

Godstone Parish Council

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

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MINUTES

Members are summoned to the Meeting of Godstone Parish Council Greenspaces Committee to be held on **Wednesday 13 March 2024 at 10.30am at The Bounty, Godstone Green**

Members: Cllrs S Farr, I Smith C Farr, L Case and K Ward

Apologies:

Present: S Endersby (Clerk) and W Dennis (Parish Admin Assistant)

1. Questions from Members of the Public – No members of the public present

2. Apologies and reasons for absence – None

RESOLVED – The committee was quorate and the meeting proceeded

3. Declarations of Interest - None

4. Minutes of the last meetings held on 15 January 2024 and 26 January 2024

4.1 The committee considered the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2024

RESOLVED – The committee by a majority approved the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2024.

Cllrs C Farr and K Ward were not at the meeting so did not vote.

4.2 The committee considered the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2024

RESOLVED – The committee by a majority approved the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2024.

Cllr L Case was not at the meeting so did not vote.

5. Christmas Lights Project

5.1 It was noted that correspondence had been received from Tandridge Planning that a Block plan is required and the fee is £146.50.

5.2 Councillor C Farr confirmed that arrangements to complete the block plan were underway and the final document for submission would be provided to the Clerk as soon as possible.

5.3 Cllr L Case handed the cheque from Café Connect fundraising to the Clerk which is a donation towards the Christmas lights.

ACTION GSC3/24 – 1 – Cllr C Farr to complete block plan and return to clerk as soon as possible for submission to Tandridge Planning.

ACTION GSC3/24 – 2 – Clerk to submit block plan arrange payment for the application.

ACTION GSC3/24 – 3 – Clerk to pay in cheque and allocate to the restricted Christmas Lights fund.

5.4 Cllr K Ward questioned if a back up plan should be made for the Christmas lights, making do with the current lights in the trees and any additional lights to be a longer term plan.

5.5 The Clerk asked what the plan for Godstone Hill tree lights was, as they could not be connected to the new supply and so would still need PAT testing for a SCC licence if they are to be lit.

ACTION GSC3/24 – 4 – Clerk to find contractors that would PAT test lights, but these lights are not the current main focus.

5.6 The committee noted that the parish does not own land in either the Godstone Hill area or South Godstone, which makes it trickier to make changes to the lights.

6. Greens and Commons

6.1 Godstone Green, including Playground

6.1.1 The Bounty – The committee noted that the Land Transaction Return is currently being completed and has been circulated to council for information and the Clerk will continue to liaise with the solicitor to complete the return for submission, unless there are any questions that need to be addressed by council.

6.1.2 Padlocks and Keys – The new padlocks and replacement keys have been received and an audit of the keys completed.

ACTION GSC3/24 – 5 – Parish office Admin to liaise with Cllr C Farr to mark keys and replace padlocks as required.

- 6.1.3 Horse Sign – The committee discussed a query in relation to the attachment/placement of the sign on the green gate. Sign to face the road at both locations.
- 6.1.4 Playground
 - i. The committee noted that required work was being arranged and completed.
 - ii. There was a discussion about the eventual replacement of the embankment slide with a galvanised replacement as a long-term ambition.
- 6.1.5 Tree Works – The committee noted the issue that the Clerk is having getting the contractor to commit to a date of works, with the main issue being stated as the disruption caused by the wet weather and the potential of getting stuck on Godstone Green. The Clerk has been regularly chasing the contractor to get the work completed without success. The committee noted that it maybe necessary to consider finding a different contractor to complete the works if it is not completed soon.

ACTION GSC3/24 – 6 – Clerk to advise the contractor that the council is getting frustrated and impatient with the delay to the work being completed on Godstone Green as a final push to get the works completed.

- 6.1.6 Boules pitch – The committee noted that there are areas of the boules pitch in disrepair.

6.2 Hilly Fields

- 6.2.1 Access Road – The committee discussed an ambition for a long term plan to be considered to improve the condition of the track/road to the Hilly Fields.

6.3 Blindley Heath Common, including SSSI

- 6.3.1 Vegetation (hedge/tree) needs clearing from in front of the gate on the edge of the SSSI site.

ACTION GSC3/24 – 7 – What Three Words location to be provided by Cllrs C Farr and S Farr to the Clerk, in order that the Clerk can arrange for the contractor to clear the area in front of the gate that SWT use.

6.4 Tilburstow Hill Common, including the Enterdent

- 6.4.1 14 The Enterdent – Clerk confirmed to the committee that the resident had confirmed that they intended to remove the two trees adjacent to their property as per the approval given by the parish council. The timescale for the removal of the trees is not currently known.

6.5 Burial Ground

- 6.5.1 Crypt – Repair work completed.
- 6.5.2 Moles – Mole contractor instructed.
- 6.5.3 Other maintenance matters – Maintenance contractor has started some of work that has been requested.

6.6 Allotments

- 6.6.1 There is rubbish clearance taking place at the allotments on Saturday and is an opportunity for all allotment holders to remove rubbish from the site. With the GAA clearing paths and any trip hazards.
- 6.6.2 Letter to Allotment holders should include deadlines for response/actions to be completed.

Part 2 – None.

----- Meeting Closed -----

Signed -----
Committee Chairperson

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