

Minutes of the Meeting of Godstone Parish Council held on Monday 6th September 2010 at the Oasis, Baptist Church, Godstone at 7.45pm.

Present:

Mr B Hubery – Chairman
Mr R Bannister, Mrs V Cluff, Mr B Jeffries, Mr J Johnson, Mr J Quincey and Mr T Tomlinson.

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

An Open Forum Session was held at 7.45pm.

Prior to the start of the meeting, a one minute silence was held in memory of the late Angela Goad

1. Apologies and reason for absence.

Apologies were received and agreed from Mrs E Jackson and Mr K Knox.

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

There were none

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2010 were agreed and signed as a true record after noting that Mr J Johnson was not present.

4. Matters Arising

1. 5.2.3. Surrey Wildlife Trust.

A cheque for £100 had been posted to the Trust.

2. 9.4. Burial Grounds.

The first subscription to the ICCM of £50.00 (pro-rata to 31st March 2011) had been paid.

5. Reports

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

5.2. Clerk's report

1. Remembrance Day Wreaths. Last year the Council ordered two "C" Wreaths with GPC badge and made a donation of £50.00. It was agreed we do the same again this year.

2. Godstone Gardeners' Show.

A request had been received for permission to display signs to advertise the show on 18th September. It was agreed they could be put along the embankment near the Hare and Hounds PH from Saturday 4th September to the 18th September; they will be removed immediately after the show.

3. For information

a. SCAPTC

The proposed subscription for the year ended 31st March 2012 is £979.92, an increase of £43.68 over this year, and is subject to clarification with District Council on the number of electors.

b. SCAPTC – 232rd General Meeting

The 232nd General Meeting will be held at East Horsley Village Hall on Thursday 16th September at 7.00pm. (Mr Tomlinson to attend). Agenda has been circulated. The AGM will be held jointly with SCA on 5th October.

- 5.3 Chairman's Report – (for noting) information only
Mr Hubery reported the meeting he had with the Water Company regarding completing the work at Blindley Heath. They will return in the spring when the weeding will be undertaken.
- 5.4. Reports (for noting) from representatives on outside bodies etc.
Mrs Cluff reported she had attended the AGM of the Preservation Society where the model of the proposed playground had been studied; favourable comments had been received.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mr Gascoigne and Mr Childs both provided an update from a District Council perspective.

6. Planning

- 6.1 Meeting held on Monday 16th August 2010.
The minutes, which had already been circulated, were noted.
- 6.2 District Council Planning Decisions – the following decisions were noted:

TA/2010/64 - The Lagham, Eastbourne Road, South Godstone, RH9 8EZ

Consent was granted for erection of single storey rear extension with continuation of pitched roof over existing single storey rear extension.

TA/2010/471 - Kings Farm, Tilburstow Hill Road, South Godstone, RH9 8LB

Consent was granted for erection of extension to cattle barn.

TA/2010/479 - 36 Selbourne Square, Godstone, RH9 8AT

Consent was granted for erection of single storey side extension and extension of roof over existing bay window.

TA/2010/681/TCA - Cooden Cottage, 114 High Street, Godstone RH9 8DR

Consent was granted for crown reduce 1 Box Elder by 3m.

TA/2010/710 - Mead Cottage, Byers Lane, South Godstone, RH9 8JL

Cert Prop Use was allowed for erection of single storey extension to north east elevation. (Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Development)

TA/2010/745 - 102 Lagham Road, Godstone

Consent was granted for installation of window to gable end.

TA/2010/746 - Grass Verge in Front of, 2 & 3 Bakers Mead, Godstone

Advertisement consent was granted for continued display of non-illuminated free standing village sign.

TA/2010/840 - Hunters Hill, Eastbourne Road, Blindley Heath, RH7 6JX

Cert Prop Use was allowed for erection of conservatory to side elevation.

TA/2010/314 & TA/2010/328 - Streete Court, Rooks Nest, Godstone

Consent and listed building consent was granted for: Demolition of sports hall, outbuildings and changing block. Erection of extension to west elevation and 2-storey extension to north elevation of main building. Erection of single storey glazed link to east elevation. Erection of 2-storey addition in position of changing block. Conversion of building to 38 bed hotel (including 1 x 3-bed suite). Erection of 2-storey sports club with single storey link to main house. Provision of a total of 115 car parking spaces together with laying out of formal

gardens (application to extend time limit for implementation of permission granted under reference 2006/1110)

TA/2010/533 - Yew Tree Farm, Tilburstow Hill Road, South Godstone, RH9 8LB

Permission was refused for: Demolition of granary. Erection of terrace of 3 dwellings.

TA/2010/640 - 21 Dewlands, Godstone, RH9 8BS

Consent was granted for: Formation of hardstanding and vehicle crossover. Alterations to boundary wall and erection of retaining wall.

TA/2010/651 - 27 Salisbury Road, Godstone, RH9 8AA

Cert Prop Use was allowed for erection of dormer windows to north and west roof slopes in connection with loft conversion.

TA/2010/768 - St Stephens C of E Primary School, Hunters Chase, South Godstone, RH9 8HR

Consent was granted for widening of pathway to edge of playing field, creation of 2 tarmac areas & erection of bicycle store.

