Minutes of Goathurst Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday 11 November 2019 @ 8pm, Goathurst Village Hall

Agenda

Attendees: Richard Kilbey, John Capell, Danielle Filer, Cllr Julie Pay (left the meeting at 8.20pm), Sharon Piron (Clerk).

1. Apologies: Isabel Shute. Did not attend: James Roberts.
2. Declarations of interest on agenda items: None
3. Public forum: No members of the public attended.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meetings of 9 September: approved and signed by the Chairman, Richard Kilbey.
5. Matters arising: All actions discharged. Any comments on previous actions are included below within specific agenda items.
6. Planning applications:
   The applications received had been circulated by email, with no objections raised.
   6.1 Application No 10/19/00005 Arch Barns, Broomfield. Change of use of land to equestrian and the erection of a stable block. Application now approved with conditions.
   6.2 Application Nos 29/18/0012 and 29/18/0015 Sherwood, Park Lane, Goathurst. Listed buildings consent – alterations; change of use and conversion of barn to holiday let. Applications still under consideration.
7. Financial matters:
   7.1 Approval of payments due: Completed – CPRE subscription and cheque for printer cartridge.
   7.2 Accounting update: current state of accounts reviewed in the form of a comparison between this year’s income and expenditure up to 31/10/19, to that up to 31/10/18. No questions were raised. It was agreed a similar report would be presented at each future meeting.
9. Roads and flooding: John commented that the state of the roads is getting poorer. He has received no response to his email sent in September reporting issues and will follow this up. ACTION: John. Richard highlighted an issue with lorries becoming stuck in verges and agreed to contact the Highways Dept to ask for ‘soft verge’ signs to be provided. ACTION: Richard
9.1 Speed indicator signs. It was agreed that the majority of drivers stick to or below the 30pmh limit.
10. Village hall – Land Registration: At the previous meeting, James reported he had contacted three Solicitors for quotes and would report back when received. Ongoing ACTION: James.
11. The ‘Telephone Exchange’: John reported no further progress has been made and restoration activity will start in the Summer when the weather is more conducive. ACTION: John/James
12. Lych Gate: James reported at the previous meeting that he would conduct a survey to establish restoration needs and report back. In the meantime, it has been reported that the bricks supporting the gate need attention and the names on the gate are difficult to read. John offered to speak to Peter about this while we are awaiting James’ report. ACTION: John. Awaiting James’ survey report. Ongoing. ACTION: James.
13. Correspondence:
   - VE Day 2020: Village Hall committee to be approached again to ask what support, if any, they are looking for. (No response had been received to previous email) ACTION: Sharon. Cllr Julie Pay asked for a copy of the email. ACTION: Sharon.

Issue: 12/11/19
14. **Other matters to report:**

14.1 Sharon attended the Code of Conduct training in September and reminded Councillors of the need to notify the Monitoring Officer of any changes to their Register of Interests entries e.g. land, property etc.

14.2 Discussion took place about possible support being offered to Goathurst PCC to help fund the cost of repairing the church bells. Agreed to include in next agenda.

**ACTION:** Sharon

14.3 Richard to speak to James about his involvement in the Parish Council. **ACTION:** Richard.

14.4 Cllr Julie Pay provided an update following her attendance at the Cluster meeting.

**The meeting ended at 8.55pm.**

15. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 13 January 2020 @ 8pm at the Village Hall. Richard Kilbey offered his apologies in advance as he will not be able to attend the meeting.

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**Summary of action points**

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| 9    | Follow up issues raised with Highways in September about the conditions of the roads  
      | Contact Highways Dept to ask for ‘soft verge’ signs                   | John  |
| 10   | Obtain Solicitors’ quotes for land registration of village hall and report back when received | James |
| 11   | Telephone exchange: Brief and monitor volunteers; purchase paint.  
      | Source internal fittings.  
      | Restoration work to start Summer 2020                                  | John  |
| 12   | Conduct survey of Lych Gate to assess restoration needs and report back  
      | In the meantime, consult Peter about supporting bricks and clarity of names | James |
| 13   | Follow up with Chairman of Village Hall: ask if they would like to share minutes of meetings and ask what support, if any, they would like for VE Day 2020 celebrations.  
      | Send copy of email from SALC to Cllr Julie Pay                          | Sharon|
| 14.2 | Add agenda item to next meeting about possible funding for church bells | Sharon|
| 14.3 | Speak to James about his involvement in the Parish Council             | Richard |