

Goathurst Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 19 September 2024 7.30 pm,
Goathurst Village Hall

Minutes

1. Apologies - None
2. Co-option of Councillors – Russcombe Foster has applied to be a council member. Richard Kilbey proposes that the council accepts, Beth Riches seconds. Clerk to send details to Somerset Council
3. Declarations of interest on agenda items - None
4. Public forum - None
5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of July 2024 – not quorate.
6. Matters arising and action points not covered on the agenda
 - 6.1. The planning application for Old School House was withdrawn.
 - 6.2. Clerk to confirm auditor for 2024/25
7. Planning applications: None
8. Financial matters
 - 8.1. Church request for annual churchyard donation – email from Helen the treasurer for grant for the churchyard - in previous years it has been £450, they have requested an increase to £550, Richard Kilbey proposes to the increase, Beth Riches to second.
 - 8.2. Outstanding £25.00 for SALC training – paid
 - 8.3. SALC annual subscription - £57.49 - paid
9. Councillor register of Interests form – clerk to forward the forms to each of the councillors to complete and return to council.
10. Footpaths – the path from the kissing gate to the next field next to Halswell has been diverted. The rules around footpath are changing. Beth to ask Ann Manders about declaring footpaths, and the diverted path past Halswell. The stile in the Thickets needs repairing or replacing – would be Forestry Commission
11. Roads – the roads have been resurfaced. Richard is going to send an email to thank them for repairing them. There was an email sent by a member of public regarding the road up to Halswell House – it belongs to James Broughton – it is a public right of way – Beth to speak to Ann Manders regarding it.
12. Village hall – ongoing – needs to be registered with Land Registry.
13. The ‘Telephone Exchange – Beth will speak to Oksana about asking Emils at Halswell if he can put the shelves up in the Telephone Exchange. It was mentioned in the book club and there a definite interest in having a book exchange.
14. Wilding Goathurst – bug hotel in the churchyard for kids club, it has been a success! There are more loo rolls in a box so people can fill the rolls and put them into the hotel. Beth asked Brenda if they needed any funding for anything from the Somerset Trust – they have had a number of donations recently, so they have some money available, but they have a log that they would like to have carved into a seat. Beth has had a look at the grants to see what might suit. Enmore Council applied on behalf of the church, there is a another meeting for Wilding October 15th at Enmore Church – 7pm. They have been a hedge survey at Mill Farm, QLPS told them what changes would best benefit the farm/hedges, and they can then advise adjoining hedges.
15. Fingerposts Update – Russ has been out and cleaned some of them before the Open Gardens.
16. Correspondence – None
17. Any Other Business - None
18. DONM – 13 November 2024

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