

# MINUTES

08.09.2015

## GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Draper - Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Fell

Cllr Williams

Cllr Bill Dow

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Four members of the public.

**87./15 Apologies:** Cllrs Lintonbon and Thomas and C/Cllr Heron.

**88./15 Declarations of Interest:** No declarations of interest were received.

**89./15 To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015:** Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**90./15 Matters arising from the Minutes:**

**37./15 Godshill Wood Farm, Woodgreen Road, Godshill:** The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had received a letter from Mr Paul Hocking of the NFNPA confirming that the applicant had withdrawn his appeal.

**47./15 Annual Accounts to 31st March 2015:** The Chairman reported that the Clerk had received the Annual Return from the External Auditor which had been approved with no issues raised.

**91./15 To receive a report from D/Cllr Bill Dow:** Cllr Dow reported that Mr Dave Yates, Chief Executive of New Forest District Council, was to retire after 15 years at the Council and be replaced by Robert Jackson, the current Executive Director, with the handover commencing on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

**92./15 Litter Warden Update:** Mrs Sara Boyd said the only issue she had to report was that the bin was still broken following the vandalism. Cllr Fell said he had spoken to the Lengthsman when he was recently in the village and they had agreed that the Lengthsman would use stronger anchors when he reinstalled it.

**93./15 Public Forum - 15 minutes to receive any questions or statements from members of the public:**

Cllr Williams raised two issues of concern:

- The water on the road by Crystal Hollow which had been a problem for years and may have contributed to a recent accident. The Clerk said she would contact Hampshire Highways but also raise the issue with the Fordingbridge Town Clerk to ask whether she would also express concern about the issue.

Signed by Chairman

13<sup>th</sup> October 2015

- The Tourist Bus which was still running beyond the school holidays with nobody on it and the poor standard of driving, particularly with regard to not waiting and abiding by the priority signs at the pinch points in the village.

#### **94./15 Planning and Tree Works Applications:**

##### **Application No. 15/00648**

**Land adjacent to Ling Ridge, Southampton Road, Godshill - Alterations to existing agricultural outbuilding:** Cllr Draper gave a brief report on his site visit. He proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the Parish Council should recommend approval for this application on the ground that the restoration was in keeping with the outbuilding and it would enhance its appearance within the Conservation Area.

##### **Application No. TPO/15/0780**

**Fernlea Farm, Newgrounds, Godshill - Prune 1 x Oak tree:** Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the decision should be left to the Tree Officer.

##### **Application No. CONS/15/0770**

**Appletree Cottage, Purlieu Lane, Godshill - Fell 1 x Conifer:** Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the decision should be left to the Tree Officer.

#### **95./15 To consider the recent issues raised by residents regarding the Sandy Balls**

**Holiday Park and to agree on any actions to be taken:** Following a lengthy discussion on numerous issues raised by councillors and residents, the Clerk and Cllr Cakebread agreed to draft a letter to Ms Lucy Cooper at the New Forest National Park Authority and to be copied to Mr Edward Vandyke at the New Forest District Council which was to be circulated for approval prior to its despatch.

Cllr Fell agreed to obtain a copy from the Welcome Building of the planning conditions for the Sandy Balls site so that it was clear to the Parish Council when there was a breach.

#### **96./15 To consider any actions to be taken with regard to breaches of the 28 day**

**permitted campsite rule:** At this point in the meeting, Cllr Draper proposed from the chair that the meeting be opened so that members of the public could speak.

Mr Ray Gibbons reported that the running of 28 day camping filed at Chamberlain Field/Sarah's Field had been excellent with only one incident on the last night of a broken window in one of the homes in Crystal Hollow caused by a rounders ball.

Following a proposal from Cllr Draper, seconded by Cllr Fell and agreed by the meeting, the Clerk confirmed that she would raise the issues of signage and breaches of the 28 day limit in the letter to Ms Lucy Cooper and Mr Edward Vandyke and to query why a Stop Notice could not be used.

