

MINUTES

14.06.2016

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 14th June 2016 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Draper - Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Fell

County Cllr Edward Heron

District Cllr Bill Dow

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Fourteen members of the public.

Part 1

25.16 To receive apologies for absence: The Chairman advised that apologies had been received from Cllrs Lintonbon, Thomas and Williams.

26.16 To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011: Cllr Draper declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in planning application no. CONS/16/0529 for Wildwoods, Newgrounds, which property was his neighbour, but he did not speak or vote during the discussion.

27.16 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2016: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2016 be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

28.16 To resolve to note the matters arising from the Minutes:

217./15 Litter Equipment: Cllr Draper reported that the Clerk had delivered the 6 handi-hoops and 6 Easygrip litter pickers to Mrs Sara Boyd, the Litter Warden.

218./15 Public Forum: Damage to Lady's Mile and Viewpoint: Cllr Draper reported that the Clerk had received a call from Hampshire Police who advised that they would be carrying out additional patrols of the area to look out for cars damaging the grass and driving inappropriately.

202./15 Public Forum: Sandy Balls: Cllr Draper reported that the Clerk had received a letter from Ms Lucie Cooper of the NPA advising that she had written to Sandy Balls and advised them that the non-agricultural use of the activities field should cease for the remainder of the calendar year. In relation to the safari tents, she had also advised Sandy Balls that, due to their substantial structure and permanent appearance, the tents (and camping pods) required planning permission and, in accordance with normal practice, they had been offered the opportunity to submit an application to regularise the matter or provide evidence as to why permission was not required.

29.16 To receive reports from C/Cllr Edward Heron and D/Cllr Bill Dow:

Cllr Heron said he had nothing in particular to report but reiterated the information set out in his email to councillors about the potential for a local government reorganisation in Hampshire, which may form a unitary authority similar to Wiltshire, and include the election of 'metro mayors'. He said there would be a detailed consultation with residents in the near future.

Cllr Draper asked that Cllr Heron provide the Parish Council with a more detailed explanation of the plans when they were available.

Cllr Dow advised that he had nothing to report.

30.16 Public Forum:

A member of the public reported that the area around the Castle Hill Viewpoint was being used for 'wheelies' and inappropriate driving, particularly on Wednesdays, Thursday's and Fridays in the summer months, as well as generating a large amount of rubbish. The Clerk agreed to advise Hampshire Police and the Forestry Commission again.

Ms Tracy Cooper advised of the issues with noise and disturbance from Cornfield which she and her family had experienced on 22nd May. She said it had been impossible to track down the Warden, Tom Cummings or anybody in authority despite leaving several messages and visiting the Sandy Balls Information Centre. The Clerk agreed to take the matter up with Sandy Balls.

Mr Hugh Edwards reported he had recently required some repairs to be made to his telephone line and had been experiencing lower broadband speeds than usual. He further said that in the process of the repair the BT operative had told him that the drop in broadband speed may be due to the installation of copper wire rather than fibre when work was carried out recently to the petrol station in the Southampton Road, Fordingbridge.

Mr Bill Hillier asked if the Parish Council could investigate why a large number of dragons teeth had been installed outside his property and outside the property of his neighbour at Smithfield Farm. He said they would cause Mr Reynolds considerable problems when large lorries were required to enter the farm to collect and drop off cattle. The Clerk agreed to contact Ms Lisa Crouch at the NPA for further information.

Ms Amanda English and Mr Christopher Gotham gave a brief explanation of the application they had jointly submitted for Paysanne, Godshill Wood and responded to questions from both councillors and members of the public.

Several members of the public, who stated that they lived in Godshill Wood, expressed a number of concerns and, in particular, about the difficulty of the access road for goods vehicles and the limited, and in some cases incorrect, amount of detailed logistical information provided in the application for how the materials for the development were to be safely transported to the site for the period of the build.

