

Minutes of the Meeting of Godstone Parish Council held on Monday 2nd November 2009 at the Parish Rooms, South Godstone at 7.45pm.

Present:

Mr B Hubery – Chairman
Mr R Bannister, Mrs E Jackson, Mr K Knox, Mr J Quincey, Mr I Tawse and
Mr T Tomlinson.

In attendance: Mr C Anderson - Clerk to the Parish Council

The meeting commenced at 7:45 pm as there were no members of the public present at this time.

1. Apologies and reason for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs V Cluff and Mr J Johnson.

2. Declaration of interest by Members on any of the agenda items below.

There were none declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2009 were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

1. BT – Adopt a telephone kiosk

The initial request has been made to TDC; shortly to apply to BT. The electricity supply would be retained. Mrs Gresser has agreed to draft an agreement for the current Manager of the Hare and Hounds to be responsible for maintenance.

5. Reports

5.1. Action taken – to be ratified.
There was none.

5.2. Clerk's report

1. Annual Parish Assembly 2010.

This will be held on Monday 19th April at the Forman Institute, Blindley Heath.

2. Permission to display signs on Greenview

The Godstone branch of the RNLI are holding their Mulled Wine and Mince Pies event on 28th November 2009 in the White Hart Barn. Permission was granted to display three small signs on Greenview. They will be put up on 19th or 20th November and removed after the event on the 28th November.

3. For information

a. Temporary Prohibition of Traffic – Harts Lane, South Godstone

Surrey Highways (East Area) proposes the making of a Temporary Traffic Order under Section 41(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to restrict traffic from entering part of Harts Lane, South Godstone. The prohibition will take effect from 10th November and remain in force for three months. Details held by Clerk.

b. Star Energy Community Fund

Applications for grants are invited – closing date is 31st December 2009. The main qualification to participate is that projects should be of benefit to communities in the immediate areas around company operations. Details and an application form available from www.starenergycommunityfund.info

c. Godstone Village Fete and Donkey Derby 2009.

The Chairman and Members of the Fete Committee have invited the Chairman to a small reception in the St Nicholas Youth Centre at 7.30 for 8.00pm on Friday 27th November at which cheques for grants for the proceeds of the 2009 Fete will be presented to local organisations. Mr Tawse would attend on behalf of the Chairman.

- 5.3 Chairman's Report – (for noting) information only
Mr Hubery's report is attached to these minutes.
- 5.4 Reports (for noting) from representatives on outside bodies etc.
Mr Tawse reported that he had attended the Sibelco Dust Committee. It was anticipated that the Dust and Action Plan would be re-issued as the County Council had some reservations and could possibly go to committee in February.

6. Planning

- 6.1 Meeting held on Monday 19th October 2009.
The minutes had already been circulated and were noted.
It had been suggested that the Planning Committee meetings begin later; following discussion, it was agreed they begin at 8.00pm in future.

- 6.2 District Council Planning Decisions – the following were noted:

TA/2009/976 - 8 Rushton Avenue, South Godstone

Consent was granted for demolition of single storey boiler room and erection of single storey side extension.

TA/2009/762 - 1-4 Anchor Cottages, Eastbourne Road, Blindley Heath, RH7 6JJ

Consent was granted for demolition of 4 dwellings and erection of 11 x 2-bed dwellings with parking and associated works. (Outline)

TA/2009/736 - Godstone Village School, Ivy Mill Lane, Godstone, RH9 8NH

Consent was granted for erection of 5m x 5m free standing canopy.

TA/2009/749 - Gayton Farm, Byers Lane, South Godstone, RH9 8JH

Cert. Prop. Use was refused for erection of detached double garage.

TA/2009/788 - 32 Lagham Park, Godstone, RH9 8ER

Consent was granted for demolition of existing conservatory & erection of rear conservatory.

TA/2009/807 - Corvisel Cottage, Eastbourne Road, Godstone, RH9 8EH

Consent was granted for conversion of garage into habitable room.

TA/2008/343 - Oaktree Farm, Daneemore Lane, South Godstone

CLUED was granted for use of land for the purposes of a commercial car repair business.

- 6.3 Current Planning Lists and Applications – to agree any comments

TA/2009/1176 - 5 Ivy Mill Close, Godstone

Erection of single storey front extensions.

No comments or objections would be made in respect of the above application.

