

Godstone Parish Council

(incorporating the Villages of Godstone, South Godstone and Blindley Heath)

MINUTES OF GODSTONE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD AT ST STEPHENS CHURCH, SOUTH GODSTONE ON MONDAY 21 MAY 2018 AT 7.30 PM.

Present:

Parish Councillors

Cllr J Gardner - Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllrs B Davis, M Gillman, C White, R Johnson, C Farr, D Stone, J Farnaby

District Councillor

Cllr C Farr

and 27 Members of the Public

In attendance:

S Endersby (Clerk)

- 1 Apologies for Absence
 - 1.1 Apologies were received from Councillor R Thorn, Councillor N Child, E Fisher (South Godstone Residents Association), Godstone Scouts, Women's Institute and P Newdick (Blindley Heath Liaison Group)
- 2 Welcome
- 3 Minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED - Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 May 2017 which were circulated at the meeting were confirmed and signed as a true record.
- 4 Chairman's Report
 - 4.1 Copies of the Chairman's report were available at the meeting.
 - 4.2 The following matters covered is summarized below:

A review of the year:

 - i. Hilly Fields Car Park – The appointment of a contractor;
 - ii. Burial Ground – Work continuing to maintain the burial ground;
 - iii. Allotments – tree management, planting of a hedge and rotavating and creation of new allotments spaces;
 - iv. Children's playground – Replacing and improving the condition of the boundary fence and play equipment in the playground;
 - v. Grants given to local community organisations, including Godstone Village School; Tandridge Neighbourhood Watch Steering Group; Godstone Bowls Club and the Citizens Advice Bureau;
 - vi. Neighbourhood Plan Committee – Completion of the Neighbourhood Plan Survey and thanks all the volunteers that are part of the committee;
 - vii. HGVs – Concerns in relation to HGV activity through the village and the impact and general safety concerns for people living and working in the village;
 - viii. Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) – Working in partnership with SWT on the management of the SSSI site and on the project to ensure that the fencing on the common is suitable;
 - ix. Tree Care;
 - x. Noticeboards – New Noticeboards on Godstone Green and the allotment sites; and
 - xi. Garden Village - The Parish council continue to work to review and consider the Tandridge District Councils proposals for a Garden Village and the impact on the Parish, wishing to ensure that a suitable amount of housing is considered and allowed in the Parish without putting undue pressure on the current resources and ensures a sustainable and productive future for homes and employment in the villages.

The Coming Year:

 - i. Building the car park;
 - ii. Working on the Neighbourhood Plan;
 - iii. Monitoring HGV traffic and campaigning for a safer village
 - iv. Scrutinizing Tandridge District Councils Local Plan and Garden Village plans
 - v. Commemoration Plans to mark the end of the First World War
 - 4.3 Traveller Incursion
- 5 Local organisation Reports –
 - 5.1 Reports from the following local organisations were available at the meeting and are also available on the Parish website:
 - i. Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions Club;
 - ii. Godstone United Charities

- iii. Godstone Village Association
- iv. Blindley Heath Liaison Group; and
- v. Godstone Village Fete Committee

6 Presentation of Certificates

- 6.1 Linda Day of South Godstone – Community Award for work to raise money for various Cancer charities.
- 6.2 Bevan Hubery, South Godstone – Community Award for service as a Parish Councillor.
- 6.3 John Faulkner, Blindley Heath – Community Award for service as a Parish Councillor.

7 Open Forum:

All Parishioners were invited to participated in the open forum and speak with Parish Councillors about the following areas:

- 7.1 Talk to members of the Parish Council on what the Parish has been working on over the last twelve months and meet new councillors
- 7.2 Let us know what you think needs improvement in the villages and what our priorities as a Parish Council should be
- 7.3 Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017
- 7.4 Godstone Parish Neighbourhood Plan and how it should work alongside Tandridge District Local Plan
- 7.5 Commemoration Plans for 11 November 2018
- 7.6 Garden Village – let us know your thoughts

The following comments were noted:

Godstone Playground needing play equipment for under 3's
Allotment holders minutes – disagreement on point 1.3v
Garden Village – Not needed and not wanted
Biomass – update on this matter.