31.16 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Application No. 16/00392

Paysanne, Godshill Wood, Godshill - Replacement dwelling and detached triple garage with office over; sewage treatment plant; demolition of existing dwelling and garage: Cllr Cakebread gave a detailed report following her visit to the site with the Clerk.

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend REFUSAL for the application on the following grounds:

The Dwelling:

- Although advised by the Briefing Note to consider Policy DP11 of the NFNPA Core Strategy, this policy is not relevant as it refers to Extensions.
- Members considered the application against Policy DP10 for Replacement Dwellings which states there is to be no greater floor space than the existing dwelling and in exceptional circumstances not to exceed 120 sq. metres. This application, comprised of a proposed dwelling of 157.3 sq metres, is therefore contrary to Policy DP10.

The Garage:

- The NFNPA Design Guide 2011 Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), requires Outbuildings to be 'incidental and subservient to the dwelling in scale and appearance' and requires there to be the facility to 'recycle water; direct roof and surface water to water butts, permeable surfacing, sumps and safe natural ponds'.
- The proposed triple garage, with its tall roof is of a scale which causes it to dominate the whole site, is out of proportion with the dwelling and surrounding area and as it is proposed to be sited close to the site entrance, would be very visible from the access track. It is therefore not compliant with the Design Guide SPD. There are also no proposals for recycling water.
- The large roof space makes it a great deal taller than the existing small garages and the Velux style roof lights risk polluting the dark sky, although this could be overcome with a system of automatic light-sensitive self-closing blinds.
- The Parish Council agreed that it would be willing to consider a revised application for a standard double garage with a lower roof.

In view of location of the site and additional issues raised, the Parish Council offers the following further comments should the applicants wish to submit a revised application:

- It should give sufficient details to guarantee that it is not just "a concept" which the Project Manager has indicated would allow some changes to the appearance of the dwelling, construction and landscaping, as the work progresses; and also tackles the neighbours' serious concerns about access and water disposal.
- The location of the Klargester should be specified, which is shown well to the south of the dwelling, and needs to be changed to a point higher up the hill, to allow discharge to be absorbed into the land within the curtilage rather than almost directly into the neighbours' paddock below.
- Specific details are needed on the construction of the temporary access track within the curtilage, which would entail considerable engineering to overcome the steep sideways slope whilst avoiding bulldozing out large quantities of soil - which could damage the root protection area of surrounding trees.
- Demolition of the existing garages should take place first, in order to clear adequate space within the curtilage for parking workers' vehicles, storage of materials, and a turning area to allow delivery vehicles to avoid reversing up or down the access track.

Application No. CONS/16/0529

Wildwoods, Newgrounds, Godshill - Prune 1 x Oak tree Fell 2 x Ash trees: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the decision be left to the Tree Officer.

32.16 To resolve to ratify a response submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission's further limited consultation on Havant and New Forest as part of its Electoral Review of Hampshire: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded it was RESOLVED that the response be ratified.

33.16 To consider and resolve to approve a response to the Forestry Commission's consultation on New Forest Inclosures Forest Design Plan 2016: Following a brief report from Cllr Draper and his recommendation that no response is submitted as he felt that the plans for Godshill parish were, on the whole, acceptable, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Draper's recommendation be approved.

34.16 To allocate the sum of £800 from the Parish Council's reserves for the purchase of two additional litter bins for installation in the bus laybys beside the entrance to Sandy Balls and beside Godshill Cross to assist with the work of the Litter Warden: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the sum be approved.

35.16 To approve the following payments:

£375 - Mrs Sara Boyd – 1st Payment for her Litter Warden role.

£203 - Mrs Sara Boyd – For the maintenance of the pinch points.

£85 - Fair Account – For completion of Internal Audit for 2015/16.

£214.25 - Wybone Limited – For litter pickers and hoops for the Litter Warden.

Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that they be approved.

