

GODMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, & ABC Cllr Meaden

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 ABC Cllr report

Cllr Meaden gave a brief report updating on local issues and confirmed that ABC would shortly be moving offices to International House in a bid to save money

4 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th September 2023 were approved and signed

There were no matters arising of note

5 Matters of public concern

There were no members of the public present

6 Planning and Enforcement

New Planning applications

There were no new planning applications to discuss

Decided planning applications

There were no decided planning applications to note

7 Highways matters and HIP update

Cllr Taylor gave an update on the recent meeting with Highways and it was agreed that he should liaise with them regarding the installation of the white Village gates. It was also agreed that Steve would follow up on the installation of the replacement speed sign **Cllr Taylor**

8 Finance Matters & Accounts for payment

The following account was approved for payment –

	£
Godmersham & Crundale VH, room hire	19.50

The monthly Standing Order was noted and approved -

	£
G Eaton, Clerk's salary and expenses	256.84

Internal audit report

There was a discussion regarding the 2022/2023 internal audit report and the 3 medium risks that had been identified. It was agreed –

that the revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations should be posted on the website and other financial documents uploaded **Clerk**

accessibility issues to be discussed with Kikk who host and manage the website to establish if accessibility apps could be deployed **Clerk**

Budget 2024/2025 and Precept requirement

There was a general discussion regarding the 2024/2025 budget and precept requirement. Given the community's concern regarding speeding and dangerous driving and desire to install traffic calming measures it was agreed to increase the precept to £14000 for 2024/2025, for one year only, to help fund traffic calming measures, It was hoped that this funding coupled with grants from KCC Cllr Bell and ABC Cllr Meaden would make a real impact on these long-standing problems. Clerk to notify ABC **Clerk**

Update of the Unity Trust Bank account

The Clerk reported that most of the online application had been completed and he would now submit the outstanding information requested for two of the Cllrs

9 AOB

Email received from KCC Cllr Bell offering a ward member grant of £2000. It was agreed to accept the kind offer of funding to be spent on traffic calming measures **Clerk**

There was a discussion about the vacancy on the Council and it was agreed that an advert be posted on social media. Clerk to draft and circulate to Cllrs

Clerk

10 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would take place on Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 7.30 pm at Godmersham Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.25 pm