

GODMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 7.30 pm at Godmersham Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gee & ABC Cllr Meaden

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 24th September 2024 were approved and signed

There were no matters arising of note

4 Matters of public concern

There were no members of the public present

5 Planning and Enforcement

One planning application was considered between Meetings -

2024/1806 - extension to existing double garage to create car port with bin store
Downsells, Canterbury Road, TN25 4HE

There were no comments on this application

Decided planning applications

There were no decided planning applications to note

6 Highway matters

Cllr Taylor reported that he had chased Highways regarding the outstanding Village gates

It was noted that the white lines at the junction of The Street and Eggarton Lane needed to be repainted. The Clerk was asked to report this to Highways **Clerk**

7 Finance Matters & Accounts for payment

There were no accounts for payment

The monthly Standing Order was noted and approved -

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| G Eaton, Clerk's salary and expenses | £ 297.25 |
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Risk assessment template 2024/2025

The Risk assessment template, as circulated by email, was discussed. The template was agreed and adopted by the Council. Clerk to arrange for it to be posted on the website

Clerk

Budget 2025/2026 and Precept requirement

There was a discussion regarding the draft budget for 2025/2026. It was agreed no allowance would be made for further expenditure on traffic-calming measures but a small budget of £2000 should be included for swings at the Village Hall. A budget of £10000 was agreed and the Clerk was asked to request this amount, £10000, as the precept for 2025/2026 from ABC

Clerk

Grass cutting

There was a general discussion regarding the grass cutting contract at the Village Hall. It was agreed to draw up a new specification based on the current cutting schedule and to include the maintenance of the new wild flower area, as it was felt that it may be more cost effective to have both areas maintained by a single contractor rather than two. Cllr Tylor kindly offered to draft the specification **Cllr Taylor**

8 AOB

There was no other business to discuss

9 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would take place on Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 7.30 pm at Godmersham Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.15 pm