

Minutes of the Meeting of Goathurst Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 12 November 2018 7.30 pm, Goathurst Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Jo McDonagh (Chairman), Richard Kilbey, Isabel Shute, John Capell, District Cllr Julie Pay, three members of the public; Sharon Piron (Clerk).

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Mike Caswell. **Absent:** Cllr James Roberts.
2. **Declarations of interest on agenda items:** None.
3. **Public Forum:** Colin Chalmers proposed the creation of a village diary to be owned and maintained by him, with contributions from village organisations. This was agreed.
4. **Approval of Minutes of the meetings held on 10 September 2018:** agreed and signed by Jo McDonagh.
5. **Matters arising:**
 - **Finger posts:** training to be pursued. **ACTION: John/Richard**
 - **Rave:** Jo McDonagh had contacted Lizzie Ridout and Jan Hardwick, on behalf of the Parish Council, asking them to include us in future communications about activities that they feel may affect their businesses and/or the village adversely and to confirm that the Parish Council had written a formal letter of complaint to Sedgemoor District Council about the rave.
6. **Planning Applications:**
 - a) **Annual Town/Parish Council Planning Seminars** Thursday 22nd and Tuesday 27th November 2018. John and Richard expressed interest in attending. **ACTION: John and Richard**
 - No new planning applications received.
 - Update on application No: 29/18/00008, The Old Farmhouse and Parkhead, Halswell Park, Goathurst, Bridgwater, TA5 2DH - Condition discharged
7. **Financial Matters:**
 - a) **Half year financial report** circulated. All agreed funds (up to £60) to be set aside to purchase gifts for volunteer gardeners and grass cutters - **ACTION: John**. Confirmation required that payments for training (approx. £60) and plant tub (approx. £90) have been remitted - **ACTION: Sharon**
 - b) **Update bank mandate.** Mandate signed to add Sharon as an authorised signatory. To be taken to Barclays Bank along with letter to update address details for statements and to change the standing order details for Parish Clerk remuneration. **ACTION: Sharon**
 - c) **CPRE subscription.** All agreed annual subscription of £36 should be renewed. **ACTION: Sharon**
8. **Footpaths:** Isabel confirmed she regularly checks the local footpaths and reported no current issues.

9. Roads and flooding:

a) Changes to Highways Winter Services. Sedgemoor District Council will no longer provide salt and grit due to budget reductions. The Parish Council will be required to replenish salt/grit bins, which will be monitored by John. **ACTION: John**

b) Road closure Park Lane 17 December. Notice to be placed on noticeboard and in village magazine. **ACTION: Sharon.**

10. Goathurst Parish Website: The existing website has limitations since it is hosted on an unsupported site and was built using software that is now obsolete. The new Parish Clerk is therefore unable to upload documentation to the site. A proposal was discussed to move the website to a supported web-based tool that is user friendly and accessible from a smartphone. 'Draft' site has been built by Ann Manders and populated with documentation by Sharon. Images used as per existing site. Cost would be £194.40 for 3 years, free domain for one year, using the same URL as we have now. Link to village diary could be incorporated – to be investigated. All agreed to pursue and implement. **ACTION: Sharon.**

11. Correspondence:

a) SALC AGM 18 December – all notified of the date.

b) Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme/Quantock Landscape Development Fund

c) Phone box completion – notice to be placed in phone box. **ACTION: Sharon**

d) Digital User survey – info to be forwarded for inclusion in village magazine. **ACTION: Sharon**

e) Wessex Water – offer of presentation – further details to be obtained. **ACTION: Sharon**

f) LCAS risk awareness – trees and cemeteries – information discussed.

g) Recycle – ordered 'new residents' packs -packs now received. Sharon will distribute to new Goathurst residents, as required.

h) Bulk buy fuel loan scheme – poster to be displayed on notice board. **ACTION: Sharon**

i) Parish Clerk training – training in readiness for elections to take place 7 March. Sharon will attend and a further place has been booked if required.

j) Bridgwater and Taunton Canal user group – meeting details given.

k) Approaches from companies offering services – GPC members confirmed they do not need to see these.

14. Other Matters:

- **Dogs at Rooks Castle:** Isobel reported that the dog involved in recent incidents is still at the site and continues to be intimidating. All agreed any concerns to be reported to the Police.
- **Councillor attendance at meetings:** Concern was expressed about irregular/ infrequent attendance. Rules to be ascertained - **ACTION: Sharon.** Conversation to be held - **ACTION: Jo**
- **The meeting closed at 8:50pm**
- **Date of next meeting:** Monday 14th January 2019

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