

# 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 Greenspaces Committee

held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at **10am** at **The Bounty, Godstone Green**

**Present:** Cllr S Beagley, Cllr L Case, Cllr D Christmas, Cllr K Ward

**In attendance:** G McPartlin (Assistant Clerk), 1 x Resident

<b>G01/25</b>	<b>1 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</b>	
	1.1 A resident attended the meeting to speak about item 6 on the agenda. He asked if there should be a tree committee set up as discussed previously so that trees could be discussed to avoid it being discussed at the Greenspaces committee meeting. Cllr Case advised that there is a need for the Greenspaces committee as there are a range of items for discussion on the agenda including the trees across the Parish.	
<b>G02/25</b>	<b>2 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE</b>	
	None	
<b>G03/25</b>	<b>3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
	None	
<b>G04/25</b>	<b>4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
	There were no minutes to be signed	
<b>G05/25</b>	<b>5 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
	5.1 <b>Outdoor Gym Equipment</b> – Cllr Case advised that she is looking for funding for this project and will follow up with Kompan as they have not yet visited the site or discussed where the equipment could be located. . Cllr Christmas asked the reason for choosing Kompan was. Cllr Case advised that based on recommendations from various Kompan clients, their equipment would require the least maintenance. They are quick to respond to repairs and have a good reputation with other Parish Councils. Cllr Christmas asked if we could have it on the tennis court grounds. Cllr Ward advised we could not, as the Parish Council does not own the land. Cllr Christmas asked what type of equipment it would be, and Cllr Case advised him she would be able to share the proposed equipment with him. Cllr Ward asked if we need to ask permission from the Secretary of State as we will be changing the surface of the Green. Cllr Case said she did not believe we need to otherwise we would have had to for the cricket square. The Assistant Clerk advised that we need to investigate this as the grass surface would be changed to a more permanent material. <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that the Assistant Clark would investigate the surface change and if we need to seek permission. Cllr Ward asked how much the outdoor gym equipment would cost. Cllr Case advised it would be approximately £50k. Cllr Ward advised that he had seen the equipment in Tunbridge Wells, and it was very good. Cllr Case also mentioned that the equipment in Merstham is also very good.	LC  GM
<b>G06/25</b>	<b>6 TREES</b>	
	6.1 <b>Tilburstow Hill Trees</b> – The Assistant Clerk reported receiving an updated quote from a contractor and that the owner of the adjacent property had been contacted to advise them of the intended works. Cllr Case reported she had attended the SGN meeting about the roadworks and that we have a contact at SGN who may be able to help us with the road closure. Cllr Beagley said that the updated quote will need to go	

	<p>to FPC meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October for approval. Cllr Christmas asked about the other Cllrs views on the contractor who attended the Extraordinary Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September and Cllrs agreed they explained the intended works in detail but said they would be outsourcing to another contractor and not taking the BT line down. Cllr Beagley advised that there seemed too many risks with this approach, and that he had met the other contractor on site and had personally seen what needed to be done. He also mentioned that the other contractor was using his own equipment. Cllr Beagley reported that the contractor who had previously carried out work on the trees at Tilburstow Hill had not been back to complete the remaining work, and it had been over 18months, so the Parish Council needed to proceed with getting the work done as soon as possible. <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that the decision on the contractor would be deferred to the FPC this evening.</p> <p>6.2 <b>Grass Cutting complaint</b> – The PC received a complaint about the grass cutting around a grave and Cllr Case asked if a response had been sent. <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that The Assistant Clerk would follow up with the Clerk when she returns to work.</p> <p>6.3 <b>Liquidambar Tree Donation</b> – Cllr Case reported that the Liquidambar tree would be planted on the Green she also showed the Committee showed a photo of the tree.</p>	<p><b>SB</b></p> <p><b>GM</b></p>
<b>G07/25</b>	<b>7 BUILDINGS, GREEN, COMMONS, AND LAND</b>	
	<p>7.1 <b>Track Closure</b> – The Assistant Clerk reported that the annual one-day track closure was due. Cllr Beagley advised we need to select the date in November and send a letter to each of the residents. <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that we should print 14 copies and Cllr Christmas agreed he would distribute them.</p> <p>7.2 <b>Toilets</b> – Cllr Christmas asked what is happening with the toilets. Cllr Case advised that the Clerk was obtaining quotes on cleaning the toilets.</p> <p>7.3 <b>Pavillion</b> – Cllr Beagley reported that the teams using the Green for football are not using the Pavillion. It was discussed that the Godstone Club pay for the water in relation to the Pavillion. Cllr Case advised that the water needs to be run regularly in the Pavillion to keep it safe for use.</p> <p>7.4 <b>The Bounty</b> – Cllr Beagley reported that the contractor would be starting the external work on the Bounty this weekend and the internal work would be done in November – date to be confirmed. <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that the Assistant Clerk would follow up with Cllr Gardner about the works required in the toilet.</p> <p>7.5 <b>Benches</b> – Cllr Case noted that several benches at Blindley Heath needed repairing and that one of the benches at the pond still needed replacing. <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that the Assistant Clerk would find out if a resident was still interested in having a memorial bench and follow up with them. <b>IT WAS ALSO AGREED</b> that if the resident was not interested the PC would need to replace it.</p> <p>7.6 <b>Horse Pond</b> – Cllr Case reported that the Horse Pond wall has crumbled on the side which was not previously worked on by Cllr Gardner. Cllr Ward stated that the Horse Pond also needs dredging and advised he would look at costs of doing this. The Assistant Clerk advised that we need to get quotes now so that these costs could be factored into the budget for next year. <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that Cllr Ward would get a quote for the dredging from a contractor, and the Assistant Clerk would speak to Cllr Gardner to find out the name of a contractor who could provide a quote on repairing the damaged wall.</p>	<p><b>GM</b></p> <p><b>GM</b></p> <p><b>GM</b></p> <p><b>KW</b> <b>GM</b></p>
<b>G08/25</b>	<b>8 CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
	None	
<b>G09/25</b>	<p><b>9 Matters for inclusion on future agendas</b></p> <p>9.1 – <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that we would add an AOB section to the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>9.2 - <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that there is the need for a Cllr from South Godstone or Blindley Heath to join this committee. This will be added to the agenda for the next FPC meeting and Cllrs will be asked to volunteer to join.</p> <p><b>Cllr Case suspended standing orders to allow a resident to speak</b></p> <p>9.3 – A resident asked if we need to do a tree survey. Cllr Case agreed with this suggestion and <b>IT WAS AGREED</b> that the Assistant Clerk would get a quote for an updated tree survey and provide an update at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Cllr Case reinstated standing orders.</b></p>	<p><b>GM</b></p> <p><b>GM</b></p> <p><b>GM</b></p>

<b>G10/25</b>	<b>10 Date of the next meeting to be agreed</b> The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 11:45am.

Signed by

Print Name

Date