

GODNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Godney Parish Council Members: Cllrs. Michael Gooden (Chairman), Christine Steadman, Amanda Ryder, Kim King, Clare Munday, John Holdaway. Richard Evans

Mendip District Council: Cllr Nigel Taylor. **Somerset County Council:** Cllr Graham Noel

Public Time: Four members of the public present. One spoke on the problem with litter in the village, information was given that Mendip District Council have equipment for local groups to use.

GODNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

8th February 2018

MINUTES

1. **APOLOGIES** SCCllr Graham Noel.
2. **Declarations of interest and Dispersions.** None
3. **MINUTES.** The minutes of meeting of 8th January 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed.
4. **VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR.** Following the resignation of Tim Lewis, the vacancy was advertised but no election called. The vacancy was then advertised for co-option.
5. **CO-OPTION.** Mr Richard Evans was co-opted as member of the Council.
6. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.** Amanda Ryder was duly elected. All in favour
7. **PLANNING**
 - 7.1. **Applications**

2017/3177/FUL – Land at Westhay Moor Drove, Godney – proposed market garden to include workshop, tool store, processing/packing room, office/shelter 3no. x polytunnel and 2no. storage sheds. The Chairman had visited the site and spoken to the applicant, the meeting agreed that the council recommends refusal on the same grounds as before.
 - 7.2. **Local Plan Part II Consultation.** Cllrs Holdaway and Evans were appointed to draft a response and the Clerk will apply for an extension.
8. **FINANCE**
 - 8.1. Finance Report was circulated by the Clerk.
 - 8.2. It was noted that the Appointment of PKF Littlejohn LLP as external Auditors for 2017/18 financial year.
 - 8.3. It was noted that the Annual Return will now be known as the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and that these will now be sent electronically
 - 8.4. **Payments agreed**

BACS/17 SLCC £27.48
BACS/18 SALC £64.51
BACS/19 Lyreco ££93.30 + VAT £18.66, Total £111.96
9. **WEBSITE.** It is a requirement that the parish council provides a website with information and documentation. It was agreed that Mr Adam Abdelnoor will build a website with community and village links. The Clerk will submit an application for funding to the Transparency Fund for costs and a printer.
10. **WASTE COLLECTION AND LITTER BINS.** Reports on social media concerning the amount of litter in the parish were discussed. The provision of two litter bins of the type approved by Mendip District Council for emptying purposes would be in excess of £1,000 which is not in the budget for this year or next year. This will be reviewed at the end of 2018 for inclusion in the budget for 2019/20. In the meantime a community group may be able to arrange a litter pick with tools supplied by Mendip District Council.
11. **District Council Report.** MDCllr Nigel Taylor gave a brief description of his role at District level.
12. **PLAYING FIELD.** No report available. Amanda Ryder has passed documents to the Clerk to identify ownership and responsibility.

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- 13. VILLAGE HALL REPORT.** The hall continues to be busy with a variety of activities including Yoga and the play 'Sandcastles' to take place in April.
- 14. RIGHTS OF WAY.** Cllr King reported that a further two footpaths have been walked for inspection. It was reported that footpath WS5/5 signpost and Lower Godney Road has disappeared. Also footpath WS5/3 is now blocked by a fence on the bridge.
- 15. PARISH EVENTS.** The play 'Sandcastles' will be performed in April.
- 16. HIGHWAYS.** Several potholes around the parish have been filled and there are still some to be completed. Tilley's Drove and Trips Drove (Little Scotland end) need work. A report that no warning signs were put out and that cars were having to turn around. The damage to the edge of the road opposite Fisherman's Cottage has not yet been done.
- 17. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.** Cllr Gooden reported that he had attended a meeting about setting up of a website. He had also visited the applicant on the Westhay Moor Drove Site to discuss the planning application. The new Tourist Information office next to the Town Hall in Glastonbury held a meeting which he attended. Local businesses wishing to advertise with them should contact them direct.
- 18. No other reports or information.**
- 19. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE noted**
 - 19.1. Somerset County Council Library Consultation
 - 19.2. Buckingham Palace Garden Party
 - 19.3. Mendip District Council Rural Housing Seminar
 - 19.4. Somerset NHS Clinical Commissioning Group
 - 19.5. Parish Council Information Bulletin
 - 19.6. Somerset Community Foundation Newsletter
 - 19.7. SALC Training for Councillors
 - 19.8. Somerset Waste Partnership
 - 19.9. Mendip District Council Calendar of Meetings
 - 19.10. Future meetings
- 20. DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITIES** It was agreed to delegate authority to the Parish Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to decide any urgent matters arising before the next meeting.
- 21. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS,** 8th March, 12th April