

GODMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7.30 pm at Godmersham Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, and 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 Councillor's 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 28th January 2025 were approved and signed

4 ABC Cllr Meaden's report

ABC Cllr Meaden reported that ABC had now moved into their new offices in Ashford and that a planning application may be submitted to convert the former offices to flats. Geoff gave an interesting update on devolution and the reorganisation of local government, and suggested a possible enhanced role for Town and Parish Councils

5 Matters of public concern

There were no members of the public present

6 Planning and Enforcement

One planning application was considered between Meetings -

2025/0181 – listed building consent for upgrading fire doors and insertion of new partition and door to second floor accommodation to meet building regulations
Godmersham Park House, Canterbury Road, CT4 7DT

There were no comments on this application

Decided planning applications

There were no decided planning applications to note

7 Highway matters

Cllr Taylor reported that he was chasing Highways regarding the outstanding Village gates, and for the removal of black sacks from the speed signs

Cllr Taylor

8 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

£
297.25

The Finance report for the period 1st April – 31st Dec 2024, previously circulated by email, was discussed and the healthy balance in hand noted. The report was approved

9 AOB

It was noted that ABC had replied to our request for a new litter bin in Eggarton Lane stating that they had no plans to install any new litter bins

The problem of rubbish and human waste being deposited in the bus shelter outside the Village Hall was discussed. Cllr Gee to send details of the firm previously used to clean this to the Clerk to request a quote for cleaning the shelter on a regular basis, and also for emptying a dog waste bin which may be installed in Eggarton Lane

Cllr Gee/Clerk

There was a general discussion about the grass cutting contract and the maintenance of the wild flower area, and the two quotes were compared and contrasted. It was agreed to continue to use Burrs for the general grass cutting, and J Phillips for the care and maintenance of the wild flower area

10 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meetings would take place on Tuesday 27th May 2025 at Godmersham Village Hall – Annual Parishioners Meeting at 7.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.30 pm