TA/2009/627 - Godstone Club & Institute, The Green, Godstone

Re-surfacing a grass tennis court to create an all season porous tarmac playing surface.

No objection; concerned about reference in design statement regarding reference to future flood lighting.

TA/2009/1182 - 24 High Street, Godstone, RH9 8AG
Erection of first floor rear extension.

TA/2009/1315 - Mobile Support Unit, Fosterdown, Godstone RH9 8BQ
Retention of car park, approved under temporary consent (application number 2004/106).

No comments or objections would be made in respect of the above two applications.

TA/2009/1277 - The Godstone Hotel, 87 High Street, Godstone RH9 8DP
Insertion and replacement of windows in west elevation and replacement of two windows in south elevation.(Listed Building Consent)

No objections to replacement of existing windows. From information provided shutter/doors appear when opened to block pavement.

6.4 To consider other ongoing Planning Matters; the appeals were noted.

TA/2008/744 - Tiffin Bell Cottage, Danemore Lane, South Godstone
Erection of timber lodge for use as ancillary accommodation. Appeal was dismissed.

TA/2008/1193 - 52 Featherstone, Blindley Heath.
Erection of two storey side extension. Appeal was dismissed.

TA/2008/1661 - Dene Cottage, Danemore Lane, South Godstone
Erection of porch and single storey rear extension. Appeal was allowed.

ENF/2008/179 - Heathview, Eastbourne Road, Blindley Heath.
Further to previous correspondence the appeals will be dealt with by the written representations procedure. No inquiry will be held but the Inspector will visit the site. The date by which all letters/submissions must be received by the Planning Inspectorate is now 3rd December 2009. The visit to the site by the inspector would be acknowledged.

7 Finance

7.1. Accounts for payment. The following accounts were agreed for payment:

Caterham Fencing	Converted access of pedestrian field gate to kissing gate; includes additional £50 to reset hanging post in concrete		525.00
SITA UK Ltd	Waste Collection Burial Grounds – October		65.38
Surrey County Fields Association	Affiliation Fee 2009/10		10.00
Local Works	Donation (agreed at October meeting)		10.00
T J Tomlinson	Reimburse cost of 6 rolls loft insulation for The Bounty		56.94
Blindley Heath Cricket Club	Annual Payment (to end of October) for electricity consumed by lamp in Blindley Heath Car Park. (Agreed in March 2009)		40.00

Fairalls (BM) Limited	Materials for repairs at: Godstone Green		46.28
SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Regional Conference - Uckfield 11 th November.		143.75
Garry Dicks	General maintenance – October 2009 Wheelie Bin purchased for Burial Grounds Burial Grounds Godstone Green Bus Shelters Needles Bank Grounds Maintenance – October 2009 Godstone Green including Green View Burial Grounds	46.00 90.00 180.00 330.00 <u>45.00</u> 691.00 250.00 <u>220.00</u> 470.00	1161.00
Petty Cash	Balance to £60.00. Postage £36.45; Stationery £3.99; Kitchen Sundries £3.79; Beverages £3.78		48.01
CJ Anderson	Net salary – October Travel	915.03 3.60	918.63
K Barrett	Net salary – October		403.68
Mrs L Spence	Net salary – October		32.00
G Coleman	Net salary – October (Litter clearance Blindley Heath)		65.00
Surrey County Council	Local Government Pension Scheme contributions – October.		348.62
TOTAL			3874.29

7.2. Any other financial matters

1. Summary Financial Reports to 30th September 2009. A copy had been circulated to members. The summary was signed and dated by the Chair; questions were answered. A copy of the accounting records for September, incorporating the bank reconciliation and including the bank statements was available at the meeting for examination.

2. Risk Management

At the August meeting it was agreed the financial implications of the regular inspections would be reviewed every six months. A copy of the summary showing dates of inspections made for each area since April 2009 had been circulated to members. After discussion it was agreed there were none arising at this time.

3. Finance Committee Meeting

It was agreed the meeting would be held on Friday 4th December at 9.30am in the Bounty.

4. Precept 2010/11

To consider and agree a budget for any new projects to be included for 2010/11.

There were no suggestions at the meeting but any submissions should be made within the next week to the Clerk for inclusion in the draft budget and consideration by the Finance Committee.

5. Tree Works

Following the tree survey earlier in the year, four tenders were invited and three received by the closing date. Following consideration, the tender was awarded to Mr B Sargent T/A Sargents Tree Services in the sum of £5900.00.

