

**Minutes of Goathurst Annual Parish Council Meeting  
Monday 9 March 2020 @ 8pm, Goathurst Village Hall  
Agenda**

**Attendees:** Richard Kilbey, Isabel Shute, John Capell, Danielle Filer, James Roberts, Sharon Piron (Clerk).

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Julie Pay.
2. **Declarations of interest on agenda items:** None
3. **Public forum:** No members of the public attended.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 13 January 2020:** Isabel proposed accuracy of the minutes, seconded by John, subject to a correction in item 5, being the removal of the word 'additionally' at the end of the paragraph.
5. **Matters arising:** Any comments on previous actions are included below within specific agenda items. All other actions discharged.
6. **Planning applications:**
  - 6.1 **Planning application number 29/20/00001/ML2, Proposal: repainting of saloon at Halswell House.** This has already been implemented and the council had no comment to make.
  - 6.2 **Planning application number: 29/20/00002/LE, Proposal:** Alterations and erection of two storey extension to rear (SW) & side (SE) elevations, **Location:** Melford, Park Lane, Goathurst, Bridgwater, TA5 2DF. This application has now been withdrawn.
  - 6.3 **Planning application number: 29/20/00003/AGE. Proposal:** Erection of a detached double garage. **Location:** Andersfield, Andersfield Road, Goathurst, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 2DL. This application appears to be incomplete, since there are no drawings showing dimensions, elevations or any indication of materials to be used. Enquiry to be raised with the Planning department. **ACTION: Sharon**
7. **Financial matters:**
  - 7.1 **Approval of payments due:** Completed – £16.77 payable to Sharon Piron as reimbursement for Cloud Next invoice for 2 years website domain name.
  - 7.2 **Accounting update:** current state of accounts reviewed in the form of a comparison between this year's income and expenditure up to 29/02/20, to that up to 28/02/19. A corrected version is attached to the minutes (Last year's total was recorded incorrectly on the statement of receipts and payments)
  - 7.3 **Income tax:** Sharon notified the Parish Council that they will be responsible for paying income tax on her remuneration with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020
  - 7.4 **Bank mandate changes:** these were signed to account for 7.3 above.
8. **Footpaths:** nothing to report other than that they are all very muddy!
9. **Roads and flooding:** John had reported the potholes by the Temple of Harmony (note: repaired the day after the meeting) and Lovedere. He had also spoken to the farmer (Jim Webb) about water on the road, who told John this is the Council's responsibility. Water is also running along the side of the road opposite the Almonry and John agreed to speak to the Highways department about both issues. **ACTION: John.** At a previous meeting, 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 (ongoing)**
10. **Village hall – Land Registration:** James reported he had contacted four Solicitors for quotes and told us that Porter-Dobson seemed the most favourable. He advised us of the initial quote they provided although it seems the total cost could amount to around £1000. A discussion took place about the merits of registration or not. It was agreed that John and Richard would visit the solicitors to discuss this in more depth. **ACTION: James/Richard.** Sharon will retrieve the original Title Deeds from the Somerset Heritage Centre for them to take to the solicitor. **ACTION: Sharon**

The value of the village hall was also discussed as there were concerns it may be inadequately insured. The village hall committee had advised that a valuation could be conducted by the insurance company at a cost of approximately £400. Richard proposed that the Parish Council would pay for the cost of the insurance valuation, seconded by Isabel. Sharon would write to the Village Hall Committee to let them know this, asking them to arrange a valuation and asking them to confirm they would be prepared to pay any increased premium should it be required. **ACTION: Sharon**

- 11. The 'Telephone Exchange':** John reported restoration activity will start in the Summer when the weather is more conducive. **ACTION: John/James - ongoing**
- 12. Lych Gate:** Brenda Smith, Churchwarden, had offered to get a quote but as yet hasn't been able to due to other priorities such as dealing with the stolen lead roofing etc. Fine Memorials have taken a photo and been asked to provide a quote. Sharon will contact them for details. **ACTION: Sharon**
- 13. Church roof repairs:** Richard has been approached by Brenda Smith, Churchwarden, about arranging a village meeting to discuss the materials to be used to replace the stolen lead roofing. Considerations are that the Church is Grade 1 listed, which would usually mean like for like materials should be used, but that could lead to future theft. All agreed unanimously that a meeting to obtain views of villagers would be supported by the Parish Council. Sharon to let Brenda know. **ACTION: Sharon**
- 14. Correspondence:**
  - 14.1 Litter Pick. It was agreed this would be held on 11 April, Easter Saturday, at 10am. Equipment to be ordered from Clean Surroundings and article to be placed in village magazine.
  - 14.2 Village green (NALC legal update). Item discussed and dismissed.
  - 14.3. Quiet lanes. Email from Holford discussed. All agreed that the principle is good but roads/lanes in and around Goathurst do not fit the criteria. Email reply to be sent to Holford. **ACTION: Sharon**
  - 14.4 Letter from CPRE Somerset requesting a donation. Richard proposed we donate £25, seconded by John. Cheque made out and signed accordingly.
- 15. Other matters to report:**

James raised a concern about the speed at which cars drive through the village. It was highlighted that a resident's car went into the ditch last week as a result of having to avoid a vehicle approaching very fast from the opposite direction. Highways were involved a few years ago which resulted in 'slow' signs being provided but a review would now be timely. Sharon to ask Jo (previous Chair) who to contact about this.

**ACTION: Sharon**

**The meeting ended at 9.25pm.**

- 16. Date of next meeting:** Monday 11 May 2020 @ 8pm at the Village Hall. This will be the annual meeting, followed by the ordinary meeting. An annual parish meeting will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

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## Summary of action points

Item	Action	Owner
6.3	Contact Planning Dept for further details of planning application 29/20/00003 AGE, Andersfield - erection of double garage	Sharon
9	Contact Highways Dept to report instances of water on roads	John
9	Contact Highways Dept to ask for 'soft verge' signs - ongoing	Richard
10	Obtain original title deeds for village hall and pass to Richard/James for meeting with solicitor	Sharon
10	Arrange meeting with solicitor to discuss land registration for village hall	Richard/James
10	Write to village hall committee asking for up to date insurance valuation, explain PC will pay for this and confirm they are willing to pay any increase in premium	Sharon
12	Telephone exchange: Restoration work to start Summer 2020. Brief and monitor volunteers; purchase paint. Source internal fittings. Ongoing	John James
13	Contact Fine Memorials about quote for restoration of Lych Gate brickwork and lettering	Sharon
13	Church roof repairs – let Brenda know the Parish Council supports the idea of a meeting to obtain views from villagers about replacement material to be used	Sharon
14.1	Litter pick. Order equipment and place article in magazine	Sharon
14.3	Quiet lanes – send reply to Holford	Sharon
15	Contact Jo McDonagh to find out who to contact about speeding issues in the village in the past	Sharon