

MINUTES

13.09.2016

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 13th September 2016 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Draper - Chairman
Cllr Cakebread
Cllr Fell
Cllr Lintonbon
Cllr Pomphrey
Cllr Williams

District Cllr Bill Dow
County Cllr Edward Heron
Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk
Eight members of the public.

69.16 To receive apologies for absence: The Chairman advised that apologies had been received from Cllr Thomas.

70.16 To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011: No declarations were received.

71.16 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th August 2016:
Cllr Lintonbon proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th August 2016 be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

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

19.16 Pitts Wood bridge: The Chairman advised that the Clerk was still awaiting a reply from the Forestry Commission.

21.16: Broadband: The Chairman advised that the Clerk had received a response from Sir Desmond Swayne to her letter saying that he would make representations to BT.

38.16 Annual Return: The Chairman advised that the Clerk had received the Annual Return from the External Auditors which had raised no issues.

68.16 Peter Trim's garage doors: Cllr Cakebread gave a brief update following her recent discussion with Mr Trim's daughter, Mrs Walker. She said that Mrs Walker planned to rent the cottage from November 2016 and discussions were continuing on the future of the garage doors. She said if they were not able to be saved, it was envisaged that good quality photographs would be taken of them and these could be mounted in the Village Hall. She also said that Fordingbridge Museum was interested in looking at Mr Trim's extensive records of life in the Forest.

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

Cllr Heron advised that the Boundary Commission had advised that his Division could retain Hyde Parish and would become known as the Fordingbridge & Lyndhurst Division. He said it would now cover an area of over 100 square miles.

Cllr Heron also gave a detailed report on the County Council's consultation on the plans for local government reorganisation. He said he was not in favour of unitary authorities and half of the £40 million which required saving could be achieved by Hampshire County Council and the district councils working more closely and more efficiently together. He said the current model had been in place since 1974 and had been proven to work.

Cllr Down said he had nothing to report but also stated that he was not in favour of unitary councils.

74.16 Litter Warden Update – To receive a short verbal report from Mrs Sara Boyd:

Mrs Boyd said she did not have very much to report other than the amount of litter was still as large as ever.

Cllr Draper said that the Parish Council was very grateful for all that Mrs Boyd did to keep the village clean and tidy.

75.16 Public Forum:

Mrs Cooper advised that the disturbances from Cornfield and the Sandy Balls campsite had very much improved since her last report. She said the wardens were present all the time and they were dealing with any issues straight away.

Cllr Draper asked the Clerk to send an email of thanks to Mrs Hayley Quin for following up the Parish Council's concerns.

Mrs le Riche advised that Mr Steve Marsden, the Godshill postman will be retiring in November after 40 years of service with the Post Office.

76.16 To consider and resolve to approve a response to the New Forest District

Council's Consultation on the Local Plan Review 2016-2036: Following a brief discussion, Cllr Draper proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the formation of a response be delegated to Cllr Cakebread and the Clerk.

77.16 To consider and resolve to approve a response to Hampshire County Council's

Consultation on the plans for local government reorganisation: Following a discussion, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should send a letter, rather than complete the online survey, setting out a detailed response and the reasons for the Parish Council's strong opposition to the formation of a unitary council.

78.16 To consider the concerns raised by members of the public and councillors over the summer regarding the campsites within the parish and to agree on any actions to be taken: Following a discussion, Cllr Draper proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should:

- i. Write to the Forestry Commission regarding reports of camping at Castle Hill Viewpoint;
- ii. Write to Sandy Balls regarding the dangers of the queuing of cars to register at the campsite on Fridays and Mondays following the recent accident and the disturbance caused to neighbours by the all day clay pigeon shooting.
- iii. Write to Lucy Cooper at the New Forest National Park Authority to seek clarification on the use of Mere Hay for activities, the use of a large and noisy TV screen and the requirement for a planning application for the Safari Tents.

79.16 To resolve to approve the drafting of a Parish Newsletter for distribution in early October and to consider any items to be included in it: The Clerk was asked to include items on the Wiggle event and details of where residents can report issues, broadband and the Royal British Legion Talk at Woodgreen Village Hall on Friday 18th November.

80.16 To approve the following payments:

£35.00 – About the Home – For maintenance of the Village Hall car park.

£120.00 – BDO LLP for completion of the External Audit

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

81.16 Finance and Policy

To resolve to approve the payment of the Accounts for September and to approve the Bank balances – Cheque and Reserve Accounts:

In the Home - Maintenance of Village Hall car park	35.00	100484
BDO LLP - External Audit	120.00	100485
B Cornish - September Salary	313.60	100486

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 13.09.16:

Current Account: £12,415.73 Deposit Account: £579.35

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

82.16 Outside Bodies and Representation:

Western Escarpment Steering Group: In Cllr Thomas's absence, Cllr Draper proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

83.16 To resolve to note the Correspondence received:

- 1 Local Government Boundary Commission – An email advising of the outcome of the Boundary Commission's electoral review.
- 2 New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Ms Debbie Copping attaching an agenda for the Trees and Planning Process workshop being held on the 20 September at Lyndhurst Community Centre at 2 pm.
- 3 Hampshire Association of Local Councils – An email regarding the completion of a survey set up by the National Association of Local Councils entitled 'NALC Community Led Housing Survey' which should be completed by 30th September 2016.
- 4 Hampshire Association of Local Councils – An email regarding the completion of a survey on the age and gender profile of town and parish councillors.
- 5 New Forest District Council – A lengthy response from Nigel Matthews to the Parish Council's concerns about the New Forest 100 and Wiggle cycling events.
- 6 Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing – An email from Ms Catherine Kirkham requesting attendance at a future Parish Council meeting to brief members on her organisation.

- 7 Burley Parish Council – A copy email to the Forestry Commission regarding the Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Information Regulations Enquiry relating to Harvestslade Bottom Wetland Restoration Works
- 8 New Forest Association of Local Councils – the Minutes of the July AGM.
- 9 New Forest National Park – Several emails exchanges between the Clerk and Lucy Cooper regarding Sandy Balls.
- 10 Mr M Bentinck – An email asking about broadband progress and any response from Sir Desmond Swayne. *The Clerk has responded.*
- 11 Deborah Gordon – An email expressing concern about the disruption from the Chapelfield campsite. *The Clerk has responded.*
- 12 New Forest Ranger – An email from Craig Daters attaching a poster on 'Tick Awareness'.
- 13 Ringwood and Fordingbridge Footpath Society – The September copy of Waymark.
- 14 New Forest Land Advice Service – An email from Angela Peters regarding a training course being run by the Natural History Museum on wildlife identification skills for career purposes.
- 15 Fordingbridge Town Council – An email from Debbie Vine enclosing the Worksheet of the recent work carried out to the bus shelter and allocated £300 of the £1K budget for Godshill to the work.

84.16 Any Other Business:

SpeedWatch: The Clerk was asked to chase New Forest District Council regarding the speed indicator device to be installed temporarily on Southampton Road.

85.16 Next meeting: Cllr Draper confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 11th October 2016.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.18 pm.