

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 7th September at **10am** at **The Bounty**

Present: Cllr S Beagley, Cllr L Case, Cllr D Christmas, Cllr C Farr, Cllr S Farr, and Cllr K Ward

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

G23/26	1 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	
	1.1 The Clerk has received a letter from a resident, who is an allotment holder, asking about Rights of Way on the right-hand side of the road to the allotments. The Clerk confirmed that we have the Deed of Easement in place which secures the use of the access way for allotment tenants to access their allotments. The resident who was in attendance stated that the right of way for pedestrians is often blocked by a car and bins from adjacent properties. Cllr Beagley repeated that the Deed of Easement secured access for the allotment tenants and that tenants walking to the allotments could still access the site along the driveway therefore there was no action required by the PC.	
G24/26	2 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE	
	None	
G25/26	3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	None	
G26/26	4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
	The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 th July 2026 were agreed and signed as true record. (LGA 1972 Sch.12 s41)	
G27/26	5 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	
	5.1 Hilly Fields – The Assistant Clerk confirmed that the gate had been installed at Hilly Fields and a key is kept in the Bounty. Cllrs agreed that the key could be issued to a resident to cut the grass once a year at the time deemed appropriate by the resident. 5.2 Godstone Green Signage – The Assistant Clerk confirmed that the playground signage is being installed on 7th September. 5.3 Oldencraig – Cllr Case confirmed that this would be discussed at the Full Parish Council meeting on 7th September. 5.4 Heathview – Cllr Beagley reported that we need to write to the business owner and advise that they have no wayleave for their business and they need	LC

	to cease using our track for access. IT WAS AGREED the Clerk would draft a letter to send to the property owner. 5.5 Allotment Paths – Cllr Ward reported that he had carried out an inspection at the allotments and the paths are not in a good condition. He reported that the allotment holders should be responsible for maintaining the paths around their plots, but some are not. IT WAS AGREED that when the new Godstone Allotment Association Committee are in place, Cllr Ward will speak to them about this, and the Assistant Clerk will add an additional note about this when invoice emails are sent out next year. 5.6 Allotment Tenancy Agreement Updates – The Assistant Clerk reported that the changes have been made to the allotment tenancy agreements and the agreement has been shared with the GAA committee. IT WAS AGREED that when the invoice emails are sent out, there will be an additional note sent to remind allotment holders of the key changes to the tenancy agreements. 5.7 Fairalls Lease – Cllr Beagley reported that he is still reviewing the lease and will provide an update at the next Greenspaces meeting in October. 5.8 Enterdent overgrown vegetation – The Assistant Clerk reported that a resident had complained to SCC about the way the footpath had been left by a contractor who completed the work. Cllr Christmas reported that it was an SCC contractor who completed this work so there is no further action required by GPC.	JC KW GM GM SB
G28/26	6 TREES	
	6.1 Tree Survey Works Quotes – The Assistant Clerk reported that we have yet to receive quotes from contractors for some areas. Cllr Beagley advised there was an additional tree that required work in the burial grounds which was not on the report. IT WAS AGREED that the Assistant Clerk would request a new quote to include this work and would also ask one of the contractors for more information about their proposed plan for tree work on the Eastbourne Road. IT WAS AGREED that the quotes and updates from contractors would be added to the agenda for the Full Parish Council meeting on 5th October for approval.	GM GM
G29/26	7 BUILDINGS, GREEN, COMMONS, AND LAND	
	7.1 Godstone Horse Pond – The Assistant Clerk shared a letter from a local resident who has offered to volunteer his services to improve the pond and details provided by a contractor on a proposal to remove silt from the pond. The Assistant Clerk confirmed we have no budget in 26/27 for pond repairs. Cllr Case asked if there are any Lottery Heritage Grants available to help us improve the pond. The Clerk confirmed that she was not aware of any at present, but that Cllrs could research this and come back to the committee with any appropriate schemes. IT WAS AGREED that Cllr Case, Cllr Christmas and Cllr Beagley would investigate the Lottery Heritage Grants and report back at the next Greenspaces meeting. Cllr C Farr raised his concerns about the condition of the walls around the pond. IT WAS AGREED that the Assistant Clerk would contact the resident who has volunteered to arrange a meeting with Cllr Beagley. 7.2 The Bounty Works – Cllr Beagley reported that he will speak to Godstone Sports Association to remove the nets behind the Bounty so that the work at the back of the building can be completed.	LC SB DC GM SB

G30/26	8 CORRESPONDENCE	
	8.1 Road traffic accident at Blindley Heath – The Assistant Clerk reported that the Blindley Heath village sign has been damaged and that our contactor has collected it for repair. Cllr Case and Cllr C Farr reported that it was agreed at the meeting with SCC that the GPC would dredge Blindley Heath Pond. The Clerk confirmed that this has not been agreed at Full Parish Council so it will need to be put on the agenda for discussion with all Councillors. IT WAS AGREED this would be put on the agenda for the Full Parish Council on 5th October. 8.2 Resident Complaint – The Clerk reported that a resident has written to the Parish Council about Japanese Knotweed on PC land. The Clerk has advised the resident that there is a treatment plan in place with the next treatment booked for October 2026. Cllr Christmas suggested that the contractor could meet with the resident and volunteered to arrange this meeting and attend. The Clerk advised this was not necessary as the treatment plan was in place, but that Cllr Christmas could meet with the contractor if he wished to do so. The Clerk also reported that the resident had been advised of the need to be courteous to Parish Council staff members in their communications.	GM DC
G31/26	9 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS	
	None	SB
G32/26	10 AOB	
	10.1 Holes on Godstone Green – Cllr Case reported that there are more holes appearing on Godstone Green and that the Godstone Fete Committee had to fill up holes for the Donkey Derby and Cllrs should be aware of the problem. 10.2 The Pavillion – Cllr Case requested that this be raised at the next meeting. The Clerk reported that the Godstone Sports Association are looking for help and it would be useful for the Parish Council to form a working group with the Godstone Sports Association. IT WAS AGREED that Cllr Beagley and Cllr Case would join and the Clerk would speak with the Godstone Sports association about this.	JC
G33/26	11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING TO BE AGREED	
	The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 26 th October.	

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 11:38am.

Signed by

Print Name

Date