

**Minutes of Goathurst Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday 11 January 2021 @ 7.30pm, Remote meeting hosted by 'Zoom'**

Attendees: Richard Kilbey, John Capell, Danielle Filer, Isabel Shute, James Roberts, Cllr Julie Pay, Cllr Mike Caswell, Niki Ingleby (Clerk)

		ACTION
1.	Apologies: None	
2.	Declarations of interest on agenda items: None	
3.	Public forum: None	
4.	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 16 November 2020: Approved.	
5.	Matters arising and action points not covered on agenda: Clerk noted that annual Parish accounts need to be completed	Clerk
6.	Planning application: None	
7.	Financial matters	
	7.1 Changing Bank Account: Richard has spoken to Lloyds with regards to changing bank account, however with Covid-19 situation they have requested that unless its urgent to wait until later in year. Ongoing	Richard
8.	Parish Precept Request: 2020/21 Precept £3,381 – Richard proposed that there be no increase on 2021/22 request. John seconded. Clerk to submit request	Clerk
9.	Footpaths: Nothing to report	
10.	Roads and flooding: Verge past Temple of Harmony – Lawrence from Highways had replied to John’s email with map of ditches, gullies etc however it was unclear who was responsible for the ditches. John met with Ann Manders who was representing Halswell House, who has agreed to get the ditches and verges reinstated as required. However there is gully under the road which if that is blocked, means the ditch will back up again – it is not known if there is a pipe under the road. Concern that with the very cold weather that recently had, there was a lot of ice on the road. John to follow up with Highways re getting repairs to gully and cross drain. Number of potholes and road at Hunstiles very damaged following recent heavy rain and freezing weather. “bend” sign missing on road on way in from Bridgwater, and on road from North Petherton there is another sign down, which need replacing/reinstating by Highways	John
11.	Covid-19 Update: Cllr Caswell stated that Sedgemoor and County message is that residents should be adhering to government guidelines. Cllr Pay asked how many villagers have been vaccinated to date – 5.	
12.	Village hall – Land Registration: Ongoing. clerk to retrieve original copy of Title when Heritage Centre open. Meeting to then be arranged to review with Solicitor.	Clerk James
13.	The ‘Telephone Exchange’: Ongoing – weather dependent, will probably roll into spring now.	

14.	Lych Gate: Clerk spoken to Fine Memorials and they will honour quote from last year. Richard proposed that the Parish Council will give grant of £1637.28 to PCC for repair of Lych Gate – the PCC will arrange the repairs directly with Fine Memorials. Parish Council in agreement. Clerk to raise cheque to PCC.	Clerk
15.	Somerset Action in Villages for the Environment and Climate (SAVE Climate): Burnham-on-Sea & Highbridge Councils are leading the application on behalf of other councils. 10 Councils have joined, including Goathurst, with another 5 to decide at parish meetings. Ongoing.	
16.	Lovedere Industrial Estate Traffic: Cllr Caswell trying to get hold of Highways - ongoing	
17.	Correspondence:	
	17.1 RLT3 Payment: payment allocated for playground, confirmed that Goathurst payment has been allocated to another parish.	
18.	Any Other Business: Concern that the building at Sherwood is becoming unsafe. Richard to contact Christine / Stuart Howlett regarding planning application	Richard
16.	DONM: 8 th March 2021	
	Addendum: At the time of the meeting, the PCC had not requested the annual grant for maintenance of church yard. This was received on 13 th January and a payment of £450 was approved by Parish Councillors via email correspondence.	Clerk

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm.

Niki Ingleby

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