

Minutes of the Meeting of Goathurst Parish Council
Held on Monday 12 January 2015 7.30 pm, Goathurst Village Hall

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

1. **Apologies:** District Cllrs Julie Pay and Mike Caswell, County Cllr John Edney.
2. **Declarations of interest on agenda items:** none.
3. **Public Forum:** nothing to report.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2014:** these had been previously circulated, were deemed as read and signed and approved as a correct record of the meeting.
5. **Matters Arising:** the Clerk reported that she had written to Richard Newby at the Highways Department regarding speeding vehicles through the village and was awaiting a response.
6. **Roads and Flooding:** there had been water leaking from the bank in Park Lane and the Highways Department had placed some 'road flooded' signs at each end, although the road did not actually seem to be flooded. Terry Howard reported that he had some new bags from SDC and will fill them with the sand he has from bags which had decayed. The next Flood Group meeting will be held on 22 January.
7. **Footpaths:** Nothing to report.
8. **Finance:**
 - Approval of Parish Precept 2015-16: the Clerk presented a six month finance report to the meeting and a budget for 2015/16 (copies attached). Taking this information into account it was agreed to set the precept at £2400.00 an increase of £190.00 from 2014/15, but a 1.38% decrease per Band D properties, due to an increase in the Tax Base properties and a small increased grant from SDC. Terry Howard proposed and Richard Kilbey seconded.
 - Approval of payments due: a payment of £30.00 in respect of rent for Goathurst Village Hall was approved. Proposed by Richard Kilbey and seconded by Isabel Shute.
 - Modification of bank mandate: the forms had been returned by Barclays, but with no rational explanation, the Clerk will attempt to find out what the problem is.
9. **Consultation to modernise parish polls:** it was agreed that Councillors should respond to this individually.
10. **Library consultation:** this had now closed. The Clerk had responded on behalf of the Parish Council. The meeting was concerned that there was a proposal to cease the visits by the mobile library because Goathurst is less than three miles (as the crow flies) to the library in North Petherton. The mobile

library is relatively well used compared to other parishes which will retain the service.

11. **Correspondence:** nothing to report.
12. **Any other business:** Jo Purvis raised the attention of the meeting to the Local Government Financial Settlement Consultation and advised the meeting that this needed to be completed no later than the 15th of January. No news was given regarding the repair of the church clock.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Dates of Meetings 2015-16

Monday 9 March 2015

Monday 11 May (Annual Meeting following by Ordinary Meeting) 2015

Monday 18 May (Annual Parish Meeting) 2015

Monday 13 July 2015

Monday 28 September 2015

Monday 16 November 2015

Monday 11 January 2016

Monday 7 March 2016