

**Minutes of the Goathurst Parish Council Meeting
Held Monday 12 May 2014 7.55 pm, Goathurst Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Terry Howard, Cllr Jo Purvis, Cllr John Capell, Cllr Isabel Shute, Cllr Richard Kilbey, Ann Manders (Clerk), five members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** SDC Cllr Julie Pay
2. **Declarations of interest on agenda items:** none.
3. **Public Forum:** nothing to report.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2014:** these had been previously circulated, were deemed as read and approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.
5. **Matters Arising:** Terry Howard reported that he was still without a computer and had therefore still not written to SDC regarding the way the issue of the gateway in Park Lane had been dealt with. ACTION TERRY HOWARD.
6. **Roads and Flooding:** it was reported that Richard Newby, the Road Safety Officer from SDC will visit to discuss speed issues. The Flood Management Group continue to meet. The local roads had recently been assessed, with some potholes being repaired. A Wessex Water leak had been repaired outside the Village Hall. Other issues, including the ongoing flooding at the top of Dancing Hill, were discussed. The Clerk reported that Broomfield Parish Council were in discussions with the Highways Department to try and resolve these issues.
7. **Footpaths:** Terry Howard reported that he now has the parish strimmer and will carry out works where necessary.
8. **Finance:**
 - **Approval of payments due:** payments were made to Goathurst PCC (grant) £400.00; Goathurst Village Hall (Grant) £300; SALC (membership fee) £52.79 and AON (insurance) £366.20. The Clerk was asked to contact the insurers and add the new bench to the policy. ACTION CLERK.
9. **Acquisition of car park land, Temple of Harmony:** the Clerk reported that negotiations were still on-going with the new owner of Mill Wood and adjoining land, with the Chairman of the Halswell Park Trust awaiting reply to a recent letter. The Clerk reported that she had recently resigned from the Trust.
10. **Correspondence:** the Clerk demonstrated an 'emergency' toolkit distributed by Western Power.
11. **Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting:** this will be held on Monday 19th May. Jo Purvis offered her apologies and Terry Howard agreed to Chair the meeting. The Clerk will put together an agenda, the meeting will start at 7.30 pm and light refreshments will be provided from 7 pm.

12. **Any other business:** it was reported that there has been substantial tree felling in the Thickets. A complaint was made that this was occurring during the nesting season. The Clerk was asked to investigate why this was happening. John Capell wished to purchase another salt bin, which SDC would refill when necessary. This was agreed. **ACTION JOHN CAPELL.** The church clock pull has now been repaired, but other work needs doing and the clock repairer has now been contacted.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm. Date of next meeting Monday 14th July 2014.