

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

Present: Cllrs Jo McDonagh (Chairman), John Capell, Terry Howard; Ann Manders (Clerk); two members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** District Cllr Julie Pay, Cllrs Isabel Shute and Richard Kilbey
2. **Declarations of interest on agenda items:** nothing to report.
3. **Public Forum:** nothing to report.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meetings of 9 January 2017:** these had been previously circulated and were deemed as read. John Capell proposed that they were agreed and signed as a correct record, Terry Howard seconded this and Jo McDonagh agreed.
5. **Matters Arising:** the Clerk reported that an e-mail had been received from the Enforcement Officer saying that the owner of Sherwood had been interviewed and a resolution was being negotiated. The Clerk reported that she had not heard anything further regarding adoption of the telephone box. It was reported that the new broadband box had been installed outside of number 19 and will be imminently connected (post meeting note – the service became live on 1 April). It was thought that the Village Hall Committee had decided not to pursue a further grant from SDC towards hall improvements.
6. **Local Plan Consultation:** Jo McDonagh reported that she had attended the recent Cluster Meeting which covered many items including the Local Plan Consultation. Jo had raised the point about Goathurst being classified as Countryside rather than Tier Five and it was agreed that it would be re-submitted that Goathurst Parish Council wanted the village to be classified under ‘Countryside’ before the consultation deadline. ACTION: CLERK She also asked for clarification of the term ‘community support’ when it came to development within Tier 5 villages. SDC agreed to include more detail about this.
7. **Financial Matters:** an amendment was made to the standing order in respect of the Clerk’s wages to reflect a statutory pay increase.
8. **Footpaths:** nothing to report.
9. **Roads and Flooding:** John Capell reported two large potholes near to the Temple of Harmony and another near to Lovedere, Terry Howard thought there may be another in Park Lane. It was reported that the Highways Department fill 22,000 potholes a year. A member of the public reported a blocked rainwater drain by Dorford, John Capell agreed to report the potholes and investigate the drain.
10. **Correspondence:** a letter had been received regarding the closure of Park Lane for three days from 27 March to enable drainage works to take place. A list of the Goathurst Church dates for 2017 had been received, it was agreed that the Clerk should place these on the website.

11. **Any other business:** the Clerk had received notification of the following planning application: 29/17/00001, Witts End, Goathurst, Erection of a two storey extension to East elevation, on site of existing garage/carport (to be demolished), erection of a single storey extension to West elevation, on site of existing conservatory (to be demolished), erection of a single storey extension to North elevation, erection of porch and two storey extensions to South elevation and erection of a two storey, detached, double garage. The consultation period will run until 1 April, the Clerk asked Councillors to consider the application and let her know if they might wish to comment on the application.

It was reported that new people had moved into the Lodge and have volunteered to take over the voluntary role of cutting the grass on the village green.

The meeting noted that Jean Ingles had recently passed away, Jean had been a great supporter of the Parish Council and will be much missed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm. Date of next meeting 8 May and 22 May (Annual Parish Meeting).