36.16 Finance and Policy:

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| Mrs Sara Boyd –Litter Warden role | 375.00 | 100473 |
| Mrs Sara Boyd – For the maintenance of the pinch points | 203.00 | 100473 |
| Fair Account – For Internal Audit | 85.00 | 100474 |
| Wybone Limited – For litter pickers and hoops | 214.25 | 100475 |

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 14.06.16:

Current Account: £15,288.23 Deposit Account: £579.35

Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that they be approved.

37.16 To consider and resolve to approve the Governance Statement for 2015/16 for submission to the Parish Council's External Auditors following completion of the Internal Audit: Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Statement be approved.

38.16 To consider and resolve to approve the Accounting Statements contained in the Annual Return and Statement of Variances for 2015/16 for submission to the Parish Council's External Auditors following completion of the Internal Audit: Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Accounting Statements and Statement of Variances be approved.

39.16 Outside Bodies and Representation:

Western Escarpment Steering Group: In the absence of Cllr Thomas, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

NW Quadrant Meeting: Cllr Cakebread gave a brief report on a recent meeting at which the issues of tranquillity in the National Park and the Management Plan had been discussed.

NFNPA Development Control Committee: Cllr Draper gave a very brief report on the meeting he had attended with the Clerk at which the planning application for Highfield, Blissford Road, Godshill had been refused.

New Forest Consultative Panel: Cllr Draper gave a detailed report on a recent meeting at which the Local Plan, housing targets and flood risk had been discussed.

At this point in the meeting, 8.50 pm, Cllr Fell offered his apologies as he had to leave for a work commitment.

40.16 To resolve to note the Correspondence received: Cllr Draper proposed from the Chair that the following correspondence be noted:

1. Local Government Boundary Commission – An email from Ms Mishka Mayers advising of a further consultation on Havant and New Forest with a deadline of 6th June.
2. Burley Parish Council – Two copy emails, one to the New Forest National Park Authority providing comments on the planning application for Wootton Riverine Woodland, Avon Water, Wootton Bridge, Hampshire - Restoration of Avon Water to a meandering stream course; infill redundant sections; new and replacement structures, the other to the Forestry Commission on the Harvestslade Bottom Wetland Restoration Works.
3. New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Mr Craig Daters providing information on the latest apprentice Ranger opportunities.
4. Denny Lodge Parish Council – A copy email setting out their response to the Forestry Commission Inclosures Consultation 2016.
5. New Forest Association of Local Councils – An email from Mr Graham Flexman attaching the Minutes of the last meeting.
6. NFNPA – An email enclosing the Enforcement Notice for Highfield, Blissford Road, Blissford.
7. New Forest District Council – An email from Ms Carol Toms regarding the various temporary road closures including Stuckton Hill in Hyde.
8. Hampshire Association of Local Councils – An email from Ms Dawn Hamblett enclosing the National Pay Scales changes for the Clerk's salary.
9. New Forest District Council – An email from Mr Javed Ditta extending an invitation to attend Breakfast at The Foresters Arms pub, Brockenhurst at 10am on Thursday 14 July during National Rural Housing Week 2016.
10. Fordingbridge & Ringwood Footpaths – An email from Mr Kelvin Winch attaching a copy of the June Waymark.
11. Residents of Godshill Wood – several emails copying the responses they had sent to the New Forest National Park Authority on the planning application for Paysanne.

41.16 Any Other Business: None.

42.16 Next meeting: Cllr Draper confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 12th July 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Part 2 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – EXEMPT MATTERS - STAFFING

43.16 Cllr Draper to propose 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’:

As the meeting was not quorate following the departure of Cllr Fell, Cllr Draper proposed from the Chair that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

44.16 To consider and resolve to approve the 2016-18 National Salary Award and changes in pay scale as recommended by the National Association of Local Councils for the Clerk from 1st April 2016 in accordance with her Employment Contract:

As the meeting was not quorate following the departure of Cllr Fell, Cllr Draper proposed from the Chair that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.36 pm.