

# GODMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30 pm at Godmersham Village Hall

**Present** : Cllrs Taylor (in the Chair), Grayson, Johnson, Gee & Milton

**In attendance:** Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, ABC Cllr Meaden, and prospective Cllr Leah Macdonald

### **Action by:**

#### **1 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence

#### **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 Meeting and Matters arising**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 were approved and signed

#### **4 Co-option onto the Parish Council**

It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr. Jeremy Milton onto the Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Redmond Lee. Cllr Milton thanked the Council and formally joined the Meeting. Clerk to notify ABC

**Clerk**

#### **5 To discuss matters of public concern**

There was a general discussion regarding the recent increased Police presence in the area resulting from increasing reports of rural crime

#### **6 ABC Cllr's report**

Cllr Meaden gave a brief update on various local issues and spoke about hardship funding being offered by ABC to residents who were struggling financially

## **7 Planning**

### New Planning applications

There were no new planning applications to consider

### Decided planning applications

There were no decided planning applications to note

## **8 Finance Matters & Accounts for payment**

### The following accounts were approved for payment -

	<b>£</b>
Chq No 958 G Eaton, balance of backpay to 31.03.22	109.56
Chq No 959 Godmersham VH, hall hire	16.50

The monthly Standing Order was noted and approved -

	<b>£</b>
G Eaton, Clerk's salary and expenses	256.84

### To adopt the updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, previously circulated by email, were duly adopted. The Clerk was asked to put these onto the website **Clerk**

### Other Finance Matters

Cllr Gee reported that the wooden gate at the Village Hall had been damaged and a replacement ordered. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £450 towards this

## **9 Proposals for a playpark at the Village Hall**

There was nil of note to report

## **10 Highways Improvement Plan**

Cllr Taylor briefly summarised the various speeding and dangerous driving issues on the A28 and updated on the recent speed survey. The Clerk was asked to chase the results of the survey with Highways

**11 AOB**

Cllr Grayson resigned at the conclusion of the Meeting. Simon had served over 20 years on the Council but now felt it was time to step down for someone new to take his place. Cllr Taylor thanked Simon for all his hard work and efforts over many years, and this was echoed by all present. Clerk to notify ABC of the vacancy

**Clerk**

**12 Date of next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Meeting would take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30 pm at Godmersham Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.20 pm