

MINUTES

14.07.2015

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 14th July 2015 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Draper - Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Fell

Cllr Lintonbon

Cllr Thomas

Cllr Williams

C/Cllr Edward Heron

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Five members of the public.

52./15 To receive a written application for the office of parish councillor and to approve the co-option of Mr Martin Thomas to fill one of the existing vacancies: Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that Mr Martin Thomas should be co-opted to the Parish Council. Accordingly, Cllr Thomas signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

53./15 Apologies: Cllr Bill Dow.

54./15 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Cakebread declared a personal interest in tree application CONS/15/0622 due to the proximity of the property to her own.

55./15 To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 9th June 2015: Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

56./15 Matters arising from the Minutes:

39./15 Deployment of a Speed Indicator Device: The Chairman reported that Ms Swan Gan-Marsh of New Forest District Council had confirmed that it would be deployed during the Autumn. The SID was currently in Totton and will then be deployed in Hythe. Fordingbridge had also requested a SID for the Autumn so Godshill's costs would be reduced because officers would share the mileage costs between the two councils.

37./15 Godshill Wood Farm, Woodgreen Road, Godshill: Cllr Fell reported that, contrary to Mr Ingram's report at the previous meeting that the Appeal had been withdrawn, it was still being progress through the planning inspectorate. The Clerk was asked to clarify the Parish Council's objection to the appeal. He also reported that the planning application for two units of holiday accommodation had been refused by the National Park Authority.

14./14 Parish Lengthsman: The Chairman reported that the Lengthsman had painted the noticeboards and bus shelter.

57./15 To receive a report from C/Cllr Heron: Cllr Heron reported that he was endeavouring to get the signage for animals on the B3078 road to be changed regularly so they are more noticeable to regular users but quotes for doing this had been prohibitive. He asked that Godshill and other parishes ask that the change of signage be carried out by the lengthsman and that the cost be shared equally by parishes.

Cllr Heron also said that the continued high level of casualties had led him to pursue the idea of putting average speed cameras along the B3078 but this would cost in the region of £1 million a camera. He said he had asked Hampshire County Council to look into it.

58./15 Litter Warden Update – To receive a report from Mrs Sara Boyd: Mrs Boyd said she had nothing to report.

59./15 Public Forum - 15 minutes to receive any questions or statements from members of the public:

Following a query raised by Mrs Cooper, Cllr Draper said he would be providing a report to the Council on his meeting with Tom Cumming of Sandy Balls later in the meeting.

60./15 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Application No. 15/00519

Lampton Lodge, Southampton Road, Godshill – Change of use to single dwelling; addition of pitched roofs; alterations; partial demolition of existing extension.

(Application for a Non Material Amendment to planning permission 14/00301): Cllr Draper reported that this application had already been determined and approved by the National Park Authority.

Application No. 15/00494

The Pink Cottage, Castle Hill, Godshill Wood - Single storey rear extension; porch;

addition to existing porch: Following a report from Cllr Fell, he proposed, Cllr Draper seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the Parish Council should recommend approval for this application but would accept the decision of officers under their delegated powers.

Application No. CONS/15/0622

22 Ling Ridge, Southampton Road, Godshill Fell - 4 x Cypresses, 1 Apple tree and 2 dead Apple trees. Fell 1 Horse Chestnut. Prune 1 Goat Willow:

Following a brief report from Cllr Draper, he proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was agreed by the meeting with one abstention from Cllr Cakebread that the decision be left to the Tree Officer.

61./15 To consider and agree on the draft response to Hampshire County Council's consultation on its draft Cycling Strategy: Following circulation of a response prepared by Cllr Cakebread and the Clerk, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was approved by the meeting.

62./15 To consider and agree on the draft response to Hampshire County Council's consultation on Oil and gas development and minerals and waste safeguarding: Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that a response be delegated to Cllr Cakebread and the Clerk.

63./15 To ratify the response sent to Hampshire County Council on 10th July on the proposed Sustrans Salisbury to New Forest Cycle route signing: Cllr Cakebread reported that a response stating the Parish Council's objection to the proposals had been sent by the Clerk. Cllr Heron reported that he had also submitted an objection because the Moot Lane, Downton to Woodgreen route was unsuitable for family cycling. Cllr Draper proposed from the chair that the Parish Council's response be ratified.

64./15 To consider what contribution should be made to a discussion on the proposed Latchmore restoration project at the September Consultative Panel meeting: Following a lengthy discussion, comments from Cllr Heron and a briefing from Cllr Draper on his concerns about the potential damage to one of the most attractive parts of the National Park, Cllr Lintonbon proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that Cllr Draper should raise those concerns at the forthcoming Consultative Panel meeting.

65./15 To consider and adopt a new set of Standing Orders in line with the Model Standing Orders published by the National Association of Local Councils: Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and they were approved by the meeting.

66./15 To consider and adopt a new set of Financial Regulations in line with the Financial Regulations published by the National Association of Local Councils: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and they were approved by the meeting.

67./15 To consider a response to the Boundary Review taking account of comments from Cllr Edward Heron: Cllr Edward Heron asked members to consider sending in personal responses and gave a brief explanation of the process of the Boundary Commission's electoral review to ensure that each county councillor had an equal number of electors in their division. He also said that with additional houses being built across Hampshire, some county councillor divisions were becoming very large but asked that the Parish Council supported no change to his division.

