

Godstone Parish Council

(incorporating the Villages of Godstone, South Godstone and Blindley Heath)

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MINUTES

of the meeting of Godstone Parish Council held on **Monday 3 March 2025**
at 7.30pm at St Stephens Church, South Godstone

Present: Cllrs S Beagley (Chair), D Christmas, J Gardner, L Case (Vice Chair), S Farr, K Ward and C White

Apologies: Cllr C Farr

In attendance: Tandridge District Councillor Cllr M Crane, H Legg, Claire Coutinho's Office, 2 x Residents, J Coulthard (incoming Clerk not yet in post)

1. Questions from Members of the Public – None

- 1.1 Cllr Case raised a question received from the owner of a business in the Village that was raised on behalf of a group of local businesses. The group asked whether the Parish Council would permit local business owners and customers to park on Godstone Green while the road closure through the High Street was in place. D Cllr Crane advised that he felt the issue had gone away as the White Hart had offered businesses the option of parking in their carpark in the mornings and the barriers had been moved back giving access to most businesses on the High Street.

RESOLVED – The Parish Council did not agree to permit parking on Godstone Green due to the fragility of the surface and the condition of the ground due to the recent wet weather.

Mr Legg then asked if the car park at the closed Godstone Hotel be used, the Parish Council (PC) advised Mr Legg that he would need to contact the owners. He asked if the PC knew who to contact and asked the PC to let him know and he would leave his email address.

2. Apologies and reasons for absence

- 2.1 The Clerk had received apologies from Cllr C Farr due to illness.

RESOLVED – Council noted the apologies, and the meeting was confirmed as quorate.

3. Declarations of Interest [Register of Interests](#)

- 3.1 Cllr D'Mello declared a pecuniary interest in item 7 on the agenda and as such would abstain from voting.

4. County and District Councillors – Brief report on matters affecting the Parish.

- 4.1 Cllr C Farr – Surrey County Council (SCC) - No report due to apologies.

- 4.2 D Cllr M Crane (MC) – Tandridge District Council (TDC)

4.2.1 Reported that TDC were still waiting to hear how long it would take to fix the collapsed section of road in the High Street. He advised that all evacuees had been re-housed.

4.2.2 He reported that TDC were not prepared to enter contracts for temporary accommodation for the evacuees for more than 3 months but were willing to renew them if necessary. This was because currently no one knew how long it would take to fix the road and TDC did not want to commit to spending Council Taxpayers money unnecessarily.

4.2.3 The PC asked if the cause of the road collapse was known. D Cllr Crane advised that the reason was not yet known.

4.2.4 Cllr Case mentioned that she had received comments from several residents about the bus service. A representative from SCC contacted the bus company and advised that buses were still stopping at the stop near the Shell Garage and the stop in the Oxted Road. Although the timetable was changed without any notification to the residents. She also reported that another D Cllr had been speaking to an elderly lady with a mobility issue who, with heavy shopping, had tried to get a Taxi from Oxted to the south side of Godstone and was refused. The Taxi driver told her it was taking too long due to the diversion. Cllr White mentioned it was the 410 that was the issue and advised he would take up with the bus company.

5. Minutes of the previous meetings held – 3rd February 2025

RESOLVED – The minutes of the meeting of the 3rd of February 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.

6. Grass Cutting Contract

RESOLVED – Council resolved to postpone discussion for Part Two 6.2

7. Godstone Green – GSA and Parish Council working relationship – Report following the agreed meeting and completing of the written football agreement.

7.1 Cllr D'Mello gave a report from the agreed meeting and talked through the proposals for football on Godstone Green. Cllrs Gardner, Ward and White emphasised the importance of the football clubs using the green to have a connection to Godstone and to use Godstone in the names of the teams who would play on the green. The PC were asked to sign two agreements, one to enable the Football Club to apply for a grant for pitch maintenance and another covering the relationship between Godstone Sports Association (GSA) and maintenance of the green. Cllrs Case and Farr expressed concerns about handing over the maintenance of the grass on the green to the Godstone Sports Association/the Football Club due to past experiences. **IT WAS AGREED** to sign both agreements and for the Clerk to advise GSA and arrange for the documents to be signed.

Action: FPC 03/03/25 advise GSA and arrange for the documents to be signed.

8. Finance

18.1 Accounts for Payment - Approve **FEBRUARY** accounts for payment.

Rialtas	GPC Ref.	Business	Invoice	Invoice Date	Payment For	Net amount	VAT	Invoice Total	Information	
	Salary Payments									
	G1740-3	Salaries	February	Salary				£ 1,760.04	Within budget available	
		HMRC		NI and Income tax						
		NEST Pension		Pension contribution						
Direct Debits										
4080 - Heat/Light	G1729	British Gas Trading	10144479	9.2.2025	Electricity	£ 169.30	£ 8.46	£ 177.76		
	G1738	BT	M147L4		Telephone and Internet	£ 49.95	£ 9.99	£ 59.94		
	Invoices for Payment									
4150 - Meeting Costs	G1721	St Stephens			February Room Hire	£ 25.00		£ 25.00	Within budget available	
4090 - Postage & Stationary	G1728	One to One	GODS01	Mar	Presentation White Paper	£ 44.82	£ 8.96	£ 53.78		
4140 - Computer Expenses	G1730	HPS	6611	Feb	IT Licences	£ 335.02	£ 67.00	£ 402.02		
4140 - Computer Expenses	G1731	HPS	6612	Feb	IT Licences	£ 232.37	£ 46.47	£ 278.84		
4140 - Computer Expenses	G1732	HPS	6613	Feb	DMS Renewal Registration	£ 13.00	£ 2.60	£ 15.60		
4140 - Computer Expenses	G1733	HPS	6610	Feb	IT Support/Website	£ 521.85	£ 104.37	£ 626.22		
4435 - Christmas Lights	G1734	Elec Work	2967	13-Feb	Christmas and Bounty Elec	£ 1,819.17	£ 363.83	£2,183.00	Christmas light budget now used following costs previously covered by Bounty purchase due to cross over of works.	
4435 - Christmas Lights	G1735	Elec Work	2966	13-Feb	ECIR	£ 280.00	£ 56.00	£ 336.00		
4435 - Christmas Lights	G1736	Elec Work	2968	13-Feb	Christmas and Bounty Elec	£ 2,116.08	£ 423.22	£2,539.30		
	G1737	Sarah Endersby	Expenses		Postage and ARabetts Thank you	49.2		49.2		
	G1739	Tree Suregery &	1196	18-Feb	Scotts Pine - The Enterden	260.00		260.00		
	G1744	H Vaughan			Postage	8.5		8.5		
Rialtas Month: Month 11 February	Salaries paid in accordance with 7. Payment of Salaries of the Parish Council Financial Regulations. **Employee/Employers total payment paid by GPC									
						£5,924.26	£1,090.90	£8,775.20		

RESOLVED – Payment list totalling **£8775.20**, including salary payments. **APPROVED**

9. Correspondence and matters for reporting or inclusion on future agendas
None.

RESOLVED – Council resolved that pursuant to Section 1 part 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any business on the grounds that it is likely if the public were to remain, there would be a disclosure of exempt information.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled to be held on **Monday 7th April 2025** at **7.30pm**, at St Stephens.

Council moved to Part 2.

----- Meeting ended -----

Signed
Chairperson

Print Name

Date