

**Minutes of Goathurst Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday 16 November 2020 @ 7.30pm, Remote meeting hosted by 'Zoom'**

Attendees: Richard Kilbey, John Capell, Danielle Filer, Cllr Julie Pay, Cllr Mike Caswell, Niki Ingleby (Clerk)

ACTION

1. **Apologies:** Isabel Shute (James Roberts did not attend, no apologies sent)
2. **Declarations of interest on agenda items:** None
3. **Public forum:** See item 14
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 14 September 2020:** Clerk to resend as missing Item 14 and incorrect dates on minutes.
5. **Matters arising and action points not covered on agenda:** Update from Cllr Mike Caswell with regards to Lovedere traffic as discussed in meeting 14 September 2020 : Increased traffic and size of vehicles is problem for most rural communities, and unless concerted effort there will continue to be issues around damage to roads and verges, and verge environment. Cllr Caswell has a meeting arranged, delayed due to Covid-19 and will keep Parish Council informed. Noted that new concrete base has gone down on Lovedere, however there have been no planning applications so assumption that not for additional building.
6. **Planning application:** None
7. **Financial matters**
 - 7.1 **Changing Bank Account:** Clerk chased Barclays regarding bank mandate change. Barclays had no record of documents submitted. Noted that this is not first time that Barclays have lost/not received documents. Richard to approach Lloyds Bank to enquire if they are taking on new accounts, if so, will change Parish Council bank account to Lloyds. Richard
8. **Footpaths:** Isabel sent email stating nothing to report with regards to footpaths.
9. **Roads and flooding:** Little to report – all work towards North Petherton has now been completed. Verge past Temple of Harmony is in bad state where there was previous flooding. John to report, copy Cllr Mike Caswell in. John
10. **Covid-19 Update:** Cllr Caswell stated that Sedgemoor and County message is that residents should be adhering to government guidelines. Feeling within the parish council is that Goathurst residents are, and that the village is supporting residents during the lockdown.
11. **Village hall – Land Registration:** Ongoing. clerk to retrieve original copy of Title when Heritage Centre open. Clerk
Meeting to then be arranged to review with Solicitor. James
12. **The 'Telephone Exchange':** Ongoing – weather dependent, will probably roll into spring now.

13. **Lych Gate:** Richard not heard anymore from PCC – to chase again. Clerk to confirm with Richard/Clerk works company on validity of quote and availability.
14. **Somerset Action in Villages for the Environment and Climate (SAVE Climate):** Steve Howell, Secretary from EcoCentre joined the meeting. Project was registered last year with the aim to promote sustainable living and working. Has two strands – EcoCentre, which due to Covid has been delayed, and an Outreach Program, with a mobile unit and worker to support the community.
- Looking to make a group application from parish councils (with no cost to parishes) to access the County Councils Emergency Community Fund. The fund would be used for a mobile unit (bus or van), powered by green/sustainable fuel, an outreach project worker and the running costs for one year. After the first year, EcoCentre will take over the running costs for the project. Unit will be kitted out with interactive displays for community events, and help communities take action on climate change by providing advice and information. Will also work with local community 'Green' groups to support through training.
- The grant application is £50,000, possibly more depending on number of councils which join. Mobile unit is novel, there are other ecocentres in UK, but these are more limited in their scope.
- Richard set a motion to support, seconded by John Capell, and it was noted that Danielle in favour.
- The application will be undertaken by Somerset Co-operative Services on the group of councils' behalf, final submission will be late December, Steve Howell and Richard to liaise as necessary. Clerk to send Steve contact details. Richard/Clerk
15. **Correspondence:** None
16. **Any Other Business:** Cllr Caswell made the point that the councillors are there to serve their parishes and to keep them up to date with anything going on that need help with.
16. **DONM:** Clerk to send out 2021 meeting dates Clerk

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm.

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