



South Godstone Residents' Association

Meeting Minutes – 24 April 2025 at 8pm
At The Pavilion, Lagham Road, South Godstone

1. **Attendees**
Colin Anderson, Chris Boughton, Pat Brown, Susan Clark (Secretary) Mike Crane (Chair), Julie Jones.
2. **Apologies for absence**
Jeff Burrell, John Farnaby (Treasurer), Andy Janaway (Vice Chair), Colin White
3. **Welcome to visitors**
 - a. Alban Brindle, Chair of Godstone Village Association ('GVA')
4. **Minutes of meeting 31 January 2025**
Taken as read and signed
5. **Matters arising**
None
6. **Chairman's Report**
 - a. **Planning**
 - i. **Government has changed the National Policy Planning Framework leading to the likelihood of a loss of some of the green belt to be recategorized as grey belt**
 - ii. **Posterngate Farm - A new planning application has been submitted to TDC (ref 2025-357) whereby "Removal of mixed commercial buildings and associated structures and areas of hardstanding and dwelling known as Flint Barn and redevelopment with eight dwellings, served from existing access to Hart's Lane; stopping up of two existing accesses to the A22 Eastbourne Road and replacement with new soft landscaping; provision of other new hard and soft landscaping and open space; foul and surface water drainage systems; and other works" is proposed**
 - iii. **In the parish of Horne:**
Havens Farm Field, Eastbourne Road – a planning application has been submitted to TDC (ref 2024/1308) whereby "Planning application for agriculture use including a double fronted stable, triple fronted stable, large open shelter, chicken coop, small dog kennels, portable toilet, mobile home (day use), hard standing track, and nature garden and pond.(Retrospective)" is proposed
 - iv. **In the parish of Horne:**
Farm Estate, Eastbourne Road, Newchapel, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6LF— a planning application has been submitted to TDC (ref

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2025/344) whereby “Change of use of land from agriculture to a development of 10 plots for travelling showpeople with associated access and landscaping” is proposed

- v. Dippen Hall, Eastbourne Road, Blindley Heath, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6JX – a planning application was submitted (ref 2024/998) whereby “Erection of 7 dwellings, car parking and associated landscaping to the rear of Dippen Hall.” - such application subsequently withdrawn.

Mike advised that Surrey County Council wanted the speed limit here reduced to 40mph and that it was expecting the developer to pay for this speed reduction.

- vi. Mike advised that TDC has a target of 843 homes to build a year now yet the government wants 1,011 built by Tandridge. A year ago, TDC was achieving 160 new homes a year so has already dramatically increased its new build quantity.

- b. White Gate Farm, Tilburstow Hill Road

Mike advised that the enforcement team has now taken action with assistance from Environment Agency. It has taken two years to reach this stage but now it is recognised there has been illegal waste dumping taking place.

- c. 18 Woodlands Drive

Enforcement has now taken place against the property owners in respect of a property which has effectively been vacant for the last 23 years. The owner has been served notice to have works commenced within three months to bring the property back to acceptable standards

- d. “Black Path” footpath between Oaklands and Tilburstow Hill Road

For over a year this path has been closed. Surrey County Council promises a positive response within two weeks

- e. Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

Surrey County Council has been selected by the government to fast track as a Unitary therefore concrete proposals need to be submitted by SCC to the government regarding its plans by 8 May. Eight out of the 11 district and borough councils would like three unitaries whilst SCC would prefer two.

There is concern regarding the level of debt in several districts and boroughs to the west of the county and that those generally in the east do

