

Goudhurst Parish Council



AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting held on 26 May 2020 via Zoom Conference Call

Present: Cllrs Chris Ditton (Chairman), David Boniface, Alan Foster, Antony Harris, David Knight and Mrs Jayne Russell.

1. Apologies were accepted from: Cllr Phil Kirkby.
2. Declarations of interest: There were none.
3. It was agreed that the minutes from the Amenities Committee meeting held on 28 January 2020 were correct record.

4. *Kilndown Quarry Pond*

- 4.1 It was **agreed to recommend to Council** the expenditure of £950 for turfing repairs at Quarry Pond following the flood.
- 4.2 It was **agreed** that £200 be allocated for the purchase of a replacement manhole cover to provide access to the drain adjacent to the Defibrillator phone box.
- 4.3 It was agreed to make a discretionary payment of £200 to the contractor for advice and implementation in solving the flood and drainage problem. **Action: Clerk**

5. *Grant for trees from County Councillor Sean Holden*

It was **noted** that the Clerk had met with The Living Forest to seek advice on a suitable species and location for the offered trees. The contractor suggested a species that would bring year round colour such as Acers or Chequer trees. He further suggested that a line of well-spaced, professionally planted trees along the 'walking bus' route on the Village Green would work well. It was **agreed** that Silver Birch trees would not be suitable for planting within the village centre. It was further **agreed** that advice and prices should now be sought from Sean Holden's suggested contractor. **Action: Clerks**

6. *Items for information*

6.1 Maintenance of the area around the additional fencing in front of the Parish Hall.

It was **noted** that the removal of the hedging in front of the Parish Hall had opened up an area of grass that will require maintenance. **Action: Clerks to liaise with existing contractor**

6.2 Blocking of Public toilets on Balcombes Hill

It was reported that since the new notices reminding users not to put unsuitable items down the toilets were installed, there have been no further blockages.

6.3 Goudhurst Village Pond

It was reported that, following his visit to the pond, the contractor who had been engaged to resolve the weed problems was drawing up a quote to construct a 'cage' to protect the pump from the weed.

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm.