

GODMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 7.30 pm at Godmersham Village Hall

Present : Cllrs Taylor (in the Chair), Lee, Grayson, & Johnson

In attendance: Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, PCSO Jones, and Ben Palmer, Godmersham Park

Action by:

There was a discussion with PCSO Luke Jones about local policing matters and Luke stressed that all crimes should be reported online or by phone

There was a discussion with Ben Palmer regarding the biomass plant at Godmersham Park and various issues of concern were discussed – it was agreed that these would be progressed outside of the Meeting

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Gee

2 Declarations of Councillor's Interests

There were no declarations of Cllrs interests in items on the Agenda

3 To approve the Minutes of the last Meetings

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 6th May, 25th May and 23rd June 2021 were approved and signed

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising of note

5 To discuss matters of public concern

There were no matters of public concern to discuss

6 To discuss Planning & Enforcement Matters

New Planning Application

21/01186 – single storey side extension/alterations to fenestration and relocation of door
Billington Farm Barns, Canterbury Road

There were no objections to this application

Decided Planning Applications

There were no decided applications to note

7 Bonfire smell

This item was covered elsewhere in the Meeting and it was agreed that a watching brief be kept

8 Finance Matters & Accounts for payment check

To note monthly Standing Orders -

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Standing Order - G Eaton, Clerk's salary and expenses	256.84
Standing Order - GW Landscaping, grounds maintenance	222.00

It was agreed to reimburse Cllr Lee £15 for expenditure incurred on the broadband project

9 The Clerk's annual appraisal

There was a general discussion regarding the Clerk's annual appraisal which took place immediately before this Meeting. During the appraisal the Clerk was asked to outline his main duties and responsibilities on a monthly and annual basis. There was a general discussion regarding communication between the Cllrs and Clerk and how this might be improved

It was agreed at the conclusion of the appraisal that the Clerk would summarise his duties and responsibilities and email to the Cllrs. Cllr Lee also suggested setting up a Godmersham Parish Council WhatsApp group to facilitate communications. It was agreed that the Clerk should have an annual appraisal every March and that a discussion about pay would take place every April

10 Correspondence

Email from ABC re Downs North Ward by-election

Letter from The Pensions Regulator confirming the completion of the re-declaration of compliance

Email from Charles Dehnel (circulated) updating on various issues

Email from Parishioner raising concerns regarding the biomass plant at Godmersham Park

11 AOB

Cllr Lee gave an update on the broadband project which was nearing completion

The Clerk was asked to contact ABC planning and request an update on the Thruxted Mill planning application

Clerk

The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding the proposed speed and traffic surveys to confirm costs/proposed locations

Clerk

12 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would take place on 8th September 2021 at 7.30 pm at Godmersham Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.45 pm