

# MINUTES

11.07.2017

## GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Fell - Acting Chairman  
Cllr Cakebread  
Cllr O'Brien  
Cllr Pomphrey  
Cllr Williams

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

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Fell be elected as Chairman for the meeting.

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair that the meeting be opened for the public session.

Cllr Williams raised the issue of overgrown hedges and verges. She said that the overgrown hedges of several properties were preventing pedestrians walking safely along Southampton Road. One hedge belonged to an elderly resident who, Cllr Williams advised, would not be able to cut it herself but it was thought that it would be cut shortly by the neighbours.

The Clerk asked Cllr Williams to advise her of the house names where the overgrown hedges had been identified and she would write to the residents to request that they cut them back. At the request of Cllr Fell she also agreed to add the cutting of some of the verges to the list for the Lengthsman when he was next in the parish.

**District Councillor Bill Dow:** Cllr Dow reported that Ms Flo Churchill had been appointed to replace Mr Chris Elliott who had recently retired. He said her role was to be responsible for planning, housing and housing allocations and also for council tax and benefits.

**County Councillor Edward Heron:** Cllr Heron advised that Hampshire County Council was consulting residents on the ways in which it should take £140 million out of its annual budget. He said the proposals did include the County Council becoming a unitary authority which theoretically could save £40 million.

Cllr Fell advised that the meeting was now closed to members of the public.

**42.17 To resolve to approve the co-option of Mrs Claire O'Brien to the Parish Council:** Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that Mrs O'Brien be co-opted. Cllr Fell welcomed her to the Parish Council and she signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**43.17 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Fell advised that apologies had been received from Cllr Draper due to a personal commitment and Cllr Lintonbon due to a work commitment. Cllr Fell RESOLVED from the Chair that these apologies and the reasons for them be noted.

**44.17 Declarations of Interest:**

- a. **To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers:**

No declarations of interest were received.

- b. **To consider any Dispensation Requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered:**

The Clerk confirmed that she had received no requests for dispensations.

**45.17 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017:** Cllr Pomphrey proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**46.17 To resolve to note Clerk's Report providing information on recent issues and work completed:** Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk's report be noted:

**108.16: Speed Limit Repeater sign:** Following Ms Swan Gan-Marsh at New Forest District Council's quote of £1,100 to install two separate poles on the highway on which to erect the SLR, the Clerk had sought guidance from Bob Brown at Hampshire County Council and also R&W, a private contractor who carry out highway management. Bob Brown had responded by saying the he thought £1,100 was expensive but the officer responsible for quoting on behalf of Hampshire County Council was currently on holiday, returning on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July so the Clerk was awaiting her response and also a response from R&W.

**37.17: Annual Return:** The Clerk had sent the Annual Accounts to the External Auditor on 29<sup>th</sup> June and the parish accounts were now advertised for inspection by anyone who wished to see them up to 26<sup>th</sup> July

**38.17: Footpaths:** The Lengthsman had cleared footpath 758 when he visited the parish and had liaised with Richard Fell over repairs to the new gates on the footpaths. Cllr Fell said that he had looked at the gates which had been repaired and had been impressed by the way in which they now operated.

At this point in the meeting Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair that the meeting be opened to the public.

**47.17 Planning and Tree Works Applications:**

**Application No. CONS/17/0456**

**Sandy Balls Holiday Centre, Southampton Road, Godshill - Fell 3 x Scots Pine trees:** Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should leave the decision to the tree officer. However, the Council would ask them to note that this application was being submitted in readiness for the approval of a planning application for which there were a considerable number of objections and therefore permission should not given until a full understanding of the long term plans which Away Resorts (the owners of Sandy Balls) had for the site so that these well-established trees were not needlessly removed, particularly as tree cover is ever decreasing on this site within the conservation area to make way for more and more residential lodges.

**Application No. 17/00501**

**The Doghouse, Newgrounds, Godshill - 1no. new dwelling; Demolition of existing dwelling:** Following a statement made by the applicant and her response to questions from councillors, a report was read out by Cllr Fell. He proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend refusal of the application on the following grounds:

1. As it is a replacement for what is deemed a 'Small Dwelling', the proposed dwelling is excessive in size at 230 square metres which is contrary to Policy DP10 of the Core Strategy. There is also a query as to when the current extension on the Doghouse was added as there is no historical planning application for it.
2. The siting of the replacement dwelling in a different location to the existing dwelling could have a detrimental impact on the neighbouring dwelling Forest Side. At the moment the existing Doghouse is adjacent and in line with Forest Side but the location of the replacement dwelling would mean that it would be immediately in front of it and therefore very visible when looking out over the escarpment. Policy DP 10 states that a replacement dwelling may be sited other than in the same position as the dwelling to be replaced, providing that there are clear environmental benefits. The Parish Council does not consider that there is any clear environmental benefit in moving it to this new location and so this would also be contrary to Policy DP 10 of the Core Strategy.

**Application No. 17/00523**

**Forest Side, Newgrounds, Godshill - Single storey extension:** Following a brief report from Cllr Cakebread, she proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for this application on the grounds that it is a modest extension entirely in keeping with the existing dwelling. It will have no impact on the neighbouring property or on the Conservation Area.

