

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Goathurst Parish Council Meeting**

**Held on Monday 10 September 2018 7.30 pm, Goathurst Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Jo McDonagh (Chairman), Richard Kilbey, James Roberts; District Cllr Julie Pay, three members of the public; Ann Manders (Clerk). Cllr Mike Caswell attended 7.30 – 7.40pm.

1. **Apologies:** Isabel Shute, John Capell
2. **Declarations of interest on agenda items:** the Chairman declared an interest in items 29/18/00010/LE as a neighbour of the applicant.
3. **Public Forum:** nothing to report
4. **Approval of Minutes of the meetings held on 14 May, 11 June and 9 July:** these were agreed and signed by Jo McDonagh.
5. **Matters arising:**
  - Colin Chalmers will check whether the '20 is plenty' stickers were provided to the PCC to apply to bins outside the church and advise accordingly.
  - Jo had completed the 'Improving Lives Strategy' consultation survey.
  - Annual parish meeting – to be dealt with nearer the due date
6. **Planning Applications:**
  - **Planning application number:** 29/18/00011/CW
  - **Proposal:** Alterations and repairs to concrete bunker.
  - **Location:** Halswell House, Halswell Park, Goathurst, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 2DH.
  - Richard had looked over the plans. The Clerk was asked to return 'no comment' on this application.

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  - **Proposal:** Change of use and extension of existing garage/workshop to form a 2-bed dwelling. Formation of access and parking for existing dwelling.
  - **Location:** 2, The Old Rectory, Goathurst, Bridgwater, TA5 2DJ.
  - The meeting was not quorate for this application, the Clerk was asked to return 'no comment' on this application.
7. **Fly tipping:** More black bags and rubble have been spotted on Lovedere Lane, which the Clerk has agreed to report ACTION CLERK. It was agreed that whenever we report an incident of fly tipping, we let the other councillors know by e-mail to avoid duplication. Jo asked Julie to feed back her thanks to Sedgemoor DC for the very good collection service they provide when fly tipping is reported. (Post meeting note, the fly tipping had been removed by Tuesday 11 September).

8. **Helpful Aids:** Jo had received a suggestion from Tessa Howard that Goathurst and Enmore hold a stock of helpful equipment/aids (such as those for physical disabilities when people are unwell) for villagers to use when needed. After discussion it was agreed that whilst this is an excellent and practical idea, concerns exist around storage, maintenance, repair and possible liability issues which make the idea unfeasible for the parish council to take on as an initiative. However, Jo will reply to Tessa suggesting she submits an article to the magazine to collate a list of equipment held by people who are willing to lend it out. **ACTION JO**
9. **Financial matters:** the Clerk reported no payments are currently due. Updating bank mandate ongoing. **ACTION JO & CLERK**
10. **Footpaths:** nothing to report in Isabel's absence.
11. **Roads and flooding - recent un-notified road closure:** an apology has been received from Wessex Water for leaving the 'road closed' signs up after repairing the broken pipe under the road outside Toad Hall. They said this was an emergency repair which therefore needed no prior notification of road closure.
12. **Vacancy for Clerk:** Ann handed in her resignation as Clerk, providing one month's notice. Her resignation was reluctantly agreed by the council. Although there is someone interested in taking on the role, it was agreed the vacancy would be advertised in the parish magazine. **ACTION ANN & JO.** Since the meeting, it has also been agreed to advertise the vacancy on the parish noticeboards and website.
13. **Correspondence:**
  - **Planning:** a letter has been received from Sedgemoor Development Management, relating to the Town & County Planning Act with regard to the Old Farmhouse at Halswell Park. They informed us that the recent planning application that has been approved resolves the previous problems of the historic enforcement notice applied to the property.
  - **Finger posts:** CPRE funding may be available in the form of a grant to fund the cost of restoration. Free training is also available. John and Richard have both expressed an interest in attending. Further investigation required. **ACTION RICHARD.**
14. **Other Matters:**
  - **Village Church Service:** Richard will provide a reading; Jo will take a plate of food to share. All agreed the content of a display notice Jo had put together, following a conversation with Colin, giving a brief overview of the parish council role and the names of the councillors.
  - **Rave:** information received suggests this was a licensed event, although Julie advised the licence usually runs to midnight only. As the event continued to approximately 5am, it was agreed a complaint would be raised with the Licensing Officer at Sedgemoor. **ACTION CLERK.** In addition, an approach by email to Jan

Hardwick and Lizzie Ridout was agreed, to ask them to include the Parish Council in any further email communications about such matters. **ACTION JO.**

- **Dogs at Rook's Castle:** the Police have been in touch with the owner of the dog that recently bit a member of the public. The Clerk has reported the issues to the Clerk of Broomfield, who will add this as an item on their agenda, as they have experienced similar problems.
- **As this was Ann's last meeting in her role of Clerk,** everyone expressed sincere thanks for her contributions and hard work and said she will be sorely missed. She was presented with a beautiful bouquet and a card.

**The meeting closed at 8:25pm**

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