

Goudhurst Parish Council



AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on 26 July 2022 at 19.30 in Goudhurst Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Chris Ditton (Chairman), David Boniface, Alan Foster, Antony Harris, Mrs Caroline Richards and Mrs. Alison Webster.
Anthony Farnfield, Deputy Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Phil Kirkby (away on business).
2. **Declarations of interest:** There were none.
3. **The Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 May 2022** were accepted as being correct.
4. **Replacement Bench at the Chestnut Tree on The Plain.** It was **agreed** to recommend to Council expenditure of £2,350 for a replacement wooden bench. This does not include any work needed to the surround.
5. **Notice Board at The Plain.** It was agreed not to recommend to Council expenditure of £3,500 for a replacement notice board at The Plain. The current timber one is no longer waterproof and swells and shrinks with the seasons. Cllr Chris Ditton agreed to take on a project of refurbishing it. **Action: Cllr Chris Ditton.**
6. **Duck House on Goudhurst Pond.** It was **noted** that The Duck House has been slowly sinking during recent months. It has been removed from the water. It was agreed to refer the difficulty to the supplier for advice. In the meantime, Cllr Chris Ditton will devise a way to make the Duck House more buoyant. **Action: Cllr Chris Ditton**
7. **Jubilee Trees plaques.** It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Alison Webster will involve the Goudhurst & Kilndown Primary School in this project. She will plan to implement it by September 2022. **Action: Cllr Mrs Alison Webster.**
8. **Christmas Tree lights at The Plain.** It was resolved to approve delegated expenditure of £775.00 for additional Christmas Tree lights at The Plain. It was agreed that the display should be “more spread out and include the higher branches of the Chestnut tree. **Action: Cllr Chris Ditton.**
9. **The redundant phone kiosks adjacent to The Plain.** It was **agreed** that Deputy Clerk will contact Mrs Georgia Read-Cutting to obtain her views on the use of the kiosks. Cllrs suggested that one of the kiosks be fitted with book shelves. **Action: Deputy Clerk**
10. **CCTV camera focussed on St Mary’s Churchyard Wall.** It was **noted** that Council has been in touch with our contractor about this proposal and a quotation has been received for an APNR camera. It was **agreed** to request an additional quotation for a standard camera. It was **noted** that that this camera will be linked to other cameras under Parish Council’s control but the monitoring screen is not working

despite requests to our contractor to fix the problem. It was **agreed** to do a survey of larger CCTV contractors and to obtain some alternative quotes for managing the CCTV system. It was **noted** that Council should seek approval from the Star & Eagle management about introducing equipment on their premises. **Action: Cllr Chris Ditton.**

The meeting closed at 20.15.

Anthony Farnfield
Deputy Clerk