Cllr Fell closed the meeting to members of the public.

**48.17 Finance and Policy:**

**a. To resolve to approve the payment of the Accounts:**

	£	Cheque No.
Mrs Sara Boyd - Plants and Pinch Point Maintenance	159.50	100523
B Cornish - July Salary	316.71	100524
HM Revenue & Customs PAYE for April – June	237.40	100525

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

**b. To resolve to approve the Bank balances – Cheque and Reserve Accounts:**

Current Account: £16,134.17      Deposit Account: £579.82

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

**49.17 To consider and resolve to approve a response to the New Forest National Park Authority's consultation on its Recreation Management Strategy:** Members considered a draft response compiled by Cllrs Cakebread, Pomphrey and the Clerk. Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the response be approved.

**50.17 To consider and resolve to approve a response to the New Forest National Park Authority's consultation on potential alternative housing sites as part of its Local Plan Review:** Members considered a draft response compiled by Cllrs Cakebread, Pomphrey and the Clerk. Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the response be approved.

**51.17 To consider and resolve whether to comment on the consultation for the Wiggle New Forest 100 Cycling Event which is being held on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September 2017 starting from Somerley House, Ringwood:** Following a brief discussion, Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded that a comment should be made that all riders should obey the Highway Code and that the Parish Council was grateful that the route for such events were being kept to wider roads, away from the dangerous narrow lanes. However, it was still of the view that the numbers of riders were still too great.

### **52.17 Outside Bodies and Representation:**

**Village Hall:** Cllr Williams gave a brief report on a recent meeting of the Committee with the Parish Clerk to consider the use of the Hall and projects which could attract funding. She said it was agreed that the Hall should be advertised more widely with more details being added to the village website and better signage. She also said that various events had been planned such a fashion show, a further quiz night, a Christmas event and an open evening which would be held to showcase the hall to residents and local people on 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Cllr Heron advised that the Hall could always apply for a county councillor grant and there was also the Hampshire County Council Rural Communities Fund

**Broadband:** Cllr Edward Heron advised that he was not aware at all of the information provided by Cllr Lintonbon that Fibre to the Premises was being installed in Mockbeggar. He said he would appreciate any further information on this so that he could take it up with officers at Hampshire County Council.

### **53.17 To resolve to note the Correspondence received:**

1. New Forest Association of Local Councils - An email enclosing the Agenda for the next meeting behind held on 20th July at 7 pm at Lyndhurst.
2. Consultative Panel - An email regarding the New Forest FDP consultation and late notice letter from the Forestry Commission.
3. Mr M Durham - An email regarding the diversion of footpath 768 (Sandy Balls Holiday Park, along Avon View, into woodland in the south west corner of the holiday park, over a stile and into an open field before rejoining the B3078 near Criddlestyle) and when it will be restored to its original route.
4. Freshwater Habitats Trust - An email advising of New Forest Water Wildlife Month Events. Throughout July the Freshwater Habitats Trust will be holding events every weekend to celebrate the extraordinary freshwater plants and animals of the New Forest. Each event will allow you to discover more about your local ponds, rivers and streams through talks, surveys, water quality tests and more. Take part and experience first-hand some of the Forest's amazing wetland plants and animals. All the events are completely free, but booking is required. For more information please visit: [www.freshwaterhabitats.org.uk/projects/new-forest-water-wildlife-month/](http://www.freshwaterhabitats.org.uk/projects/new-forest-water-wildlife-month/)
5. New Forest National Park Authority - Notification of a meeting of the NFNPA Full Authority meeting on 13th July at 10 am at Lymington Town Hall.

6. New Forest District Council Licensing - Three notices advising of requests for temporary event notices by Sandy Balls for 6th, 19th and 23rd July for outdoor cinema.
7. Hampshire County Council - Highways news for June.
8. New Forest District Council - An email from James Knight describing the District Council's emergency arrangements in light of the recent emergencies in London.
9. Mr L Baker - An email advising of a response from Steve Avery following his letter to Mr Oliver Crosthwaite-Eyre on the issues with Paysanne which he considers to be unsatisfactory.
10. Mr Richard Taylor - An email following his attendance at the last meeting to hear Richard Fell's report on footpaths and asking that his thanks be passed members of the Council.

#### **54.17 Any Other Business:**

**Hot Tubs:** Cllr Cakebread said she was concerned by reports that more hot tubs were being installed at Sandy Balls. She said the Parish Council should query how the waste water was being disposed of and the chemicals used to clean them between lodge bookings as this could affect the river if the waste water was being discharged into the river.

**55.17 Next Meeting:** Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017. This date was subsequently changed for an Extraordinary Meeting to be held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.28 pm.

***Councillors are asked to note that in the exercise of their functions, they must take note of the following: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime & Disorder, Health & safety, and Human Rights.***

***Any person who may have difficulty with access to the meeting through disability is asked to advise the Clerk on 01725 513874 at least 24 hours before the meeting so that every effort may be made to provide access.***