68./15 To approve the following payments:
£132.19 – For Mrs Sara Boyd for pinch point maintenance and plants.
Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and they were approved by the meeting.

69./15 Finance & Policy

The Council approved the following payments:

	£	Cheque No.
Mrs S Boyd - For maintenance of Pinchpoints and plants	132.19	100431
B Cornish - July Salary	310.33	100432
HM Revenue & Customs – Clerk's tax	238.00	100433

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 14.07.15:

Current Account: £12,104.02 Deposit Account: £578.91
Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and they were approved by the meeting.

70./15 Outside Bodies And Representation:

Sandy Balls: Cllr Draper gave a brief report on a recent meeting and correspondence with Tom Cumming of Sandy Balls concerning the rectification of the damage caused to Mrs Cooper's holly trees which had not yet taken place. Cllr Heron confirmed that he would write separately to the Managing Director and may also take the opportunity to visit the holiday centre with an officer from the National Park Authority.

New Forest Consultative Panel: Cllr Draper gave a detailed report on a recent meeting at which two new members had been present, the revised Management Plan and the role, responsibilities and budget of the Forestry Commission had been discussed.

Western Escarpment Steering Group's Verge Project Group: The Clerk gave a brief report on a recent meeting at which the collation of a number of identified sites where verge damage had occurred were considered for submission to a meeting of the Statutory Bodies in September, for instance the section of road from Telegraph Hill to Pound Bottom. She said that the Group had also sought comments from parishes on the draft Verge Damage Leaflet which would be given to residents, businesses etc to alert them to the problem and parishes were asked to photograph their part of the Western Escarpment Conservation Area so that a record could be built up for future reference.

Hampshire County Council Annual Service at Winchester Cathedral: Cllr Draper gave a brief report on a well-attended and enjoyable service and reception to which he had been accompanied by the Clerk.

71./15 Correspondence.

- 1 Land Use Consultants Ltd – Two emails from Mr Ben Miller regarding the public exhibition for the Latchmore EIA. The first email apologises for it being deferred until September and the second confirming the date for the exhibition as Tuesday 15th September at Hyde Church Community Centre at a time to be determined.
- 2 New Forest District Council – An email from Mr James Ives advising that the District Council will be commencing work on the Local Plan Review which will plan for the future needs of the district up to 2036 and attaching a Scoping Report for the Review on which it was seeking parish council comments with the deadline of 3rd August.
- 3 New Forest District Council – An email providing a link to the glass collection calendar up to June 2016.
- 4 Hampshire Association of Local Councils – An email from Ms Louise Channell advising of the work being done by HALC to help members prepare for the workplace pensions changes ie step by step guide, workshops in September and October on which they will provide more details in the coming weeks.
- 5 New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Ms Ann Wood advising of the changes to the online planning application pages due to a change of software.
- 6 Hampshire County Council – An email from Mr Alastair Macadam attaching proposed route signage and a consultation on Wiltshire Council's proposed Salisbury to New Forest Cycle routes.
- 7 Cllr Edward Heron – A copy email to Mr Alastair Macadam advising of his objection to the signage for the proposed Salisbury to New Forest Cycle routes.
- 8 Mrs Anne Dobson – An email expressing concern about the overgrown footpath from the Fighting Cocks to Sandy Balls and requesting that the Parish Council asks residents to cut back their hedges and also for highways to cut back the verge.
- 9 New Forest Association of Local Councils – An email from Mr Steve Avery to Graham Flexman of NFALC advising of a Planning Training Day being run for parish and town councillors at Lyndhurst Community Centre on Tuesday 22nd September and confirming more details will follow in the w/c13th July.
- 10 New Forest District Council – An email from Mr Paul Weston advising of a consultation on the review of the statement of Gambling Policy which started on 3rd July and will end on 18th September.
- 11 New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Ms Jo Murphy advising of the Annual Authority Meeting being held at 10.30 pm on 16th July 2015 in the Council Chamber at Lymington Town Hall and attaching the Agenda.
- 12 Came & Company – An email from Mr Peter Came advising that Came & Co have joined the Stackhouse Poland Group from this month.

- 13 Hampshire County Council – An email from the Small Grants Team advising that there is a budget of £47,550 to help projects to improve countryside paths and encourage people to explore their local countryside. *An item is to be added to the September Agenda.*
- 14 New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Mr Nick Evans thanking the Parish Council for its comments on the revised NFNPA Management Plan.
- 15 Fordingbridge Town Council – An email from Ms Debbie Vine regarding advising of the process for booking the lengthsman and giving dates of his visits to parishes. Godshill has the date of 17th August.
- 16 New Forest Association of Local Councils – An email from Mr Graham Flexman attaching the Agenda and papers for the NFALC AGM being held at Lyndhurst on Thursday 16th July 2015 at 7 pm.
- 17 New Forest National Park Authority – A poster for the Family Tree Scheme.

72./15 Any Other Business: None.

73./15 Next meeting: Tuesday 11th August 2015 at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.