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- not wish to pick up that substantial financial burden.
- f. **Godstone road collapse**
It is two months since the collapse. There was a productive meeting between TDC and SCC on 22 April to ensure SCC's priorities were clear. There are issues regarding communications from SCC in as much as there is a lack of communication seemingly. There is another public meeting to come soon to publish timelines. Of the 34 families forced out, only two families have not returned to their properties.
Lloyd Allen of SCC is trying to maintain pedestrian access to A Plus Supermarket even if vehicle access is not possible to the door
 - g. **Current TDC year ends 15 May.**
Mike has accepted Leader Catherine Sayer's invitation to become Chair and will remain vice chair Strategy and Resources
7. **Treasurer's report**
Our new Treasurer advises he has not yet been setup to see our bank account information and this needs to be done by the bank before any financial updates can be provided. Mike advised he did not recall seeing papers from our former Treasurer countersigning the transfer of Treasurer role and will follow this up.
8. **Secretary's report**
- a. **SGRA Membership renewals**
Invitations were sent to 13 local residents whose membership was coming up for renewal at around and since the time of our AGM. An update from our Treasurer is needed to know who has paid for a membership renewal.
 - b. **Email distribution list**
Susan advised that the email distribution she inherited appeared to include some local residents who are not paid members of SGRA and wondered whether we should keep sending out emails to those who are not SGRA members? The committee concluded we should not continue to send non members emails but write and explain SGRA is no longer able to continue forwarding messages to those who do not have a paid SGRA membership but invite these recipients to take out membership and continue receiving the communications.

We need an update from our Treasurer to see our bank account online before the communication is sent to avoid writing to those who have paid a renewal fee.

Alban suggested we make it easy for people to take out membership and

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look at the footer on our outward emails as well as the website to simplify the process to become a member

c. Annual household memberships

Alban advised that he felt the cost of our annual household memberships was incorrect at £10 per annum and this was too much. The Godstone Village Association (GVA) charges £5 for household membership with the same cost for Friends of GVA (those who live outside of Godstone village).

The committee discussed this aspect and felt Alban's recommendation should be put to those attending the SGRA AGM for a vote to reduce the annual household membership to £5. Susan to start preparing the paperwork in this regard.

d. New residents' packs

This topic has rolled forward for a little while and refers to resident Karen Jackson who had suggested some months ago that a "welcome to South Godstone" pack be compiled and would SGRA contribute content.

The committee agreed that it was extremely difficult to ascertain new residents with people moving out/in almost unnoticed. However, it was agreed Susan would draft something to send across to Karen. Susan would copy in the chair of South Godstone Sports and Community Association which had also been approached to contribute content but which had expressed the same initial concerns as SGRA in that how would content be kept current and how would the packs be distributed

9. Infrastructure

a. Defects

i. Easter Way – resident Sarah Reynolds had asked the SGRA committee to raise with Surrey County Council the ongoing issues of Easter Way and the poor road condition.

Following a conversation with Surrey County Council on 23 April 2025, as many interested parties as possible should report their concerns regarding the road condition to Surrey County Council through the fix my street reporting tool (<https://tellus.surreycc.gov.uk/>)

The more reports which are received, the more attention this will draw within Surrey County Council which will hopefully lead to escalation within the system and improvement works

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- b. Electric Vehicle charging points (please see appendix attached)
Mike had written to SCC regarding the proposed EV bay installation
 - i. Lagham Park - opposite numbers 2 and 4
Susan had circulated her response to the consultation from Surrey County Council and advised a number of residents in Lagham Park are using this response on which to base their own comments
 - ii. Harcourt Way – outside numbers 1 to 15

- c. Dog poo bins

A new dog poo bin appears to have been installed (in as much as we don't remember it being there previously) close to the postbox on the corner of Woodlands Drive and Lagham Park. No other new bins have been noticed recently.

Residents David and Mary Lyle had recently raised concerns regarding a dog walker who persisted in dropping dog poo bags into the sewerage grate outside their properties. Mr and Mrs Lyle had asked whether SGRA committee could request further bins with Tandridge District Council bearing in mind it was felt there are bins:

Oaklands

corner of Woodlands Drive/Lagham Park

footpath to the church

Sports field

possibly near the Harcourt Way playground

It was suggested a post be put on the SGRA and South Godstone Community Facebook pages asking for comments back to SGRA on whether more poo bins are required

10. Speed Reduction

Susan had contacted Truvelo regarding its Speed Indicating Device (SID), specifically requesting certain costs breakdown:

survey costs

installation costs

purchase or hire costs

maintenance costs

What permissions or consents would be required by the Highway Authority (Surrey County Council), the district council (Tandridge District Council) and/or Surrey Police

It was felt that such a device would not offer much more than the existing SIDs to the north and south of the village but that the information would allow us to

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reach a conclusion on this matter.

