Minutes of the Goathurst Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 9 January 2017 7.30 pm, Goathurst Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Jo McDonagh (Chairman), John Capell, Terry Howard, Richard Kilbey
and Isabel Shute; District Cllrs Julie Pay and Mike Caswell; Ann Manders (Clerk);
two members of the public.

1. Apologies: none.

2. Declarations of interest on agenda items: none.

3. Public Forum: a question was raised as to why Park Lane was closed, it was
confirmed that this was due to the provision of fibre broadband to the village.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 14 November 2016: these had
been circulated prior the meeting, were deemed as read, unanimously
approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. Matters Arising: the Clerk reported that she had still not had an update from
SDC Development Management regarding the removal of the barn roof at
Sherwood. The Clerk was asked to chase this again. ACTION CLERK.
Isabel confirmed that she now has a copy of the definitive rights of way map.

6. Financial Matters: the meeting unanimously approved a payment of £45 to
Goathurst Village Hall in respect of rent during 2016. A grant request had
been received from Goathurst PCC in respect of churchyard maintenance
during 2017/18, the meeting unanimously approved a grant of £450 to be paid
in April.

7. Footpaths: nothing to report.

8. Roads and Flooding: there had been a large pothole outside Lovedere Farm,
this has now been filled. Other potholes were noted on Lovedere Lane and
near Durleigh Reservoir which need to be reported. ACTION JOHN
CAPELL. A computer monitor had been dumped in the ditch along Lovedere
Lane, the Clerk will report this to Clean Surroundings. ACTION CLERK.

9. Correspondence: Jo McDonagh read out a letter received from Duncan
McGinty, Leader of Sedgemoor District Council. This confirmed that the
proposed changes to the Cluster meetings will go ahead, based on the Police
beat areas, there will be two meetings per cluster area per year, supplemented
by two all-parish meetings in Bridgwater House. The letter stressed that there
is nothing stopping parishes organising themselves into other groupings and
Sedgemoor would do its utmost to send any officer or members along if
requested. Mike Caswell stated that he was unhappy about the proposed new
arrangements which had been strongly opposed by the Quantock Cluster, he
will be happy to financially support one Quantock Cluster meeting per year.
10. **Any other business:**

**Red Telephone Box:** Sedgemoor District Council have now completed their consultation regarding the removal of telephones from various red boxes in the area and have recommended that the telephone be removed from the Goathurst box. The Clerk will wait to hear from BT regarding adoption of the box going forward.

**Fibre Broadband:** discussion took place regarding possible locations for the new fibre broadband box. Terry Howard reported that the current BT green box location was unsuitable and he had been approached by Open Reach to see if it could be located next to his house, he was agreeable to this, however his water main or the telephone box may preclude this. The meeting agreed to pass on a willingness to work with Open Reach to agree a suitable location. Terry Howard will contact Brian Fraser.

**SDC Community Grants:** Mike Caswell reported that there are grants available for village hall improvements, match funding may be available from Viridor. The Clerk will e-mail the Village Hall Chairman, Julia Griffiths.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm. Date of next meeting Monday 13 March 2017.

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