

# Godstone Parish Council

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

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## AGENDA

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND THE FULL MEETING OF GODSTONE PARISH COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 AT 7.30 PM AT ST STEPHENS CHURCH, SOUTH GODSTONE.

THE PUBLIC AND PRESS HAVE A RIGHT AND ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO BE PRESENT AND AN OPPORTUNITY WILL BE GIVEN TO ASK QUESTION

### 1. CO-OPTION FOR COUNCILLOR VANCANCY

- 1.1 Candidate representations
- 1.2 To consider and agree which candidate to co-opt
- 1.3 Co-opted candidate to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office
- 1.4 Chair to invite the new Cllr to join the meeting

### 2. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- 2.1 A member of staff at Pond Tail surgery emailed to ask what plans the Parish Council had for improving the lighting in the car park near the Surgery. The car park can be very dark in the winter late afternoons and evening and the surface has lots of little potholes with one massive pothole in the area used by pedestrians. Residents with late appointments have complained to the Surgery that this is dangerous.
- 2.2 A resident visited the office and brought one of the Common Land By-Law signs from Green View that had fallen off its post and asked for the PC to arrange for it to be reinstated.

### 3. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s85)

### 4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST [Register of Interests](#)

### 5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – Brief report on matters affecting the Parish.

### 6. MINUTES of the full Parish Council meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025, the Finance Committee meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025, and the Planning Committee meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December to be agreed and signed as a true record. (LGA 1972 Sch.12 s41)

### 7. REPORTS

- 7.1 **Clerks Report** - Matters to bring to the Councils attention
  - 7.1.1 **Crab Apple Tree on Godstone Green** – to note that the work was completed on the Monday 8th December.
  - 7.1.2 **Tree Survey** – to note that the letters requesting quotes have gone out and four contractors have been asked to provide quotes.
  - 7.1.3 **CPRE** – To consider and agree whether the PC would like to renew its membership of the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England). Membership lapsed in 2024. Renewal fee £60.
  - 7.1.4 **Mercedes car in Blindley Heath car park** – to note that the car has been removed after being reported to TDC by the Asst. Clerk.
- 7.2 **Chairperson's Report** – (for noting) information only.
- 7.3 **Reports (for noting) from representatives on outside bodies etc.**

## 7.4 Reports from Committees

### 8. GREENS, COMMONS AND LAND

#### 8.1 Godstone – Godstone Green; Greenview; Playground, Allotment and Hilly Fields

##### 8.1.1 Godstone Green

8.1.1.1 To consider and agree whether to approve the replacement of the broken Christmas lights on the third tree on Godstone Green for 2026. Cost £2,753 (in budget work up for 2026/27).

##### 8.1.2 Greenview

##### 8.1.3 Playground

8.1.3.1 To consider and agree or otherwise to approve the cost and the installation of the replacement equipment for the broken roundabout. (Tippee Carousel and Play Panel) £11,959 ex.VAT

##### 8.1.4 Allotments

##### 8.1.5 Hilly Fields

#### 8.2 Tilburstow Hill and The Enterdent

##### 8.2.1 Tilburstow Hill Tree

8.2.1.1 To retrospectively approve the cost of the Openreach Survey on the line that needs to be dropped to enable safe removal of the tree. £1,583.64 ex.VAT.

8.2.1.2 To consider and agree next steps after receiving the post survey quote from Openreach for the work to drop the telephone line that could be damaged by the removal a tree. £5,151.80 ex. VAT

#### 8.3 South Godstone

#### 8.4 Blindley Heath

8.4.1 To consider and agree or otherwise whether to assist TDC to fund a Basketball court at Featherstone playground by applying for a grant from Sports England

8.4.2 To consider and agree or otherwise whether to accept the TDC Tree Officers offer to plant more trees on Featherstone playing field.

8.4.3 To consider and agree or otherwise whether the Clerk can sign the Heads of Terms for the transfer of Featherstone Playground and Featherstone Playing Field from TDC.

#### 8.5 Burial Ground - Exclusive Rights of Burial Applications and Memorial Applications

8.5.1 To consider and agree or otherwise whether to approve the wording for a plaque on a memorial bench for the green.

8.5.2 Exhumation – update.

### 9. FINANCE

9.1 Accounts for Payment - Approve JANUARY accounts for payment.

9.2 Finance Papers up to 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 - Bank Reconciliation and Accounts Reports – Income & Expenditure; Reserves, Balance Sheet and Summary of Funds).

9.3 To approve the Precept for 2026/27

9.4 To consider and agree the Budget for 2026/27

### 10. TDC ASSET TRANSFER

### 11. GOVERNANCE

### 12. POLICIES & PROCEDURES

12.1 IT Policy – to consider and agree or otherwise to adopt the draft IT Policy.

### 13. SALC/NALC

### 14. CORRESPONDENCE

### 15. MATTERS FOR REPORTING OR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS

### 16. AOB

**17. CURRENT PLANNING ISSUES (Applications with a comment deadline prior to the next Planning Committee Meeting).**

- 17.1 **2025/1392** – 48 Dewlands, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8BS – Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of a single storey rear and front porch extensions.
- 17.2 **2025/1431** – 33 Lagham Park, South Godstone, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8EW – Erection of ground floor rear extension.
- 17.3 **2025/1454** – 52 Easter Way, South Godstone, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8HQ – Erection of two storey side/rear extension, garage conversion, loft conversion with hip to gable conversion, rear dormer rooflights to front roof slope.
- 17.4 **2025/1467/NH** – The Haven, Godstone Hill, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8AL – Erection of single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 8 metres, for which maximum height of the eaves would be 3 metres. (Notification of Proposed Larger Home extension).

**17.5 Any other planning matters**

- 17.5.1 **New Proposed Development off Ivy Mill Lane** - A reminder to Cllrs to provide feedback or questions for the developer to the Asst. Clerk – email circulated 22/12/25.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

- Planning Committee Meeting – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026, 6:30pm at the Bounty, Godstone Green
- Full Council Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026, 7:30pm at St Stephens Church, South Godstone

**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, there would be a disclosure of exempt information.

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