11. Development and planning

- a. Land south west of Godstone Station and railway line (Eden South Godstone Limited) – 200 homes proposed

Mike advised he had written to TDC's planning team and asked whether SCC as the Highway Authority had indeed commented

Four residents had shared their thoughts/comments with SGRA

Julie advised that the Collard family was believed to own the land but the family no longer live in the village

- b. 9 Lagham Park - Retention of boundary fence (TDC application reference 2025/384)

- c. 34 Lagham Park - Erection of first floor extension. Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey rear extension. Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey side extension, garage front extension. Erection of two storey front feature entrance (TDC application reference 2025/281)

- d. Ambulance Station, Lagham Road - Erection of 6 dwellings following the demolition of the existing building (applicant Mr Hardeep Hans of Hanslink Limited - TDC application reference [2025/305](#))

12. Publicity

- a. Facebook

Regular posts are made by the committee including welcoming new website advertisers

There are approximately 140 members in our Facebook group

- b. Godstone and South Godstone magazine

No article submitted for May 2025 edition

Will hopefully be possible to submit an article for June 2025 edition

- c. RH9 Magazine

No article submitted for May 2025 edition

Will be tight for copy deadline but could be possible to submit an article for June 2025 edition

- d. Website (please see appendix attached)

- i. Domain name renewal

It was agreed that SGRA renew its domain name

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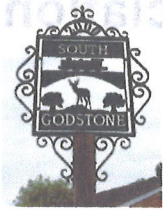


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- ii. Website hosting renewal
It was agreed that SGRA renew its website for a further 12 months
- iii. Advertising
Susan has approached almost 100 local businesses (across the Godstone, South Godstone, Blindley Heath, Caterham on the Hill, Tandridge area).
 1. Free advertising to support Godstone businesses has been accepted by
DD Services (car servicing and MOTs)
Godstone Pharmacy
Hare and Hounds
 2. Paid new advertising has been taken out by
BCU Plumbing
Cut Price Carpets
 3. Paid renewal advertising by
RW Window Cleaning
13. VE Day 80 commemoration
The committee understood there was an event at South Godstone Sports and Community Association on Saturday, 3 May whilst there was a Parish event on Godstone Green on Sunday, 4 May.
14. SGRA Fund Raiser
 - a. Silent disco – Mike had recent experience of this and said how enjoyable but unusual it was. The committee was uncertain about costs for such an event since it would mean hiring a DJ who pays music on different radio frequencies simultaneously and all the headsets which are tuned to the required frequency to hear the music of choice
 - b. Comedy night – the committee was happy to consider another comedy night but felt February 2026 might be a good time to do this
15. Godstone Village Association report
Nothing to report
16. Full fibre broadband report
Chris advised he was unaware of the extent of the Lagham Road/Easter Way/Hunters Chase scheme but it is proceeding.

No further information is known about the Carlton Road/Tilburstow Hill Road



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scheme

17. Any other business

- a. Colin advised of public footpath (right of way 246) which is parallel to but immediately south of the railway line from Edenbridge to Godstone.
There is a large amount of overgrowth coming from Network Rail's land behind a high fence which has grown onto the footpath and is now restricting pedestrian lines of sight when trying to cross A22 to reach the pavement on the western side of A22. Susan will raise a complaint with Surrey County Council and Network Rail regarding this and ask for prompt resolution
- b. Pat advised of the fatal road accident on A25 between Godstone and Bletchingley, no further details are known

