

# Goudhurst Parish Council



## MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL on Monday 21 June 2021 at 7.30 pm

### PARTICIPANTS

Councillors Antony Harris (Chairman), Craig Broom, Chris Ditton, Alan Foster, Phil Kirkby, David Knight, Barry Noakes, Mrs Caroline Richards, Mrs Jayne Russell and Mrs Alison Webster.  
Claire Reed, Clerk and Anthony Farnfield, Deputy Clerk and RFO.

### APOLOGIES

069/21 Were received from Cllr David Boniface who is on holiday. It was noted that Cllr Guy Sutton was absent.

### DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

070/21 There were none.

### QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

071/21 There was none.

### ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2020-21 AND AUDIT

072/21 The Council considered and approved the Statement of Internal Control for the year ending 31 March 2021. The Chairman and the Clerk signed the Statement on behalf of the Council.

073/21 The Council considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2020-21. The Chairman and Clerk signed and dated the Statement on behalf of the Council.

074/21 The Council considered and approved the Accounting Statements and supporting documents as provided by the Responsible Financial Officer who had, prior to the meeting, signed and dated Section 2 of the AGAR for 2020-21. The Chairman signed and dated the Accounting Statement on behalf of the Council.

#### *Balance per bank statements at 31 March 2021*

Unity Trust Bank current account	£ 43,697.90
NatWest Business Current Account	33,808.03
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund	<u>20,572.16</u>
Net balances as at 31 March 2021	98,078.09

### FACE TO FACE MEETINGS

075/21 It was **unanimously** resolved to return to face to face meetings with immediate effect. All Council and Committee meetings will be organised in line with the relevant Government guidelines and attention was drawn to the COVID 19 Meeting Risk Assessment which all members and officers should familiarise themselves with.

## ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 076/21 It was **noted** that Goudhurst Open Day is taking place on Saturday 17 July 2021 between 11am and 4pm. An extraordinary Business and Communications meeting has been called on 06 July at 7.30pm to finalise details. Cllr Craig Broom asked all members to support the event by volunteering as marshals – he will send out a rota. **Action: Cllr Craig Broom.**
- 077/21 The Chairman advised Councillors that Hawkhurst Parish Council were mounting a legal challenge against a decision by the Planning Authority. The Parish Council have asked other local councils to support the challenge by contributing to legal costs. It was agreed that the item should be discussed at the next Council meeting and the Clerk from Hawkhurst Parish Council invited to join the meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- 078/21 Cllr Craig Broom informed Council that answers to the questions raised by the External NDP Inspector had been submitted. It is expected that a referendum on the Plan will be held in the autumn.

## NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- 079/21 Parish Council meeting on Monday 12 July 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.  
**Action: The Clerk**

The meeting closed at 20.35 hrs.

Claire Reed, Clerk; Anthony Farnfield, Deputy Clerk and RFO

These Minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting of Council