	0
1090	Interest Received	0	4,244	0	0	3,600	0	3,600	880	0	0	0
1203	Gov't Support Grant	0	277	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Income	219,800	224,321	0	0	231,400	0	231,400	114,780	0	0	0
4137	S137 - use for Poppy Appeal Wr	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5101	Telephone / Broadband Hopbine	2,000	1,946	0	0	2,000	0	2,000	342	0	0	0
5106	Office Cleaning and maint	1,000	0	0	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	0	0
5107	NNDR Rates	300	250	0	0	300	0	300	217	0	0	0
5108	Defib Epenses	0	578	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
5110	Graffiti Cleaning	0	-98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5120	Computer Equipt. Maint. Citrix	3,000	3,970	0	0	5,600	0	5,600	722	0	0	0
5121	Software BI	3,000	-380	0	0	200	0	200	0	0	0	0
5122	Mapping Pear Technology	300	293	0	0	300	0	300	150	0	0	0
5123	Website Costs	500	465	0	0	500	0	500	-40	0	0	0
5124	Planning (Hugo Fox)	0	120	0	0	120	0	120	0	0	0	0
5126	Rialtas Accounting Software	0	0	0	0	200	0	200	192	0	0	0
5127	Professional Fees	0	6,062	0	0	6,000	0	6,000	405	0	0	0
5140	Insurance	1,800	2,039	0	0	2,200	0	2,200	0	0	0	0
5141	Land Registry Services	100	33	0	0	100	0	100	0	0	0	0
5142	Bank Charges	200	-236	0	0	200	0	200	6	0	0	0
5143	Data Protection GDPR	500	0	0	0	500	0	500	0	0	0	0
5160	HopBine Rent and Oil	8,000	7,832	0	0	2,100	0	2,100	1,400	0	0	0

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5161	Minor Expenses	500	421	0	0	500	0	500	-30	0	0	0
5162	Postage	100	104	0	0	120	0	120	0	0	0	0
5163	Stationery	300	885	0	0	450	0	450	-15	0	0	0
5164	DO NOT USE	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5165	Travel Expenses	200	223	0	0	300	0	300	22	0	0	0
5166	Recruitment	0	240	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
5170	Office Loan Repayment	0	0	0	0	7,900	0	7,900	0	0	0	0
5181	GPC newletter, AR, Consult	200	0	0	0	200	0	200	0	0	0	0
5201	Training	2,000	949	0	0	2,000	0	2,000	20	0	0	0
5211	Audit	1,300	1,643	0	0	1,800	0	1,800	255	0	0	0
5220	Meeting Rm hire & Refresh	2,000	1,489	0	0	1,800	0	1,800	168	0	0	0
5230	Subscriptions	1,900	1,815	0	0	2,000	0	2,000	1,186	0	0	0
5241	Election Costs	3,000	705	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5401	Chairmans Expenses	100	82	0	0	100	0	100	0	0	0	0
5402	Remembrance Day Wreaths	0	50	0	0	50	0	50	0	0	0	0
5700	Grants	2,000	2,089	0	0	9,500	3,800	13,300	864	0	0	0
5903	National Events	4,000	20,998	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
5912	Office Purchase & Renovation	0	0	0	0	30,000	0	30,000	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	38,400	54,614	0	0	83,040	3,800	86,840	5,865	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	181,400	169,707			148,360	-	144,560	108,916	0		
<u>102</u>	Staff Costs											
5004	Employers Pension Contribution	3,500	2,437	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	393	0	0	0
5005	NI Employer	6,000	4,647	0	0	6,000	0	6,000	890	0	0	0
5006	Clerks Pay	60,000	58,508	0	0	65,500	0	65,500	9,469	0	0	0