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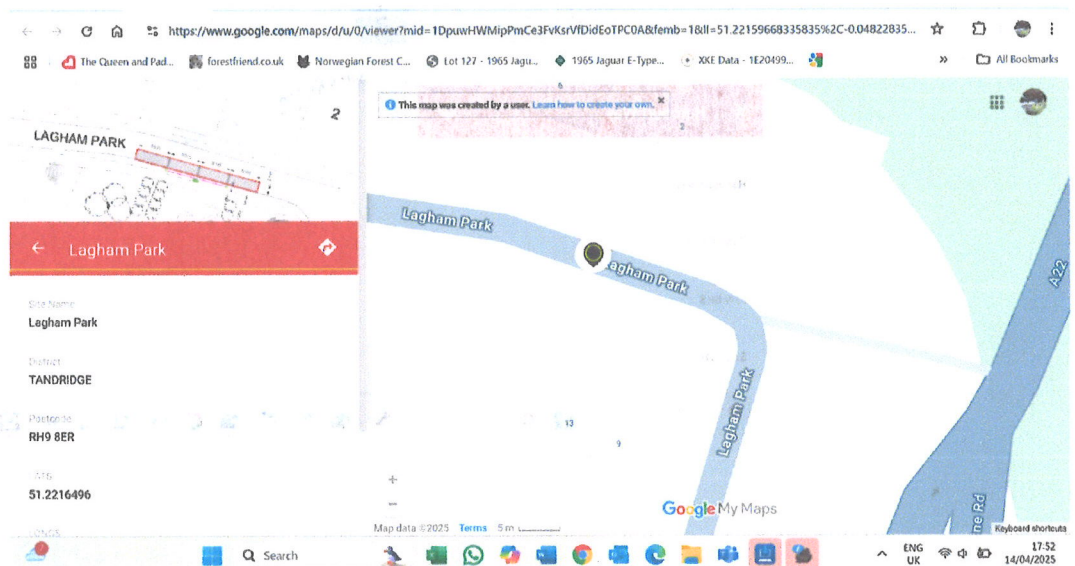
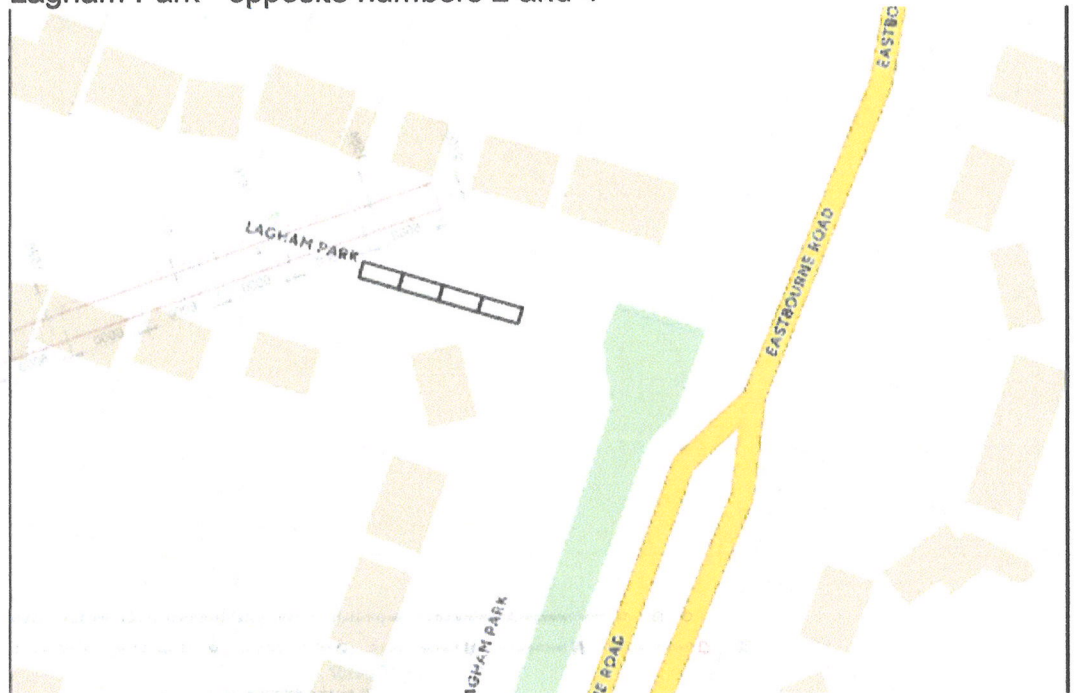
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b. Electric Vehicle charging points