TA/2010/826 - Land at The Common, Blindley Heath

TA/2010/828 - Land at Eastbourne Road, Blindley Heath

TA/2010/829 - Land at Eastbourne Road, Blindley Heath

TA/2010/830 - Land at Carlton Road, South Godstone

TA/2010/846 - Land at The Common, Blindley Heath

TA/2010/847 - Land at Byers Lane, South Godstone

TA/2010/848 - Land around Tilburstow Hill Road, South Godstone

TA/2010/868 - Land at Tandrige Lane, Lingfield

TA/2010/870 - Land at Tandrige Lane, Lingfield

TA/2010/871 - Tiffin Bell Cottage, Danemore Lane, South Godstone, RH9 8JF

TA/2010/873 - Land at Eastbourne Road, Blindley Heath

No Objection (OHL) was recorded in respect of the above 11 applications. Reconstructor of existing low voltage overhead lines.

6.3. Current Planning Lists and Applications – comments were agreed as follows:

TA/2010/954/TCA - Land rear of Oak Cottages, Bletchingley Road, Godstone
Fell 1 x Sycamore.

TA/2010/925 - 54 High Street, Godstone, RH9 8LW

Change of use from shop (A1) to 1x1-bed dwelling (C3) involving external alterations.

TA/2010/1015 - Gibbs Mews, Ray Lane, Blindley Heath, RH7 6JH

Demolition of buildings. Erection of 3 x 1-bed terraced dwellings with integral garages. (Application for new planning permission to replace TA/2007/1012 to extend time limit for implementation)

TA/2010/999 - Woodham Nursery, Eastbourne Road, South Godstone, RH9 8JB

Stationing of block to provide two toilets with mains connection.

TA/2010/980 - Block 11 to 13, Lambs Business Park, Terracotta Road, South Godstone

Erection of 3 buildings comprising of 1,920 sq.m of floor area (Class B1, B2 and B8) including 288 sq.m of mezzanine floor space to blocks 11/12 only with associated access, vehicle parking and landscaping (application to extend time limit for implementation of outline consent granted under reference 2006/1721).

TA/2010/1020 - 49 Latham Road, Godstone, RH9 8HE

Erection of bay window to ground floor elevation.

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

6.4 To consider other ongoing Planning Matters; to note/comment on appeals.

The following was noted:

TA/2009/974 & TA/2009/975 - Streete Court, Rooks Nest, Godstone, RH9 8BZ

1 Demolition of hall, outbuildings and bungalow. Erection of extensions and change of use of building to provide 73 bed hotel with spa and associated leisure club. Formation of parking for 115 cars and restoration of formal gardens – TA/2009/974 & **2** Demolition of existing hall and outbuildings. Erection of extension to north elevation to accommodate additional bedrooms. Provision of 115 car parking spaces and restoration of former gardens. (Listed Building Consent) - TA/2009/975.

A hearing has been arranged to be held in the Lyndsay Narcisi Room, Council Offices, Station Road East, Oxted on 26th October 2010 commencing at 10am.

7 Finance

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

Fairalls (BM) Limited	Materials for maintenance/repairs at: Godstone Green Pond Childrens Playground	24.08 11.29	35.37
William Way (Godstone) Ltd	Materials for paving in Memorial Garden		53.96
Sussex Associations of Local Councils	Councillors' training course 10 th / 11 th September – Mr B Jeffries		246.75
1 st Godstone Scout Group	Rent for The Bounty, October to December 2010		550.00
RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation for two wreaths.		50.00
Neptune Outdoor Furniture Ltd	Bench for Godstone Green (Donated)		760.22
Garry Dicks	General maintenance – August 2010 Burial Grounds Godstone Green Grounds Maintenance Contract – August 2010 Godstone Green Burial Grounds Blindley Heath	172.50 <u>285.00</u> 457.50 250.00 220.00 <u>175.00</u> 645.00	1102.50
CJ Anderson	Net salary – August Travel	833.08 2.00	835.08
K Barrett	Net salary – August		588.23
Mrs L Spence	Net salary – August		26.20
G Coleman	Net salary – August (Litter clearance Blindley Heath)		65.61
Surrey County Council	Local Government Pension Scheme contributions – August		351.21
TOTAL			4665.13

A grant of £1,000 has been received from Groundwork UK on behalf of GAP towards the new Children's Playground.

Direct Debits:

EDF Energy. Electricity charges quarter to 16th August 2010, £89.51 due 30th August 2010.

BT. Telecommunication call charges quarter to 12th August, £64.19 – due 26th August 2010.

BT. Internet Services. Quarter to 31st October, £114.38 – due 1st September 2010.

SOS Systems. Photocopier usage - 11th May - 4th August 2010, £24.49 due 1st September 2010.

Sutton and East Surrey Water. Field Supply Blindley Heath to 30th September - £12.36 due 1st October 2010.

7.2. Any other financial matters

1. Summary Financial Reports to 31st July. A copy had been circulated to members. The summary was signed and dated by the Chair. A copy of the accounting records for July, incorporating the bank reconciliation and including the bank statements was available at the meeting for examination.