6. Grass Cutting Contract

A copy of a letter from our contractor had been circulated. It was agreed that the first cut for Blindley Heath would be one month earlier i.e. April annually from next year. The recommended work to the Green was not agreed, however, it was agreed to investigate the cost of a survey to produce a 10-year management plan. Mr Quincey agreed to investigate costs.

8. Greens, Commons and Land

8.1 Godstone Green

1. Parking Issues

Following discussion it was agreed to form a working party consisting of the five members that represent Godstone Ward who were asked to identify the problems, discuss with interested parties and recommend solutions to a future Parish Council meeting.

2. Farmers Market

As Mr Johnson was unable to attend this item was postponed until the next meeting.

3. Bulb Planting

This was considered again but after a long debate, the suggestion that our contractor be given permission to plant out the area in front of the toilets on the Green and to display an advert board up against the wall was not agreed. It was now too late to plant bulbs.

4. Donation of Tree

A request from Mrs Sadler to donate a tree in memory of her late husband, Richard on Godstone Green was agreed in principle; a position at the northern edge of the White Hart car park was agreed.

5. Car Park repairs

It was agreed our maintenance contractor will be asked to undertake this work.

8.2 Blindley Heath

1. Bank Farm.

A request had been received from the owners solicitors for the Council to agree to a new/revised lease to incorporate certain rights to maintain the visibility displays – connected to a planning appeal – a copy of the letter had been circulated to members. Following legal advice the Council agreed to this request and our solicitors will be instructed to proceed at no cost to the Council. The hedges are to be kept in a reasonable condition by Bank Farm.

2. BTCV

A request had been received (by TDC) to undertake some scrub clearance and this was agreed.

3. Power Lines

Work undertaken by EDF. See Chairman's Report (item 5.3.)

8.3 Allotments

A final copy of the allotment agreement (which had been slightly revised) had been circulated and was agreed.

9. Public Footpath 130

The Countryside Officer at SCC has advised us of a proposed diversion to this path; details have been circulated. The Council had received comments concerning this proposal and there is local concern; and particularly supports the views of the Ramblers Association. It was

agreed the diversion would result in a less convenient route involving a steep descent and ascent and the area would be more susceptible to flooding.

10 Burial Grounds

10.1 Applications for Exclusive Rights of Burial to be agreed for:
None

10.2 Applications for consent to erect Memorials which appear to be in accordance with the regulations were agreed for:

Grave 132 – Rosina Olive May Vaughan. Additional inscription.

10.3 Report.
As Mrs Cluff was not able to attend the meeting the item was postponed.

11. Godstone at Play

The selection of Landscape Architect is being made. A grant from RASP has been deferred; hopefully some £5/7,000 can be expected in April 2010. Still some £23,500 short of £100,000 target.

12. Topical Issues

Items from Bletchingley Training and East Surrey Parishes Liaison Group.

13. Consultations

1. Statement of Community Involvement

The statement sets out how and when the District Council will involve the community and other interested bodies in the preparation of its planning policies and guidance, and also in the consideration of planning applications. The original statement was adopted in November 2006. but it is now out of date. There were no comments.

14. Correspondence received – the following were noted:

14.1 Surrey County Council.
Agenda and Reports for the meeting of the County Council held on 13th October.

14.2 Tandridge District Council
Agenda's and reports for:
Planning Committee - 22nd October.

News Releases:

1 st October	GV.0210	Mint Walk Play Area Opening
7 th October	GV.0410	Increase in Graffiti in Caterham on the Hill
9 th October	GV.0510	Council Seeks Views on Future of Marie Curie Hospice
13 th October	GV.0610	New Play Area for Grange Meadow, Bletchingley.
	GV.0710	New Play Area for Stafford Road, Caterham

14.3 The Playing Field

14.4 Open Spaces – Autumn 2009 Vol. 29 no. 6.

14.5 SCA Autumn magazine; Annual review 2008/9.

- 14.5 GACC Newsletter No. 91 October 2009.
- 14.6 The Voice Issue 85
- 14.7 Surrey County Playing Fields Association – Annual Report and Accounts 2008/9.
- 14.8 Surrey Wildlife Trust – Summarised Financial Statements 31st March 2009; Invitation to AGM

Part 2. – There was none

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.45pm on Monday 7th December 2009 in the White Hart Barn, Godstone.

The meeting closed at 10:30 pm.

Chairman Date 2009