Minutes of the Goathurst Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 13 November 2017 7.30 pm, Goathurst Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Jo McDonagh (Chairman), James Roberts, Isabel Shute, Richard Kilbey; District Cllr Julie Pay; Ann Manders (Clerk); five members of the public

1. **Apologies**: Cllr John Capell, County Cllr Mike Caswell.

2. **Declarations of interest on agenda items**: the Clerk declared an interest in item 6(a) as an employee of the applicant.

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

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 11 September and 9 October 2017**: these had been previously circulated, deemed as read and approved as correct records of the meeting. The Minutes of 11 September were signed by Jo McDonagh and those of the 9 October by Richard Kilbey.

5. **Matters Arising**: it was noted that the Clerk had provided James Roberts with the relevant register of interest paperwork, but that this had not yet been returned. **ACTION JAMES ROBERTS**.

Isabel Shute gave her apologies and left the meeting at 7.40 pm.

6. **Planning Applications**:
   - a) **Planning Application Number**: 29/17/00009  LBC: 29/17/00010/LE  
     Full planning permission. Proposal: Internal and external alterations to Knot House, replacement/reinstatement of windows and an external door to Butlers cottage and associated alterations. Location: Halswell House, Halswell Park, Goathurst, Bridgwater, TA5 2DH. Applicant: Mr Strachan: no comment.
   - b) 29/17/00011/STP Full planning permission. Proposal: reduction in ground levels and erection of single storey extension to side elevation. Location: 35 Cobbs Cross, Goathurst TA5 2DN. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Hardwick: no comment.

7. **Potential for Goathurst Car Share Scheme**: in the absence of John Capell, it was agreed to hold this matter over until the next meeting.

8. **Financial Matters**:
   - a. **Bank mandate modification**: it was agreed to amend the bank mandate to include the Clerk, Jo McDonagh, Richard Kilbey and James Roberts. Forms taken for completion.
   - b. **Half yearly report**: circulated at the meeting and attached to the Minutes.
   - c. **Precept requirement 2018-19**: the Clerk reported that she’d not yet received the precept paperwork from Sedgemoor, however it was agreed to set the precept at a rate which held income at £3181.00. The meeting agreed to authorise John Capell to spend up to £15 per person on a small gift thanking volunteers for helping maintain the communal areas within the village.
9. **Footpaths**: the Clerk reported that she had recently seen some publicity asking parishioners if they would like to adopt their favourite footpath, the Clerk will forward the information to councillors. ACTION CLERK.

10. **Roads and Flooding**: it was noted that the signs outside of the Wessex Water site near the junction with Park Lane and Dancing Hill, were causing ruts on the side of the road. John Capell to investigate. ACTION JOHN CAPELL.

11. **Correspondence**: 
   A package of information e-mailed from SDC regarding updates to planning legislation and the revised local plan had been received and circulated to Councillors. It was noted by the Chairman that in the summary of objections to the spatial strategy, Stockland Bristol had objected to their Tier Five designation, Goathurst had also objected but this was not noted. Julie Pay suggested that the Parish Council contact Nick Tait regarding this matter – she will provide his contact details.
   A contract had been received in relation to adopting the red telephone box, Richard Kilbey offered to take this away and read it through before arranging a signature.

12. **Any other business**: it was noted that the Parish Council will no longer receive paper copies of planning applications, but that these will be sent digitally. The Parish Council will need to consider how plans are viewed at meetings in the future.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Dates of meetings 2018: 8 January, 12 March, 14 May (Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting), 21 May (Annual Parish Meeting), 9 July, 10 September, 12 November.

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