

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: Two members of the public were present.

GODNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

8th March 2018

Godney Village Hall

MINUTES

1. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman Amanda Ryder took the chair.
2. **APOLOGIES** received from Cllr Gooden, SCCllr Graham Noel, and Nigel Taylor. Reasons accepted.
3. **Declarations of interest and Dispensations.** None
4. **MINUTES.** The minutes of 12th February 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed.
5. **PLANNING**
 - Applications - none
 - This Council's Local Plan Part II Consultation Response has been submitted to Mendip District Council
 - Planning Training – 15th March 2018 at Glastonbury.
6. **FINANCE**
 - 6.1. Finance Report. A draft of the annual accounts will be prepared for presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting.
 - 6.2. **Payments**

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| Quarterly Salaries, Office Costs & Expenses and HMRC | £552.92 |
| PAT Testing | £ 15.00 |
7. **WEBSITE.** The Clerk reported that the website is progressing. There are two separate sections one for the Parish Council Business and one for the Community. Local organisations and businesses will be able to advertise for a donation of £25.00 for one year. The Transparency Fund application is currently being considered and an answer is expected shortly.
8. **PLAYING FIELD.** The Clerk has obtained copies of legal documents regarding the terms of ownership and permitted use and planning permission. The Council is Custodian Trustee and the Management Committee should consist of 3 elected members and 3 appointed members of the Parish Council. Amanda Ryder will arrange a meeting with members of the current committee to discuss a way forward and identify any problems regarding health and safety, insurance etc. The Charity Commission Website shows that finances are up to date.
9. **VILLAGE HALL REPORT.** The play 'Sandcastles' will be produced for 4th, 5th, & 6th April.
10. **RIGHTS OF WAY.** Cllr King continues to walk the footpaths within the parish and report any findings to the clerk. There is currently a problem with dog walkers failing to clean up. The Clerk will produce laminated signs for the Councillors to post at appropriate locations.
11. **PARISH EVENTS.** As per Village Hall report.
12. **HIGHWAYS.** Several works that were reported to Highways have been completed and some are in the process of completion. Concerns regarding the deep rut close to Fisherman's Cottage having been filled with raked over soil from the adjacent hedge. Clerk will deal.
13. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.** Nothing to report.
14. **OTHER REPORTS AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE.** SCCllr Graham Noel submitted a reported which has been circulated prior to the meeting. Points noted are that the recent Ofsted rating

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'Requires Improvement to be Good'. The decision to deliver the Family Support Service has been made. Secondary School admissions note that 97.5% of children have been offered a place at one of their top three preferences. Somerset County Council will begin to move towards the withdrawal of all single use plastics. The National College for Nuclear opened on 7th February providing state of the art nuclear training. The Libraries consultation continues until 22nd April. Somerset Registration Service has launched a new website. Volunteer drivers are needed county-wide to help people get to medical appointments, day care centres etc.

15. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

15.1. The Clerk has identified that the BT box in Lower Godney was purchased by the Council and copies of documents have been received from BT. The Clerk will get a price for painting and general maintenance.

15.2. Changes to the Data Protection Act will take place shortly and the Council needs to be prepared to update policies. Guidance has been received from SALC and Cllr Evans has agreed to take up the task of reading and identifying work to be done. It is possible that a working party between Godney and Wookey Parish Council could save both work.

16. DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITIES 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.

17. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS, 19th April (Annual Parish Meeting) followed by Council Meeting.

