Minutes of a Meeting of Goathurst Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 11 July 2016 7.30 pm, Goathurst Village Hall

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

1. Apologies: Cllrs Richard Kilbey and Isabel Shute; District Cllr Mike Caswell.

2. Declarations of interest on agenda items: None


4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 9 May 2016: in the absence of a quorate number present at the last meeting this was held over until the next meeting.

5. Matters Arising: nothing to report.

6. Footpaths: it was reported that local landowner James Broughton had placed several notices within the parish, including the land to the north of Halswell House, stating where the land boundaries and public rights of way ran, thus protecting the land from future right of way or village green claims. It was not felt any action was necessary.

7. Roads and Flooding: a report of loose gravel at the Halswell junction, washed onto the road by the recent heavy rain, was reported. John Capell will investigate. ACTION JOHN CAPELL.

8. Local Plan Review Consultation: additional items had been received for comment, including plans for large scale additional housing schemes in North Petherton. The Clerk had noted that Goathurst was still listed as being ‘Tier Five’, despite a request to remain as ‘Countryside’. Julie Pay suggested that the Clerk contacted Mike Caswell to ensure that the Parish Council comments had been taken into account. ACTION CLERK.

9. Litter and dog fouling: Jo McDonagh reported that an individual has been throwing food waste and newspapers from their car window on a regular basis along Lovedere Lane, the Clerk reported that there had been a similar problem on Goathurst Hill, occurring over a period of several weeks at about 4 pm each day. Some of the litter had been collected and it included receipts from shops in Minehead and the Sun newspaper. Parish Councillors were asked to keep a watch for any offenders and take down their details (car registration) where possible. An article in the magazine was suggested. A complaint had been received from a local resident regarding dog fouling and this item was discussed at some length. Jo McDonagh offered to produce a poster to display on the notice boards which would also include items relating to general dog etiquette. The Clerk will place something in the magazine. Items to be circulated to the Parish Councillors for approval before circulation. ACTION JO MCDONAGH AND CLERK.

10. Review of Parish Cluster Arrangements: Julie Pay outlined the current arrangements and the new proposals and reported that the majority of the
members of the current Quantock cluster are against combining their meeting with North Petherton and Bridgwater. The PC agreed to support the Quantock Cluster position. Clerk to respond. **ACTION CLERK.**

11. **Any other business:** Julia Pay reported that there is currently a proposal for local district councils to join forces to share some services, but she did not believe that this will lead to the appointment of a Mayor of Somerset and Devon.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm. Date of next meeting Monday 12 September, 7.30 pm.

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