

**Goathurst Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 13 November 2024 7.30 pm,
Goathurst Village Hall**

Minutes

Attendees: Richard Kilbey (RK), Beth Riches (BR), Simeon Lloyd (SL), Niki Ingleby (Clerk)

1. Apologies – Anna Shilton from LCN
2. Declarations of interest on agenda items - None
3. Public forum - None
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 19 September – Russcombe Foster has noted that notice was not given appropriately - so it was not an official meeting, so the two items – clarify regarding the Code of Conduct. Notice of the meetings to be posted on notice boards. Note who is at the meetings.
5. Matters arising and action points not covered on the agenda – Alistair Robinson will do the audit again for 2024/2025. The Church have asked for an increase in their donation from £450 to £550 – RK proposes that do that, Russ has abstained from voting on that – would like to see the application. RK explains that Council cannot give donations to a religious body however the grant can be spent on the maintenance of the churchyard. Russ has no objection to that. Co-opted Russ – meeting wasn't valid, has decided that he would not like to be co-opted moving forward.
6. Planning applications: Enmore Golf Course have appealed to the Secretary of State regarding the infill.
7. Financial matters
 - 7.1. Bank account currently at £7,632.47
 - 7.2. Defib grant of £50
 - 7.3. Village Hall have requested an increase in their annual grant as they are improving the acoustics - need to find out what they want as an increase/versus the cost of doing the acoustics.
 - 7.4. Wix invoice - £259 – agreed to reimburse Clerk
 - 7.5. Lloyds have sent a letter to say that they are now changing our bank account from Treasures account to community account, which will charge a monthly amount of £4.25.
8. Footpaths – Ann Manders has sent BR the link as to how to register for footpaths – report a problem with Rights of Way – on the council website. BR will send the link with regards to recording the Rights of Way, if feel there are footpaths which aren't used they can do that. Halswell footpath – old one for Ordnance which shows, there is another footpath on the map – to protect public from the machinery/ (someone from the council has mown) Edward Strachan owns the field above the thickets, the path is now cleared as the crop is out, he has apparently spoke to the farmer. Guidance for Maintenance
9. Roads – RK sent a letter of thanks for the repairs to the road. Have repaired outside of Lovedere, but haven't repaired the corner between Lovedere and the corner under the tree. James Broughton owns Halswell Drive, it is on the agenda for Halswell House.
10. Village hall – Clerk has printed off the Ordnance Survey map and form to HM Land Registry and await their response.
11. The 'Telephone Exchange – Tim Parker has strimmed around the Exchange, but it is very wet inside, the door doesn't close. BR will chase with Ann/Oksana/Emils.
12. Wilding Goathurst – Update from churchyard – bench at the back, planted two trees, cleared some the hedging, filling the gaps with wildlife friendly hedging, carving of the bench form the

log – Brenda has £300 for days work for the carving from Gary Orange – wondered about a curved bench PCC on 20th – springtime thing Willis celebration event., will get a second quote. PC is in favour – it is a community space. Wait for official request from Brenda Lych gate – going to put a chalk board where the balustrade is, they can write what they have seen wrt to wildlife/flowers etc. Bug hotel looks good.

13. Fingerposts Update – Nothing to report on Fingerposts. Vandalism of the Goathurst Village sign – RK has reported to the police. Have an incident number to claim on insurance. Clerk to investigate where councils get their signs from. And find out village feeling on it
14. LCN Update – Somerset Plan update
Next meeting – 11 December – RK can
Ann Shilton – LCN contact
15. Correspondence – Broadband rollout - cancelled
16. Any Other Business
17. Meeting concluded at 20.45
18. DONM – RK is not here in January which means will not be quorate – can hold an earlier meeting in December – 30th December

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