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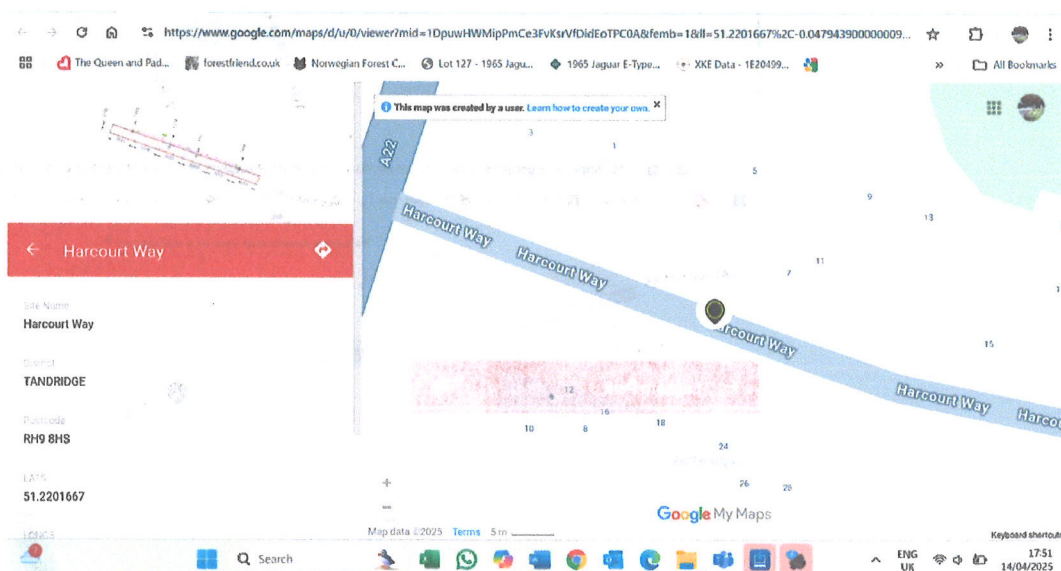
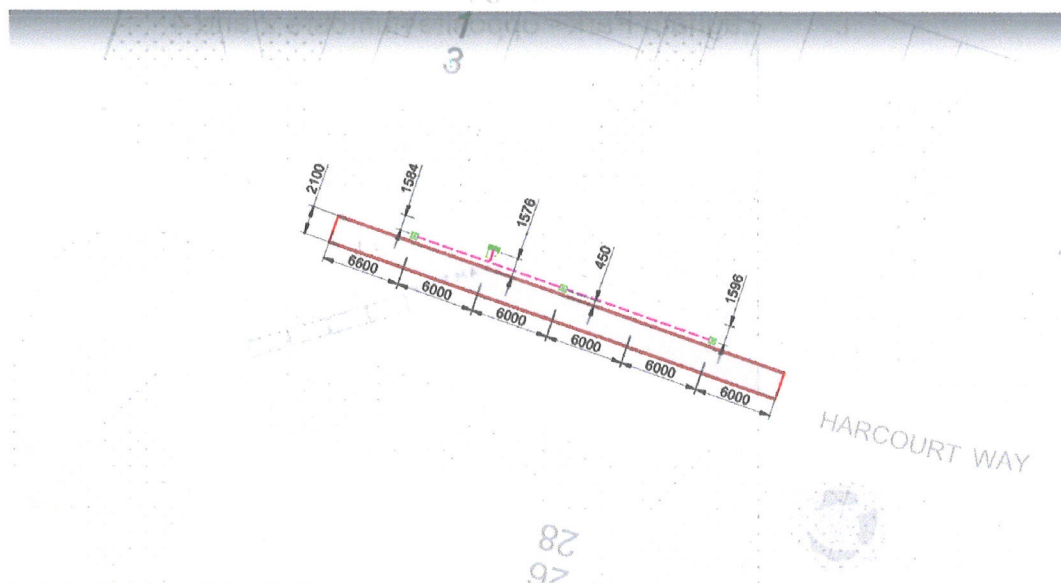
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d. Website

- i. Domain name renewal
Domain name (www.southgodstoneresidentsassociation.co.uk)
expires on 8 June 2025.
Renewal cost for 12 months £12.99 plus VAT
- ii. Website hosting renewal
The website is hosted through 123Reg expires 8 June 2025
Renewal cost for 12 months £95.88 plus VAT

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25/7/2025

