

GODMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 7.30 pm at Godmersham Village Hall

Present : Cllrs Taylor (in the Chair), Johnson, Gee & Hilton

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

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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 10th January 2023 were approved and signed

There were no matters arising of note

4 To discuss matters of public concern

There was a discussion about the party planned to commemorate King Charles III Coronation. The event would be held at the Village Hall and would include tea/sandwiches

Thanks were given to ABC Cllr Meaden for his Ward Member grant of £800 towards this event

5 Planning and Enforcement

New Planning application

2023/3029 – change of use from redundant rural building to holiday let
Building at Bilting Storage, Bilting, TN25 4HF

This application was considered between Meetings and no objections raised

Decided planning applications

There were no decided planning applications to note

6 Finance Matters & Accounts for payment

There were no accounts for payment

The monthly Standing Order was noted and approved -

G Eaton, Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 256.84
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Annual review of the Clerk's salary

It was unanimously agreed to increase the Clerk's hourly rate of pay from £13.50 to £14.50 from 1st April 2023. The Clerk thanked the Cllrs for the increase

7 Proposals for a playpark at the Village Hall

The Business Case prepared by Cllr Johnson was discussed. It was agreed in principle to proceed with the project and Cllr Johnson undertook to research sources of funding/grants

Cllr Johnson

8 Vehicle access across Village Field

The previous problems of vehicles causing damage accessing land across the Village Field were discussed and noted. The proposal to lay some hard standing to alleviate the problem was approved and a watching brief agreed

9 Correspondence received

The Annual Report of the Godmersham in Need Charity, circulated by email, was noted with thanks

10 AOB

There was a discussion about the need for bins for dog waste along the Pilgrims Way – ABC Cllr Meaden kindly offered to follow this up with ABC

11 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would take place on Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 7.30 pm at Godmersham Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.20 pm