

MINUTES
13.01.2015
GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 13th January 2015 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Draper - Chairman
Cllr Cakebread
Cllr Fell
Cllr Gibbons
Cllr Williams

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk
D/Cllr Bill Dow
Nine members of the public.

Part 1

178./14 Apologies: Cllrs Chamberlain and Lintonbon and C/Cllr Heron.

179./14 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Cakebread declared a personal and pecuniary interest in minute 190./14 and did not vote.

180./14 To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 9th December 2014: Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Gibbons seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

181./14 Matters arising from the Minutes:

17./14 SpeedWatch: The Chairman reported that following a further email from the Clerk to Cllr Peter Turner of Breamore Parish Council, this matter will be raised at the 2nd February meeting but it could only proceed if it was picked up by members of the community. However Cllr Turner would be happy to meet for initial discussions.

182./14 To receive a report from D/Cllr Bill Dow: Cllr Dow said he had nothing to report.

183./14 In Cllr Lintonbon's absence, to consider his report in response to the update on the Superfast Broadband contract and, in consultation with C/Cllr Heron, to agree on any action to be taken: In C/Cllr Heron's absence, Cllr Draper proposed from the chair that this matter be deferred to the next meeting and the Clerk was asked to contact C/Cllr Heron to seek his guidance on the actions to be taken by the Parish Council.

184./14 Litter Warden Update – To receive a report from Mrs Sara Boyd: Following a discussion about the new litter bin to be installed in the bus shelter adjacent to the Village Hall, Cllr Fell agreed to liaise with Mrs Boyd on its location and appropriate signage.

185./14 Public Forum - 15 minutes to receive any questions or statements from members of the public: No questions or statements were made.

186./14 To receive a report from Cllr Draper on the Parish Vote and to consider and agree on any action to be taken: Cllr Draper gave a brief report on process and outcome of the vote. He offered particular thanks to Cllr Cakebread for her extensive work on the potential to create a natural burial ground and asked the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Cllr Barry Rickman for attending the Parish Vote and to Ms Rosemary Rutins and her team at the New Forest District Council for its administration.

187./14 Planning Applications and Tree Works:

Application No: 14/00963

Communications Site adjacent to Water Treatment Works, Sandy Balls Estate, Godshill - Installation of 4no transmission dishes; 2no. equipment cabinets: Following a discussion, Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the Parish Council recommend permission for the application and that a request be made for the dishes to provide the benefit of mobile reception to Godshill.

Application No: 14/00976

Lane End Farm Bungalow, Purlieu Lane, Godshill - 3 bay car port/garage (demolish 3no existing outbuildings): Following a discussion, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the Parish Council recommend permission for the application although it would accept the decision reached by officers under their delegated powers.

Application No: CONS/14/1367

Appletree Cottage Purlieu Lane, Godshill - Prune 1 Oak, 1 Ash and 2 Cypress trees: Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the decision be left to the Tree Officer.

188./14 To consider a response to the Department for Communities and Local Government consultation on Parish Polls and HM Government's intentions to modernise parish poll regulations: Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that a response setting out the support of the Parish Council for all of the proposed changes be submitted by the Clerk, with the additional comment that any campaigning either in favour of or against a poll needed to comply with the standard election criteria for promotional materials.

189./14 To consider a response to the Police & Crime Commissioner's consultation on his recommendation to set the increase for the policing element of the Council Tax for 2015/16 at £3.07 which equates to a 1.99 percent increase on 2014/15: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the Clerk submit a response which stated that the Parish Council supported the increase.

190./14 To approve the following payments:

- £13.60 – Mrs A Cakebread – For travel expenses for attendance at a meeting in Brockenhurst.
- £30.00 - Bev Cornish – To pay for the electricity at the Village Hall for meetings.
Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and they were approved by the meeting.

191./14 Finance & Policy:

The Council approved the following payments:

	£	Cheque No.
B Cornish Hall Electricity	30.00	100407
B Cornish – January Salary	327.78	100408
HM Revenue & Customs - Clerk's Tax for Oct, Nov, Dec	230.00	100409

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 13.01.15:

Current Account: £10,439.18 Deposit Account: £578.69

Cllr Draper proposed the approval of the January accounts, Cllr Fell seconded and they were approved by the meeting.

192./14 Outside Bodies And Representation

North West Quadrant: Cllr Cakebread gave a detailed report on a recent meeting at which a number of issues had been discussed and a representative of SSE Energy had been present to set out the aims of providing better communication with customers. Councillors had been advised by the Landscape Officer, Sarah Kelly, that a sum of £500M was available from Ofgem to remove the blight of pylons in National Parks and AONBs with Hale Purlieu being identified as being the highest priority in the New Forest. She said there would be a drop-in session at Hale village Hall on Thursday 5th March 2-8 pm for residents to learn more.

193./14 Correspondence:

- 1 Victim Support – A letter of thanks from Ms Lisa Jones for the Parish Council's grant.
- 2 Hants & IOW Air Ambulance – A letter of thanks from the Chief Executive, Alex Lochrange, for the Parish Council's grant.
- 3 Police & Crime Commissioner – An email via HALC regarding the consultation on an increase of £3.07 for 2015/16.
- 4 New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Lisa Crouch enclosing the minutes of the Western Escarpment Steering Group meeting.
- 5 Hampshire Association of Local Councils – the January newsletter and attachments.
- 6 New Forest Association of Local Councils – The Agenda for the next meeting on 15th January at Lyndhurst. *The Clerk and Cllr Cakebread are to attend.*
- 7 Mrs S Aarons-Green – An email regarding the filling of the Grit Bin in Woodgreen Road. *The Clerk has responded and sorted.*
- 8 New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Ben Miller regarding the programme for submission of the planning application for the Latchmore Wetland Restoration Project which has been delayed as additional surveys are being undertaken to inform the Environmental Impact Assessment.

194./14 Any Other Business:

Cllr Gibbons asked that the Clerk contact Fordingbridge Town Council to request that the signs for the Remembrance Parade and 'Ice on the Road' be removed from the side of the road adjacent to Crystal Hollow with a further request that Hampshire Highways investigate a permanent solution to the issue of water running down the hill.

195./14 Next meeting: The Chairman confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 10th February 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Part 2 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – EXEMPT MATTERS - STAFFING

196./14 Cllr Draper proposed the following resolution – 'That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw', seconded by Fell and agreed by the meeting.

197./14 To consider and approve a pay award of 1% from 1st January 2015 and a non-consolidated (one off) payment in December of £100 pro-rated, as recommended jointly by NALC and SLCC for salary scales of all full and part- time clerks employed under the terms of the model contract: Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was approved by the meeting.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.42 pm.