2. War Memorial

Method statements and insurance details had been provided by the two contractors. It was agreed the repairs be undertaken by TE Tilley Ltd at a cost of £550.00 (+ VAT) provided the job could be completed before November.

3. Children's Playground

Mr Quincey advised members that the balance of funding now required by GAP is less than £6,000. Following discussion it was agreed the Parish Council would contribute up to £6,000 if required, to make up any shortfall in the fundraising.

4. General Maintenance Contract

This was discussed at the April meeting and it was agreed to review the new method of working at this meeting. Mr Tomlinson would coordinate and allocate the various jobs and monitor charges. It was agreed to seek confirmation from our contractor of the hourly rate that would be chargeable for one year from 1st October 2010. The contract would not be put out to tender at this time providing a satisfactory result was obtained.

8. Greens, Commons and Land

8.1 Godstone Green

1. Litter Bins

Quotations had been obtained for a replacement for one burnt-out bin. It was agreed the District Council be approached first and Mr Tomlinson will enquire.

2. Pond

An estimate had been received for the clearing and dredging of the pond (£8,000 - £10,000) + VAT. It was understood the Preservation Society were prepared to fund this work. It was agreed that an alternative contractor be approached and Mr Hubery will investigate.

3. Car Parks

1. To consider whether the Parish Council wishes the District Council to monitor the two car parks. Following a brief discussion it was agreed it did not.

2. To consider estimates for marking out.

Three quotations have been obtained and circulated. Godstone Preservation Society and Godstone Village Association would be informed. The proposal would be put to the village at the GVA AGM on 22nd September and comments sought. It will be reconsidered at the next

Parish Council meeting. It has still not been possible to identify the owners of the White Hart Barn car park area.

8.2 Blindley Heath

1. SSSI

A meeting is to be held with Surrey Wildlife Trust in October. It was agreed that either Mr Hubery or Mr Bannister would attend.

2. BTCV

BTCV intend to visit for two days in the Autumn at a cost of £300.00 + VAT , which was agreed – to be paid out of grant. The first visit will be on 29th September.

3. BT Pole - Wayleave

In response to a request for BT to agree a lump sum of £300, BT have advised that they either pay a single lump sum of £150 or an annual payment of £10; they advise that the rates are not negotiable. It was agreed the annual payment would be accepted.

4. Albion House Wayleave Agreement.

An agreement was made in 2003 for 25 years for a lump sum in return for no annual rent. In anticipation of the sale, it was confirmed that the new owners are required to enter into a Deed of Covenant with the Council so that the Council can take action against the current owner should that prove necessary.

8.3 Windmill Lane

Mr Hubery had spoken to the Countryside Access Officer who confirmed that the installation of a gate between the A25 and the kissing gate into Hilly Fields would be regarded as an unlawful obstruction of the public footpath, which extended to the full width of the track. Following discussion, it was agreed to investigate installing a removable bollard and Mr Hubery will discuss with Mr Gardner.

8.4 Hilly Fields

It had been suggested we ask for a quote to get brambles cut down - Mrs Cluff agreed to discuss with Mr Gardner.

9 Burial Grounds

9.1 Applications for Exclusive Rights of Burial were agreed for:

Grave 520 – Ilse Louise Clara Gerda Ward

9.2 Applications for consent to erect Memorials. There were none

9.3 Burial Grounds - Plan of Graves.

A proposal for drawing up a plan has just been received and will be discussed at the next meeting.

10 BT Kiosk

The padlock has been installed and the keys were handed to the Clerk. The broken glass will be replaced and painting will be undertaken soon by our maintenance contractor. Each school will be advised that the kiosk will be open by the first week in October to receive 8 pictures to

be supplied ready laminated. Each school will be supplied with an appropriately sized laminated template.

11. 2012 Celebrations

Mr Hubery advised that this will also to be discussed at the next meeting of the East Surrey Parishes Liaison Group. It was agreed a committee be formed of Mr Tomlinson, Mr Jeffries and Mr Knox and views and suggestions and further members sought from the various village clubs and associations.

12. Godstone at Play

Mr Quincey advised that a successful fundraising Millenium Dinner had been held and a decision on the planning application was now awaited.

The Planning Inspectorate has advised that a thorough search had revealed no consents for a playground. They have gone back to the 1930's. Following advice from our legal advisor it was agreed we ensure consents are obtained in the future.

13. Consultations

Local Referendums to veto excessive council tax increases.

Comments were agreed. A copy of Trevor Leggo's letter to Rt Hon Eric Pickles of 13th August had been circulated to members.

14. Correspondence received – the following was noted:

14.1 CPRE – Countryside Voice – Summer 2010 edition; CPRE Surrey Branch Bulletin Sept 2010

14.2 Surrey Care Trust – Trust Matters – Issue 2 2010.

14.3 Surrey County Playing Fields Association – The Playing Field – Summer 2010 edition

Part 2 – There was none.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.45pm on Monday 4th October 2010 in the Forman Institute, Blindley Heath.

The meeting closed at 10:05 pm.

Chairman Date 2010