

# Godstone Parish Council

(serving the Villages of Godstone, South Godstone and Blindley Heath)

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## MINUTES

of the meeting of Godstone Parish Council held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 10.00am** at the  
Bounty, Godstone Green

**Chair:** Cllr C White

**Present:** S Beagley (Chair), D Christmas

**In attendance:** J Coulthard (Clerk), G McPartlin (Asst. Clerk)

FC01/25	<b>1. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</b>	
	None.	
FC02/25	<b>2 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s85)</b>	
	Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Case and Cllr Ward	
FC03/25	<b>3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</b>	
	None	
FC04/25	<b>4 MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
	No minutes for signing.	
FC05/25	<b>5 FINANCIAL POSITION – Review any updated since the last meeting</b>	
	The Clerk briefed the meeting on the current financial position and the end of year forecast. The end of year forecast for Income received is £107,339, the end of year forecast for expenditure is £113,135. The forecast for end of year General Reserves is £31,617 which is within the SAPPP guidelines i.e. General Reserves should be between 25% and 75% of the Precept.	
FC06/25	<b>6 REVIEWS OF FEES AND CHARGES</b>	
	<p>6.1 Hire of the Green – <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> to recommend a 5% increase in the fees to hire Godstone Green to the full Parish Council for approval at the next full Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>6.2 Allotments – <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> to recommend a 5% increase in the allotment rental fee to the full Parish Council for approval at the next full Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>6.3 Garden Plots – <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> to recommend a 5% increase in the rental fee for Garden Plots to the full Parish Council for approval at the next full Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>6.4 Wayleaves – <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> to recommend a 5% increase in the fee for wayleaves to the full Parish Council for approval at the next full Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>6.5 Burial Ground - <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> to recommend a 5% increase in all burial ground fees to the full Parish Council at the next full Parish Council meeting.</p>	
FC07/25	<b>7 BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1 APRIL 2026 – 31 MARCH 2027</b>	
	<p>7.1 Finalise and agree budget for approval at the Full Parish Council meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.</p> <p>The Clerk took the Cllrs through the end of year forecast and the forecast budget for 2026/27 line by line. <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> to make the following adjustments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Gym &amp; CCTV – if these projects are to be pursued funding would have to be mostly via grants</li> <li>• Bounty Refurbishments – the earmarked reserve would be transferred to the relevant budget line for 2025/26.</li> <li>• Computer equipment – the earmarked reserve of £1K would be transferred to the relevant budget line for 2025/26.</li> <li>• Election – keep the £2k earmarked reserve for the 2027 election.</li> <li>• Burial Ground – add £850 to the other expenditure budget line for 2026/27 in case complex cases arise.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burial Ground – Benches and Memorials – increase the budget increased for 2026/27 to £2.5K as multiple benches need maintenance work.</li> <li>Burial Ground – Pathways – allocate £2.5K as path needs resurfacing.</li> <li>Godstone – Tree Care – take the earmarked reserve of £5,000 to add to budget line for 2025/26 and increase 2026/27 allocation to the budget line to £7K from £2K.</li> <li>Godstone – Allotment expenditure – reduce budget line to £500.</li> <li>All areas Special Events reserves to be taken and added to the budget line for Godstone Special Events for 2025/26.</li> <li>Children’s Playground – The playground earmarked reserve will be used for the replacement of the roundabout at the Godstone Green Playground. 2026/27 budget will be for additional equipment not for the replacement of the roundabout.</li> <li>South Godstone- Bus Shelters – The £100 earmarked will be used for repairs in 2025/26 and £1K added for repairs for 2026/27.</li> <li>South Godstone – Benches &amp; Memorials – Removed budget allocated for 2026/27 as not required.</li> <li>Blindley Heath – Carpark – take the £500 earmarked reserve to fix a large pothole in the carpark.</li> <li>Blindley Heath – Bus Shelter – No budget allocated as fund to be allocate from the Blindley Heath Maintenance budget.</li> <li>Across the Parish – Add budget for 1 x new lights in Godstone, lights in South Godstone and Blindley Heath.</li> </ul>	
<b>FC08/25</b>	<b>8 AGREE PRECEPT FOR THE YEAR 1 APRIL 2026 – 31 MARCH 2027 – to recommend to Parish Council</b>	
	<b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that the Clerk would make the adjustments and circulate the updated version which contains the recommendation for the Precept to all Cllrs in preparation for approval at the Full Parish Council meeting of the 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026.	<b>JC</b>
<b>FC09/25</b>	<b>9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	<p><b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that the Clerk would set a date for the next meeting for 6 months’ time.</p> <p>Part 2 – To consider passing a resolution that pursuant to Section 1 part 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any business on the grounds that it is likely if the public were to remain, the would be a disclosure of exempt information.</p> <p>The resolution was not required.</p>	<b>JC</b>

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Signed  
Chairperson

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Print Name

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Date