Minutes of the Meeting of Goathurst Parish Council  
Held on Monday 8 January 2018 7.30 pm, Goathurst Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Jo McDonagh (Chairman), Richard Kilbey, John Capell, Isabel Shute; District Cllr Julie Pay; County Cllr Mike Caswell; Ann Manders (Clerk), one member of the public

1. **Apologies**: none.

2. **Declarations of interest on agenda items**: nothing to report.

3. **Public Forum**: nothing to report.

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 13 November 2017**: these had been previously circulated, were deemed as read, unanimously approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. **Matters Arising**: it was noted that the Register of Interest forms had not yet been received from James Roberts. The signs and cones had now been moved from outside of the Wessex Water site in Park Lane, but the ruts still remain, John Capell agreed to ask the contractors if they would fill them. ACTION JC.

6. **Potential for Goathurst Car Share Scheme**: this had not progressed, but John Capell agreed to pursue. ACTION JOHN CAPELL.

7. **Financial Matters**:
   a. Bank mandate modification: the forms had not yet been completed.
   b. Other matters: a renewal payment of £36 to CPRE was agreed.

8. **Traffic issues**: two letters from villagers were noted regarding increased traffic through the village and a recent accident. The Chairman had made an appointment to meet with a representative from the Highways Department to discuss possible mitigation measures and will report back to Cllrs via e-mail. A suggestion had been made that any costs relating to any measures taken might be met by the Hinkley Point Community Mitigation Fund.

9. **Local Plan Consultation**: the Clerk had received a response from Nick Tait regarding the response to the consultation plan asking for Goathurst to remain as countryside. Nick’s e-mail stated that the parish’s comments had been noted during the first stage consultation and that the plan is now with the inspectorate for approval. Nick suggested that the inspectorate may wish the Tier 5 Policy wording to be changed. Mike Caswell stated that any proposed development within Tier 5 would be extremely limited and would require a parish referendum before it could be approved. Mike thought that the inspectorate should have commented on the plan by April/May of this year. Mike Caswell left the meeting at 8 pm.

10. **Footpaths**: the Clerk reported that she had now returned the strimmer and accessories to SCC who had asked for assistance in finding another volunteer.
Isabel Shute volunteered to take on this role, the Clerk will contact County and pass on Isabel’s details. ACTION CLERK

11. **Adoption of Red Telephone Box**: Richard Kilbey had read through the contact and the meeting agreed that the box should be adopted. The Chairman signed the contract and the Clerk will return it. ACTION CLERK. The Chairman agreed to write a piece for the magazine asking for suggested uses for the box. ACTION CHAIRMAN.

12. **Roads and Flooding**: there were no potholes to report, but John Capell is keeping an eye on the situation.

13. **Correspondence**: nothing to report.

14. **Any other business**: a recent motor vehicle accident on Shepherd’s Corner had pushed the floral tub into the hedge. Rodney Coate has asked a local farmer for assistance with putting it back in its correct position, but has warned that it may be damaged in the process. GPC agreed payment for a new tub, if this is needed.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

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