

# Goudhurst Parish Council



## YOUTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on 21 February 2022 at 19.30 in Goudhurst Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Craig Broom, Phil Kirkby, David Knight (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. Jayne Russell.  
Mrs Claire Reed, Clerk.

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs. Alison Webster (unwell).

**Declarations of interest:** None

### Update on the Chequer Field

#### *Drainage works*

The Clerk has been in contact with the Grounds Management Association. The Association require a 'DIY' pitch inspection to be carried out before they will advise on an enhanced maintenance schedule to improve drainage and possible funding streams. It was **agreed** that the Clerk and Steve Hope will carry out the inspection in the coming week. **Action: Clerk and Steve Hope.** It was suggested that the water level on the pitch should be monitored over time, perhaps by using a dip stick in the goal sockets. Cllr Phil Kirkby agreed to take this on. **Action: Phil Kirkby**

*Refurbishment of the Chequer Pavilion.* It was **agreed** that a list of works needed to be drawn up so that the Clerk can request quotes from suitable contractors. **Action: Cllr Phil Kirkby, Steve Hope and Clerk to cost.**

*Hedge on the south side of the Chequer Field.* A local resident has requested that the hedge on the south side of the field be cut back to maintain the view from his property at the north side of the field. It was **agreed** that Cllr Phil Kirkby and the Clerk would look at the hedge and report back.

*Post meeting note,* the hedge is located on the south side of the boundary fence on land not owned by the Parish Council. Therefore, it would be unlawful to cut the hedge without the permission of the land owner.

*Pitch line marking.* The current line marking on both the Chequer Field and Village Green has created ruts in the pitch which affect play. It was **agreed** that the current contractor should be asked to repair/ fill the ruts. When the specification of works is drawn up for the new maintenance contract, Council should ensure the method of marking the pitches is suitable and does not further damage the pitch. Advice should be sought from the Grounds Maintenance Association.

### Update on the garages at Mary Days

*Licensees for the garages.* Following Council minute 309/21. The Committee were shown a map marked with the homes of licence applicants. The Committee agreed on the 9 applicants living closest to the site. Once the draft licence is approved by Council, the Clerk will write to the successful applicants offering them a licence to use one of the garages. **Action: Clerk**

*Electric Charge Points at the Garages.* A resident living close to the garages, who has applied to rent the garage adjacent to his home, has asked for agreement in principle to the installation of an electric charge point in the garage for his wife's company car. The Clerk has sought advice from Council's solicitor who recommends that a separate agreement is drawn up with the resident if Council wish to grant permission. It was **agreed** to wait until a formal request is made before making a recommendation to Council.

*Additional parking space.* A resident has proposed creating an area of hard standing adjacent to garage no. 9 and their residence to make an additional parking space. On the advice of Council's solicitor, the Committee **agreed** that permission should not be granted at this stage. It was noted that Council may wish to create an additional parking space at a later date which could be let. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the resident to inform him of the decision. **Action: Clerk**

It was noted that, following Storm Eunice, a report has been received that a tree had fallen on the larger garage block. Clerk agreed to visit the site to assess the situation. **Action: Clerk**

**Date of next Youth & Housing Committee meeting, Tuesday 12 April, 7.30pm in Goudhurst Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 20.18

Claire Reed  
Clerk  
15.02.22