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	-	Budget	Actual	Brought Forward	Net Virement	Agreed	EMR	Total	Actual YTD	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
	Overhead Expenditure	69,500	65,592	0	0	76,500	0	76,500	10,753	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(69,500)	(65,592)			(76,500)	_	(76,500)	(10,753)	0		
	Administration - Income	219,800	224,321	0	0	231,400	0	231,400	114,780	0	0	0
	Expenditure	107,900	120,206	0	0	159,540	3,800	163,340	16,617	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	111,900	104,115			71,860	-	68,060	98,163	0		
<u>Ameni</u>	ties											
<u>202</u>	Amenities including Footpaths											
1221	GUFC & Dynamos Rent	800	800	0	0	800	0	800	0	0	0	0
1222	Misc Credits (Xmas lights, Gla	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1224	GK School ann'l use Cheq Field	500	500	0	0	500	0	500	0	0	0	0
1226	Refund NNDR	0	286	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Income	1,300	1,636	0	0	1,300	0	1,300	0	0	0	0
5102	Toilets Utilities Elect/ Water	1,400	1,895	0	0	1,800	0	1,800	464	0	0	0
5104	CCTV electricity and B.Band	600	981	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	314	0	0	0
5109	The Plain Utilities	1,500	585	0	0	1,500	0	1,500	53	0	0	0
5180	Maps, Leaflets and Publicity	200	0	0	0	200	0	200	0	0	0	0
5300	Plain, Pond , War Mem, Bus she	900	2,208	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
5301	Plain: Maint Contractor	2,200	2,130	0	0	2,500	0	2,500	382	0	0	0
5320	Hiller Field/Lurkins Rise Play	3,300	2,506	0	0	3,600	0	3,600	328	0	0	0
5325	Amenities Expenses	0	0	0	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	0	0
5330	Balcombes Hill Toilets	14,000	12,556	0	0	14,000	0	14,000	686	0	0	0
5343	The Glebe	6,500	5,457	0	0	7,950	0	7,950	876	0	0	0

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5360	KD Quarry Pond Maint	1,980	1,980	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5362	KD Bus Shelter Maint	550	1,785	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5363	KD Millennium Green Maint	3,050	3,050	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5364	KD Telephone Box Maint & Elect	170	983	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5380	Tattlebury Triangle Maint	200	300	0	0	300	0	300	0	0	0	0
5381	Tree Safety survey	0	0	0	0	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0	0
5382	Footpath Upkeep	1,100	240	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
5388	CCTV Maintenance (not Utility)	550	696	0	0	600	550	1,150	400	0	0	0
5392	Parish Clean Up Day	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5393	Dog Fouling Campaign	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5702	KD Quarry Centre Grant	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5703	KD Village Hall Maint Grant	550	550	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5704	Goudhurst Village Hall Grant	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5714	Goudhurst in Bloom	1,100	0	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
5905	Parish Events	1,000	0	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
5907	Toilets Renovation	1,000	0	0	0	0	2,000	2,000	0	0	0	0
5910	Car park Resurfacing	2,000	0	0	0	0	4,000	4,000	0	0	0	0
5911	Goudhurst Pond Renovation	1,000	0	0	0	0	2,000	2,000	0	0	0	0
5915	Christmas Trees/Lights G&KD	440	825	0	0	500	0	500	0	0	0	0
5917	Plain Tree Seat	2,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5923	Cycle Racks	1,500	622	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5924	New AED	2,500	3,795	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0
5926	Memorial Benches	0	938	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	54,990	44,083	0	0	42,950	8,550	51,500	3,528	0	0	0

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		Budget	Actual	Brought Forward	Net Virement	Agreed	EMR	Total	Actual YTD	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
	202 Net Income over Expenditure	-53,690	-42,446	0	0	-41,650	-8,550	-50,200	-3,528	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	550	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(53,690)	(42,446)			(41,650)	-	(50,200)	(2,978)	0		
	Amenities - Income	1,300	1,636	0	0	1,300	0	1,300	0	0	0	0
	Expenditure	54,990	44,083	0	0	42,950	8,550	51,500	3,528	0	0	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	-53,690	-42,446	0	0	-41,650	-8,550	-50,200	-3,528	0	0	0
	plus Transfer from EMR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	550	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(53,690)	(42,446)			(41,650)	-	(50,200)	(2,978)	0		

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Burial	Board											
<u>203</u>	Burial Board											
1230	Burial Board Fees	10,000	16,380	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	1,405	0	0	0
	Total Income	10,000	16,380	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	1,405	0	0	0
5125	Burial Records & Digitisation	3,000	2,610	0	0	3,000	0	3,000	417	0	0	0
5310	St Mary's Churchyard Maint	15,400	12,852	0	0	16,000	0	16,000	1,077	0	0	0
5312	St Mary's Trees	7,000	815	0	0	0	6,000	6,000	0	0	0	0
5321	Green spaces Management	3,000	158	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5370	Christ Church Contractor	4,070	3,700	0	0	8,700	0	8,700	1,240	0	0	0
5371	Christ Church Maint, Hedges	750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5372	Christ Church Trees	750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5391	Veolia Bin Contract	1,590	718	0	0	600	0	600	0	0	0	0
5909	Memorials Survey and Repairs	1,500	0	0	0	1,500	0	1,500	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	37,060	20,852	0	0	29,800	6,000	35,800	2,733	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(27,060)	(4,472)			(19,800)	-	(25,800)	(1,328)	0		
	Burial Board - Income	10,000	16,380	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	1,405	0	0	0
	Expenditure	37,060	20,852	0	0	29,800	6,000	35,800	2,733	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(27,060)	(4,472)			(19,800)	-	(25,800)	(1,328)	0		

