

# Godstone Parish Council

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

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## GREENSPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022.

### MINUTES

Committee members present – Sue Farr, Chris Farr, Dave Stone, John Farnaby, and Louise Case

1. Questions from Members of the Public – no members present.
2. Apologies and reasons for absence – No apologies recorded.
3. Declarations of Interest – none recorded.
4. Greens, Commons and Land.
  - 4.1 Godstone Green, including Playground.

Refurbishment work continues to the site of the Playground, unfortunately work has been delayed due to the inclement weather conditions, therefore total completion date has been set back to possible end of November.
  - 4.1 Acton for application for consent to carry out works on common land ie. Path across the Godstone Green to access the pavilion and the playground was discussed and agreed that it would need to be raised at the next monthly Godstone Parish Council meeting.
  - 4.2 The horse pond maintenance and the concern of individuals safety, when accessing the pond area without the Parish Councils consent, was discussed and it was agreed that a maintenance program, should be considered for the future and possibly having an area of meadowland to enhance the area.

Signage to explain the history and original use of the pond was mentioned again by Louise Case who has already researched this project and has a draft version of a notice board available.
  - 4.3 Godstone Village Sign still in the process of being cleaned and repaired before being replaced, work being carried out by two professional men from the local community, John Younger and David Harman.
  - 4.4 The repair of the existing benches on Godstone Green was discussed and the clerk will be requested to update regarding the contractor who has been given the job and what his time constraints are.
  - 4.5 The Greenspaces committee confirmed that the requested new signage for no horse riding on the Green should go ahead and the clerk will be requested to order the signs.
  - 4.6 The Hilly Fields it was considered a good idea as being left to resemble meadowland with a once a year cut to promote a positive environment.
  - 4.7 Blindley Heath Common, including SSSI, agreement of wayleave letters for properties like Martyns Platt and the Roundabout where discrepancies of land availability and usage have been evidenced.

4.8 Tilburstow Hill Common, including the Enterdent, tree survey was discussed and the variation of the quotes, it was agreed that more details was required from the tree surgeons, Madgewick, and an action would be raised with the clerk to move this forward. The extended pathway from the Enterdent to Godstone Farm was mentioned and it was confirmed that further extension for closure would be made.

4.9 Burial Ground, it was agreed by the committee that the idea of meadowland to the peripheral areas of the boundary fence of the graveyard would look very effective and reduce maintenance of those areas.

5. Correspondence, letter to be sent to Madgewicks to request a more detailed quote and correspondence to be actioned to the owners of the houses in Blindley Heath that have raised recent issues.

6. Matters for reporting or inclusion on future agendas – none recorded.

6. Date for next meeting to be arranged for a convenient date in January 2023.