

# GODNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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**Present: Godney Parish Council Members:** Cllrs. Michael Gooden (Chairman), Christine Steadman, Amanda Ryder, Kim King, Clare Munday, John Holdaway. Richard Evans. **Somerset County Council:** Cllr Graham Noel

**In attendance:** Mrs D Boulton, Clerk/RFO

**Public Time:** Three members of the public present. The meeting was advised that new deliverers for The Triangle Magazine are required or a collection point.

## GODNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

11<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### MINUTES

1. **APOLOGIES.** MDC Nigel Taylor.
2. **Declarations of interest and Dispensations.**  
Cllr M Gooden declared a pecuniary interest in item 5.
3. **MINUTES.** Confirmation of the accuracy of the minutes of meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018
4. **SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT.** Cllr Noel reported that there are two main issues at County currently – finance and a unitary authority. There is a shortfall of £12million in the budget due to Central Government fall in funding and continuing rises in costs. Cutbacks to social care are being made as are other statutory services including enforcement and bus services. The possible formation of a unitary authority make help cost savings were services are duplicated, however this is some time in the future. There is also a review of the library service and parishes should be consulted.
5. **PLANNING.** The Clerk reported that she had been contacted regarding an objection to an application which was heard at the last meeting, and one that has not been received yet.
6. **PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR.** Mrs Gooden gave an update and asked that the donation came from Mr & Mrs Gooden and not the proceeds of the Godney Gathering. The Village Hall will donate some funds and it was suggested that the Parish Council would also contribute. Mrs Gooden will report back in December with costs and location for installation. It was agreed in principal to support this project subject to agreement of final costs. The Council to write and thank Mr & Mrs Gooden for their generous contribution.
7. **BT TELEPHONE BOX.** Cllr & Mrs Gooden have started work on the repairs and refurbishment of the BT telephone box. There will be cost for materials and the Council agreed £50. There is no charge for labour.
8. **FINANCE REPORT**
  - a. **Precept Budget.** A draft budget was circulated and discussed any changes to be submitted to Clerk prior to the next meeting.
  - b. **Payments approved**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Salary, expenses & administration	£671.45
Chalmers HB	£45.60
  - c. **Receipts noted**  
Donation from Mr & Mrs Gooden for Defibrillator £1000.00
9. **WEBSITE.** The meeting asked that a counter be added to the website to show number of visitors. The village side of the website has not produced any requests for adverts to date and this service needs to be publicised to attract funding. The Clerk to invite the website administrator to give a feedback report at the next meeting in December.
10. **DATA PROTECTION ACT.** Ongoing.
11. **PLAYING FIELD.** It was reported that the grass has not been cut for a while and the Council has not received an update of the committee AGM. Cllr Ryder to get an update.
12. **VILLAGE HALL & OTHER EVENTS.** A quiz and fish & chip supper is taking place on 25<sup>th</sup> October and proceeds to go to RNLI.
13. **RIGHTS OF WAY & HIGHWAYS.** The repairs needed to the bridge at WS5/1 have not been dealt with. Clerk to write again. No response has been received regarding meeting up to discuss repairs to Tilley's Drove, Clerk to write again. The A371 closure for three month from Draycott to Cheddar is being extended for a further period to allow additional works. Crannel Lane will be closed from 5<sup>th</sup> November for 13 days to allow for bridge repairs (by Garslade Farm.Kennel Batch (Haybridge) will be closed 6<sup>th</sup> November for 1 day.

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- 14. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY -** The Clerk has been contacted by the Environment Agency by an officer new in post and the Council is asked to support his call for Riparian Responsibilities to be made aware to land owners. Any reports where work is needed and has not been carried out can be reported to the Clerk who will pass on for action. Notices will be placed in all notice boards, the village hall and on the website. It is vital that all work is carried out as soon as possible to avoid problems of flooding.
- 15. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.** The chairman reported that he and his wife have made a start on the BT Box for repairs and repainting. A photograph of the completed work to be sent to the Lord of Godney Manor who sent money from USA to help towards the costs. The playing field grass has not been cut for many weeks and makes the area unfit for purpose and he would like a report from the Playing Field Committee. The Chairman reported that he has sampled the artisan bread from the River Artisan Bakery as well as the fish and chips from Double Gate Farm. These are both lovely additions to the village and he hopes that they will be well supported. He is also looking forward to his first taste of aquaponic vegetables from Godney Aquaponics.
- 16. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.** The Clerk has attended a course on Parish Council working with Village Halls & Playing Field Committees and found it very useful. A recent update from Microsoft Windows 10 has caused problems with the accounting software which is old and needs to be replaced. A survey of Clerks across Somerset has produced useful information and a cost will be included in the budget for the new year. Some emails seem to have been lost and there are problems with the printer which the Clerk is trying to sort out.
- 17. OTHER REPORTS AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE.** The Police were called to incidents with a local hunt on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Clerk to identify which hunt and write. A report of overgrowth at a house in Upper Godney is affecting the width of the road, Clerk to deal.
- 18. 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.
- 19. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS.** No meeting November, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018