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Highw	ays & Footways											
<u>204</u>	Highways and Footways											
5601	highways expenses	1,000	0	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
5602	Sids and Highways Signs	5,000	109	0	0	1,000	4,900	5,900	0	0	0	0
5914	Speed Reduction Sch Cranbr Rd	6,000	0	0	0	0	6,000	6,000	0	0	0	0
5916	Speed Reduction Iden Green	5,680	0	0	0	0	5,680	5,680	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	17,680	109	0	0	2,000	16,580	18,580	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(17,680)	(109)		-	(2,000)		(18,580)	0	0		
	Highways & Footways - Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Expenditure	17,680	109	0	0	2,000	16,580	18,580	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(17,680)	(109)			(2,000)	-	(18,580)	0	0		

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	-	Budget	Actual	Brought Forward	Net Virement	Agreed	EMR	Total	Actual YTD	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
Busin	ess & Communications											
<u>205</u>	Mary Days Garages											
1276	Mary Day's Garages Receipts	5,265	5,256	0	0	5,265	0	5,265	583	0	0	0
	Total Income	5,265	5,256	0	0	5,265	0	5,265	583	0	0	0
5802	MD Loan Repayments	3,300	3,197	0	0	3,300	0	3,300	0	0	0	0
5803	MD Maintenance	2,000	60	0	0	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	5,300	3,257	0	0	5,300	0	5,300	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(35)	2,000		-	(35)		(35)	583	0		
Bu	siness & Communications - Income	5,265	5,256	0	0	5,265	0	5,265	583	0	0	0
	Expenditure	5,300	3,257	0	0	5,300	0	5,300	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(35)	2,000		-	(35)	-	(35)	583	0		

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<u>206</u>	Business & Comms_											
5905	Parish Events	0	602	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
5921	Parish Emergency Plan	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	C
	Overhead Expenditure	5,000	602	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(5,000)	(602)			0	-	(5,000)	0	0		
	- Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Expenditure	5,000	602	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(5,000)	(602)			0	-	(5,000)	0	0		

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		Budget	Actual	Brought Forward	Net Virement	Agreed	EMR	Total	Actual YTD	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
Youth	and Housing_											
<u>207</u>	Youth											
1206	Sports Field Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,666	0	0	0
	Total Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,666	0	0	0
5103	Chequers Field utilities	1,300	511	0	0	1,300	0	1,300	493	0	0	0
5341	Back Lane Play area	1,500	1,324	0	0	1,650	0	1,650	258	0	0	0
5350	Chequer Field Ground Maint	21,540	18,894	0	0	11,000	0	11,000	1,804	0	0	0
5351	Chequer Field Pavilion Maint	1,000	864	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
5713	Goudhurst Scouts Grant	1,000	921	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5908	Ventilation system Pavilion	5,500	0	0	0	0	5,500	5,500	0	0	0	0
5922	Chequer Field Drainage	0	0	0	0	0	3,000	3,000	0	0	0	0
5925	Shelter on Village Green	6,000	0	0	0	15,000	6,000	21,000	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	37,840	22,514	0	0	29,950	14,500	44,450	2,555	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(37,840)	(22,514)			(29,950)	-	(44,450)	111	0		
	Youth and Housing - Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,666	0	0	0
	Expenditure	37,840	22,514	0	0	29,950	14,500	44,450	2,555	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(37,840)	(22,514)			(29,950)	-	(44,450)	111	0		

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Annual Budget - By Committee

		2023	8/24			2024	4/25				2025/26	
	_	Budget	Actual	Brought Forward	Net Virement	Agreed	EMR	Total	Actual YTD	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
<u>210</u>	Projects											
1285	Coronation tickets/ sponsors	0	18,233	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Income	0	18,233	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	18,233			0		0	0	0		
	- Income	0	18,233	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	18,233			0		0	0	0		
	Total Budget Income	236,365	265,826	0	0	247,965	0	247,965	119,434	0	0	0
	Expenditure	265,770	211,621	0	0	269,540	54,430	323,970	25,433	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(29,405)	54,204			(21,575)		(76,005)	94,001	0		
	plus Transfer from EMR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	550	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(29,405)	54,204			(21,575)		(76,005)	94,551	0		



STANDING ORDERS GRANT AWARDING POLICY

Reviewed and Approved by Council 14 November 2022, Minute 245/22 *To be reviewed November 2024*

Introduction

A grant is any payment made by the Council to be used by an organisation for a specific purpose that will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish. The Council awards grants, at its discretion, to organisations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to benefit the Parish by:

- Providing a service
- Enhancing the quality of life
- Improving the environment
- Promoting the Parish of Goudhurst in a positive way.