#### **97./15 To consider whether to make an application to the Hampshire County Council**

**Small Grants Scheme to carry out further work to the parish's footpaths:** Cllr Draper said that following a discussion with the Clerk, it was apparent that the Parish Council needed to do some groundwork prior to making an application and he proposed from the chair that the matter be considered at the November Budget meeting and that, if agreed, an application be made by the next deadline.

**98./15 To review the work carried out by the Parish Lengthsman and to consider any other work to be added to his next visit:** All members agreed that they were very happy with the work carried by the Lengthsman. The Clerk reported that he would be repairing the noticeboard and reinstalling the refuse bin on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

**99./15 To approve the following payments:**

£120 – BDO LLP – For completion of the External Audit for the year ended 31st March 2015.

Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was approved by the meeting.

**100./15 Finance & Policy**

The Council approved the following payments:

	£	Cheque No.
BDO LLP – External Audit fee	120.00	100437
B Cornish - September Salary	310.33	100438

**Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 08.09.15:**

Current Account: £11,412.81 Deposit Account: £578.91

Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and they were approved by the meeting.

**101./15 Outside Bodies And Representation:**

**New Forest Consultative Panel:** Cllr Draper gave a detailed report on a recent lively meeting at which:

- The Latchmore restoration project was discussed in detail.
- The Panel was advised that the National Park would be holding a Walking Festival from 17th October to 1st November.
- The Panel was to be reduced from 6 to 4 meetings a year and all documentation was to be now sent by email rather than post.
- Hampshire County Council and Openreach would attend the next meeting to report on superfast broadband coverage and explain by how far they had reached the 95 percent target.

**North West Quadrant:** Cllr Cakebread gave a report on a recent meeting at which Sarah Kelly had given a report on the National Grid project to lay the pylons underground with the Hale Purlieu project being on the short list, Paul Hocking had given an encouraging report on the restoration of the Pound Bottom landfill site and a discussion was held on the proliferation of adverts.

**102./15 Correspondence.**

- 1 Dr F Graham Marshall – An email to the Chairman seeking information on the progress of superfast broadband in Newgrounds.
- 2 New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Mr Nick Evans thanking the Parish Council for its comments on the National Park Management Plan.
- 3 New Forest District Council – An email from Ms Carol Seymour advising that town and parish councils can make applications for the Brand New Forest Town/Village 2016 Award.
- 4 New Forest Association of Local Councils – An email from Graham Flexman advising of the details of the Wiggle Event on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September.
- 5 New Forest Association of Local Councils – An email from Graham Flexman advising of the details of the New Forest Bike Ride in aid of the Orchid Trust on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

- 6 Hampshire Police – An email from Inspector Rachel Stokes seeking the Parish's views on the Community Priorities for the next three months and inviting responses to a survey.
- 7 Fordingbridge Town Council – An email from Ms Debbie Vine advising of spare dates for the Lengthsman on 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September.
- 8 WYG – An email from Mr Stuart Austin advising of a public consultation being held at Godshill Village Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> September from 12 noon until 7 pm regarding the closure and restoration of the Pound Bottom landfill site.
- 9 New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Mr Matt Stroud advising of the New Forest Walking Festival from 17<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November. The range of walks can be found on the National Park's website at [www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/walkingfestival](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/walkingfestival).
- 10 New Forest National Park Authority – A letter from Mr Paul Hocking confirming that the applicant for Godshill Wood Farm has withdrawn his appeal.
- 11 Western Escarpment Conservation Area Steering Group – The agenda for the meeting to be held at Fordingbridge Town Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> September.
- 12 Ringwood and Fordingbridge Footpath Society – An email from Mrs Hazel Winch attaching the September edition of Waymark.
- 13 Fordingbridge & District Day Centre – An email from Mrs Doreen Houghton seeking the Parish Council's consideration for funds under s137.

**103./15 Any Other Business:**

**Broadband:** Cllr Draper advised that Cllr Lintonbon had sent a further email to Colin Brooks at Openreach to ask about progress of the upgrading of phone lines following the upgrading of the twenty lines in the village hall cabinet which had created a disparity amongst Godshill residents.

**104./15 Next meeting:** Tuesday 13th October 2015 at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.