

Minutes of the Goathurst Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 10 July 2017 7.30 pm, Goathurst Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Jo McDonagh (Chairman), Terry Howard, Isabel Shute; District Cllrs Julie Pay and Mike Caswell; Ann Manders (Clerk); one member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr John Capell, Cllr Richard Kilbey
2. **Declarations of interest on agenda items:** Jo McDonagh expressed an interest in item (6).
3. **Public Forum:** nothing to report.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 8 May 2017:** this item was reserved until the next meeting due to the absence of a quorate at the time.
5. **Matters Arising:** Jo reported that she had been unable to attend the previous Cluster Meeting.
6. **Free NHS Healthchecks:** there had only been one expression of interest within the parish for this service and it was therefore agreed not to pursue this any further.
7. **Car Share Scheme:** the meeting discussed the possibility of setting up a 'car share scheme' within the parish. A simple scheme would require a co-ordinator, volunteers and passengers. Similar schemes operate within the county, drivers are paid 45p, and passengers pay slightly more, with the balance covering the running costs of the scheme. Parish resident, Tessa Howard offered to help co-ordinate a scheme. The Clerk was asked to find out more information and pass this on to Tessa and the Parish Councillors. Additionally, the co-ordinator of a scheme based in Williton would be contacted (via our village agent) to come and talk to GPC about the car share scheme there.
ACTION: CLERK.
8. **Financial Matters:** the Clerk reported that the annual insurance premium of £284.58 was due. Payment agreed.
9. **Footpaths:** Terry Howard reported that he would be returning the strimmer. There had been some confusion over who would report the blocked footpath leading to the Enmore Inn. Isabel offered to report this to the Rights of Way Team. **ACTION: ISABEL SHUTE.**
10. **Roads and Flooding:** the recent road diversions have caused an increase in traffic through the village.
11. **Correspondence:** nothing to report.
12. **Any other business:** Mike Caswell reported that the Chief Executive of SDC, Kerry Rickards has decided to end his employment at the authority. Mike also reported that he had approached the Bridgwater Heritage Regeneration Partnership regarding the required repairs to the monument in the churchyard. The Clerk will pass this information on to the PCC. **ACTION: CLERK** The Clerk reported that the Vicar, Rev Martin Jones, will be retiring at the end of July.

Cllr Terry Howard stated that he wished to stand down as Parish Councillor as soon as a replacement could be found. Jo McDonagh thanked Terry on behalf of everyone for his many years' service to the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to begin the formal process of advertising a vacancy.
ACTION: CLERK.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm. Date of next meeting Monday 11 September.