Certain legal powers allow the Council to provide funding for specific activities or projects which Members feel will be of benefit to the Parish. Where no other power is available, the Council may decide to use its power under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Any grant made under this power must be "in the interests of or will directly benefit the area or its inhabitants, or of part of it, or of some of it" and "the direct benefit should be commensurate with expenditure."

Grant Application Process

- 1. Any application for a grant should be made to the Clerk in the first instance. Application forms are available on the Parish Council's website or by contacting the Clerk. Applications will be considered by Council at the appropriate Council meeting.
- 2. All questions on the application form should be fully answered and additional appropriate information, which supports an application, should be provided.
- 3. In addition to the application form organisations will be required to provide the following supporting information:
 - a copy of their written constitution or details of their aims and purpose,
 - full details of the project or activity,
 - demonstration that the grant will be of benefit to the local community within the Parish,
 - the proportion or number of beneficiaries living in the Parish,
 - demonstration of a clear need for the funding,

- a copy of the previous year's accounts or, for new initiatives, a detailed budget and business plan.
- 4. Completed applications and any supporting documents should be emailed to the Clerk at <u>Clerk@goudhurst-pc.gov.uk</u>.
- 5. The Council will make the decision on which grants to award. All applicants will be contacted following the Council's decision.
- 6. The Council has a limited budget each year and guidance can be given to applicants as to how much money is likely to be available in a specific financial year.

Conditions of Funding

- 1. The organisation must be either non-profit or charitable. Applications will not be considered from private organisations operated as a business to make a profit or surplus.
- 2. Grants will not be made to individuals.
- 3. Grants will not be made retrospectively.
- 4. Applications will not normally be considered from national organisations or local groups with access to funds from national 'umbrella' or 'parent' organisations, unless funds are not available from their national bodies, or the funds available are in adequate for a specified project.
- 5. An organisation should have a bank account in its own name with two authorised signatories.
- 6. The administration of and accounting for any grant shall be the responsibility of the recipient. All awards must be properly accounted for and evidence of expenditure should be supplied to the Council as requested.
- Any organisation receiving a grant exceeding £2,000 is required, under the Local Government Act 1972, s 137A, to provide the council with a statement detailing how the money was spent within a year of the award.
- 8. Only one application for a grant will be considered from each organisation in any one financial year.
- 9. Each application will be assessed on its own merits.
- 10. The Council may make the award of any grant or subsidy subject to such additional conditions and requirements as it considers appropriate. The Council reserves the right to refuse any grant application which it considers to be inappropriate or against the objectives of the Council.
- 11. Any grant must only be used for the purpose for which it was awarded unless the written approval of the Council has been obtained for a change in use of the grant monies, and that

any unspent portion of the grant must be returned to the Council by the end of the financial year in which it was awarded.

- 12. The Council may make the award of any grant or subsidy as it considers appropriate in the event of any unforeseen urgent event.
- 13. Organisations are welcome to apply for grants in subsequent financial years, regardless of the outcome of previous applications.
- 14. Any refusal of a grant application, for whatever reason, is not to be taken as a comment by the Council on the worthiness of the cause or the work of the organisation.

Assessment of Applications

- 1. The following criteria will be used to assess any grant application:
 - How well the grant will meet the needs of the community, providing positive benefit to the inhabitants.
 - Whether the costs are appropriate and realistic.
 - What level of contributions has been, or will be, raised locally. The Council will consider applications for match funding.
 - Whether the organisation or group could reasonably have been expected to obtain sufficient funding from another, perhaps more appropriate source or has sufficient funds in its accounts.
 - The viability of the project.



GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Name of Group / Organisation:	1 st Goudhurst Scout Group			
Contact Name:	Chris Reed			
Position in Organisation:	Group Scout Leader			
Address:	The Scout Hut, Tattlebury Lane, Goudhurst, TN17 1BU			
Telephone:	07572871904			
Email:	Gsl@goudhurstscoutgroup.org.uk			
Is your organisation a registered charity?	Yes 🗵	If yes, Charity Number	303395	
	No 🗆			
-	ch requires two unrelated people to ndrawals? This must be in the name of the plying for the grant.		Yes 🛛	
organisation / group that it is app			No 🗆	
Brief Description of your group / organisation's main purpose / activities				
The Group promotes Scouting in the Goudhurst area and follows the aims of the Scout Association - to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities.				
Please provide the number, or percentage, of Goudhurst Parish residents that currently use the service (if applicable).				
The Group has 75 young people as members across its Beaver, Cub and Scout sections. It also hosts the Weald District Explorer Scout Unit, which has 20 members, some of whom are from Goudhurst				
Details of any restrictions placed on who can use / access the organisation's services				
Preference is given to residents of Goudhurst and/or those with siblings already in the group				
Details of the project for which the grant is required				
Funding to purchase 3 x Gas BBQs, covers and gas for use across camps and trips e.g. Hebrides, Netherlands and annual Summer/ Half Term camps by all sections of the Group (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts) and at community fundraising events, such as the Village Fete and Dog Show, enabling the Group to raise funds.				

NB previous BBQs of this nature were owned personally by the former Group Scout Leader. This equipment will be owned exclusively by the Scout Group and may be made available to other community groups if not in use by the Scouts, helping them with their own fundraising.

3x Dellonda 4 Burner Portable Gas Plancha 10kW BBQ Griddle, Supplied with Water Resistant PVC Cover, Stainless Steel - DG234 (<u>Dellonda 4 Burner Portable Gas Plancha 10kW BBQ Griddle,</u> <u>Supplied with Water Resistant PVC Cover, Stainless Steel - DG234 : Amazon.co.uk: Garden</u>) @£257.98 each (currently discounted from £329.99) = total £773.94

3x Propane Gas cylinders (c£75 each) = £225

When will the project start? We do not offer retrospective funding.	When funding is received
Will your project be completed within six months from receipt of your grant? If not, please explain why below.	Yes 🛛
	No 🗆

How will this project benefit the parishioners of Goudhurst?

It will provide equipment that will be used by the Scout Group, other village groups and at village events on an on-going basis

Total Cost of project	£998.94	Amount of Grant requested	£998.94
Have you received, applied or intend to apply for funding from any other source for this project?	Yes □ No ⊠	If yes, please give the name(s) of the other funder	
How much of the total cost do your group / organisation intend to raise yourself and how?			

Please tick to confirm you have included the following documents with your application.

1. A copy of your organisations written constitution or details of the aims and purpose.



2. Demonstration of a clear need for the funding.

- 3. A copy of the previous year's accounts or, for new initiatives, a detailed budget and business plan.
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- 4. Evidence of any other award towards the project.
- 5. Any other supporting documentation e.g. quotes, needs analysis or survey results.



Please ensure that the person signing the declaration on behalf of your organisation has the appropriate authority to do so.

DECLARATION:

I confirm that the information contained in the application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to that any money awarded by Goudhurst Parish Council as a result of this application will only be used for the purposes stated in the said application, and in accordance with the grant conditions detailed in the Parish Council's Grant Awarding Policy.

I confirm that the proposed project is lawful and confirms to any rules governing our group / organisation. I further agree to provide copies of receipts and invoices as required to Goudhurst Parish Council to confirm details of how the money has been spent if the application is successful.

I understand that all money awarded must be repaid to Goudhurst Parish Council and my organisation will not be able to apply for a future grant in the following circumstances:

- If a false declaration is made, or if any information contained in the application is found to be false, inflated or exaggerated
- If the proposed project does not proceed or is abandoned for any reason or if the organisation disbands during the period of the grant
- If the organisation does not provide the necessary invoices and receipts confirming how the money has been spent or does not comply with any other conditions stipulated.

I understand that details of the grant awarded will be included on the Parish Council website and Annual Report.

Signed:	C G Reed
Print Name:	Chris Reed
Position in the Organisation	Group Scout Leader
Date:	12.06.24

Please sign the above declaration and return this form together with all supporting documentation required either by post or email to:

Goudhurst Parish Council The Hop Bine Risebridge Farm Goudhurst Cranbrook TN17 1HN

Email: <u>deputyClerk@goudhurst-pc.gov.uk</u>

Please contact us if you need help with the form or advice about your application.

NOTES:

- Please complete all questions and sign and date the declaration at the end of the form.
- Where a question is not applicable, please enter N/a on the form.
- If you wish to provide additional information or expand on a question, please provide on an attached sheet.
- Please refer to the Council's Grant Awarding Policy for full terms and conditions of grants.
- The deadline for returning completed applications will be advertised. Grant applications will be considered by the Council at the Parish Council meeting following the deadline advertised.
- Submission of this application does not automatically mean that an award will be granted. Goudhurst Parish Council reserves the right to award grants at their discretion.
- Only one project per application will be considered.