

Goudhurst Parish Council



AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on 23 March 2021 at 19.30 via Zoom

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

1. Apologies: Cllr Caroline Richards (family commitment).

2. Declarations of interest: Cllrs Alan Foster and Antony Harris declared an interest in item 7 as trustees of the Parish Hall.

3. Minutes: It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2021 were an accurate record.

4. Lower Glebe Field

4.1 Management of the Lower Glebe Field

It was agreed that any maintenance plan for the field needed to take account of how the space could be used for recreation and not just the ecological needs so a revised plan is needed. It was further agreed that Cllr Chris Ditton would liaise with Clerks about any immediate maintenance needs. **Action: Cllr Ditton and Clerks**

4.2 Vicarage Cess Pit

It was **agreed** that the Diocese would be asked to replace the new fencing and tape around the cess pit with fencing that surrounds both manhole covers and is more in keeping with the location. It was unanimously agreed that an area of decking, suggested by the Diocesan contractor was wholly unsuitable in this location. **Action: Clerks**

5. Village Green

5.1 Management of the Village Green

It was **agreed** that Council needs to engage with the Community in order to develop a vision for the Green. The initial engagement can be done through the e-newsletter, website and social media platforms with leafleting and posters as a next step. Talking to residents at the Village Fete, via a Parish Council stall, was also suggested as a next step.

5.2 Proposal from the Friends for Village Green Signs

It was **agreed** that the signs proposed were not suitable for the Village green and that the friends would be asked to submit an alternative proposal, possibly made of wood. **Action: Cllr Jayne Russell.**

5.3 Cutting of the hedge on the south side of the Green

It was **noted** that a proposal and quotation for the ongoing cutting of the hedge had been received from the contractor. It was **agreed** that the hedge should only be cut annually in September or October and that a revised quotation should be requested. **Action: Clerk**

6. CCTV in Brays Alley

It was **agreed** to recommend to Council the expenditure of £1604.47 for an additional CCTV camera in the alleyway for added safety, crime prevention and to prevent further vandalism of the streetlight.

7. Maintenance of the Parish Hall

It was agreed that Council should offer to assist the Parish Hall Committee wherever possible.

8. Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 25 May 2021, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall (subject to changes in legislation).