

MINUTES

14.11.2017

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 14th November 2017 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Fell - Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Lintonbon - Vice-Chairman

Cllr O'Brien

Cllr Pomphrey

Cllr Williams

District Cllr Bill Dow

Mrs Bev Cornish - Clerk

Six members of the public.

Public Session: Ms Claudia Weiss expressed concern about speeding vehicles in the Southampton Road. She said the speed should be reduced to 20 mph.

Mr Harrington spoke in support of planning application number 17/00943 for 5 Avon View Cottages, Sandy Balls Estate and said as a neighbour, he had no issue with the works which had been carried out.

District Councillor Bill Dow: Cllr Dow advised that he had nothing to report.

Litter Warden: Mrs Boyd was unable to attend the meeting.

105.17 To receive apologies for absence: The Clerk advised that no apologies had been received.

106.17 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.

107.17 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th October 2017: Cllr Lintonbon proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

108.17 To resolve to note the 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 as follows:

Public Session 31st July Meeting: Pinch Point: There was no update on the pinch point.
92.17: Village Hall Car Park Hedge: The Chairman and Clerk will prepare the ground and the Clerk will collect the plants and protection guards from Landford Trees and these will be planted by the Lengthsman when he is in the village on Monday 11th December.

109.17 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Application No. 17/00887

Sandy Balls Holiday Village, Southampton Road, Godshill - Re-roofing of swimming pool and clubhouse complex: Following a brief report from Cllr Pomphrey, Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers on this application and expressed no preference in terms of 'shakes' or 'shingles' for the cedar roof.

Application No. 17/00902

Heathcote, Woodgreen Road, Godshill - Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a proposed single storey extension and demolition of existing conservatory: The Clerk advised that no documentation for this application had been published and it appeared to have been superseded by a full planning application for a detached garage with office/study over. However, this had not been published in time for inclusion on the agenda and therefore it would be considered at the next meeting.

Application No. 17/00942

Waldens, Newgrounds, Godshill - Single storey rear extension; balcony; new porch; demolition of existing conservatory: Following a brief report from Cllr Cakebread, Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend approval for this application on the grounds that it comprised of good design and would conserve and enhance the historic environment and conservation area.

Application No. 17/00943

5 Avon View Cottages, Sandy Balls Estate, Southampton Road, Godshill - Retention of rear raised decking and handrail: Following a detailed report from Cllr Williams, Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend permission for this application on the grounds that it was of good design and enhanced the natural environment.

Application No. CONS/17/0917

Boonoo, Boonoo, Blissford Road, Godshill - Prune 1 x Eucalyptus tree: Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to leave the decision on this application to the Tree Officer.

Application No. CONS/17/1008

Haven Cottage, Purlieu Lane, Godshill - Prune 2 x Oak trees Fell 1 x Cypress tree Prune 1 x Willow tree: Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to leave the decision on this application to the Tree Officer.

110.17 To consider a proposal from Cllr Cakebread to submit an application to Historic England for the listing of Moorland Cottage, Southampton Road, Godshill: Following a lengthy discussion in which concerns were raised about the potential for the listing of the cottage to put off buyers, thereby causing the cottage to fall into further disrepair, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to Ms Pauline Megson at the National Park Authority to seek clarification on the protection which already exists for the cottage in planning terms and the impact the listing would have on its sale and future restoration.

111.17 To consider and resolve to approve the Parish Council's Autumn Newsletter: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Newsletter be approved. All councillors agreed to assist in its distribution once the Clerk had printed and delivered the required number of copies.

112.17 To resolve to approve the following payment:

£110.00 - Mrs S Boyd - For maintenance of the pinch points.

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

113.17 To consider and resolve to approve the annual insurance premium of £318.18 with Aviva from Came & Company: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that it be approved.

114.17 Finance and Policy:

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

	£	Cheque No.
Came & Company - Annual insurance premium	318.18	100533
Mrs S Boyd - Pinch Point maintenance	110.00	100534
B Cornish - November Salary	316.71	100535

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

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

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 14.11.17:

Current Account: £17,591.47 Deposit Account: £579.91

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

115.17 Outside Bodies and Representation:

Western Escarpment Conservation Area Steering Group: Cllr O'Brien gave a detailed report on a recent meeting at which a reduced Action Plan was discussed and agreed as well as the need for a meeting with the Verge Restoration Officer at the Forestry Commission, Jane Albery. There were also discussions on the different options of how to communicate the issue of verge protection to residents, the recording of local distinctiveness and on identifying buildings of historic interest.

North West Quadrant meeting: Cllrs Cakebread and Pomphrey gave brief reports on the several issues discussed at a recent meeting.

Cllr Cakebread said that none of the other parishes were as badly affected as Godshill by a large number of 28 day campsites and, as a consequence, were not in favour of any restriction or Article 4 being imposed on the ones they had which in some cases brought business to their parishes. However, Steve Avery said that campsites would be looked at during the forthcoming review of the Recreation Policy so Godshill would be able to express its concerns.

Cllr Cakebread also reported on the process for approving the Local Plan for 2016-2036 in which 75,000 were to be allocated and for which a public consultation would start in February 2018.

Cllr Pomphrey reported that there had been a discussion on the funding of the Rangers which cost the National Park Authority £13,500 for a 5 month contract.

Councillors subsequently considered the benefits of the Rangers in providing information and education to both visitors, particularly at Sandy Balls, and residents but if the Parish Council were to make a contribution it may be difficult to measure the qualitative and quantitative benefits of that contribution as the Rangers would need to cover all 220 square miles of forest. Cllr Fell suggested that a further discussion be held on this when the Parish Council considers its budget for 2017/18 at the December meeting.

Meeting with Pauline Megson & Sarah Kelly of the National Park Authority: Cllr Cakebread gave a detailed report on a recent meeting she had held with the Clerk, Pauline Megson and Sarah Kelly in the parish. She said that she had given a tour of parish showing the areas of concern and examples of damage to verges, boundary treatments, hedge removal, the effects of 28 day camping sites as well as of non-compliance with planning conditions.

Cllr Cakebread said that Pauline Megson and Sarah Kelly understood the concerns and would investigate the issues raised, including the damage to oak tree roots at Paysanne, the verge at Lampton Lodge and the height of the garage at Smithfield. She said the issue for the Parish Council was of an inconsistent approach and the turnover of officers and the need for a compliance officer who could check that the conditions placed on a decision notice for a planning application were complied with by the applicant.

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write a letter to the Chief Executive of the National Park Authority, Ms Alison Barnes, setting out the Parish Council's concerns and requesting that the Authority considers re-employing a compliance officer.

116.17 To resolve to note the Correspondence received: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted:

1. Hampshire County Council
 - An email advising of an Autumn Briefing by Hampshire Highways which is to be held in Winchester at 6 pm on Wednesday 13th December from 6-8.30 pm.
 - An email advising of news for Local Councils.
2. New Forest National Park Authority
 - An email advising of an application for a felling licence for the field in Broadhill Lane (map available) which is for the restoration of a neglected hedgerow under the New Forest Our Past Our Future project to promote continuous thick bottomed hedge for wildlife with retained standard mature and overmature oak and ash maidens. Re-coppice of multi-stemmed holly and field maple. Pollarding of 2 oak to create replacement hedgerow trees.
3. New Forest District Council
 - An email from Lucy Buis, Housing Development & Strategy Officer, advising of a survey to complete in order to NFDC to parishes views with regarding to the factors that affect the delivery of rural affordable housing asking if it could be completed.
 - An email from David Illsley advising of an update on the local plan review following the NW Quadrant meeting.
 - An email advising of the Protocol on Death of a Senior Royal.

- An email regarding training by Rosemary Rutins on the new General Data Protection Regulation which will come into effect next year. The Clerk will be receiving training from the Society of Local Council Clerks via a webinar in January 2018.
 - An email advising that the Chair of the Consultative Panel will be standing down next March and a request for parish councils to submit nominations for a new chair.
4. Hampshire Association of Local Councils:
 - An email enclosing a letter to the Chair of the Committee for Standards in Public Life express concern about the Code of Conduct and Standards Regime which HALC has never supported.
 - November e-update.
 5. Hampshire Police & Crime Panel – An email advising of a response from Michael Lane, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, to the Panel's recommendations and thanking the Parish Council for providing evidence to its report.
 6. Age Concern Hampshire – An email attaching a newsletter and advising of the Village Agents project which provides a co-ordinator to coordinate the activities of about 50 volunteers, in rural villages around Hampshire, whose role it is to 'signpost' older people to support and services which will help them to stay healthy and happy in their own homes for as long as they are able.
 7. Royal British Legion – An email from Colin Draper regarding a talk being given by Graham Parker at Woodgreen Village Hall at 1930 hrs on Friday 17 November which will be on the centenary of the 3rd Battle of Ypres which ended in November 1917.
 8. Away Resorts – A letter from Carl Castledine, Chief Executive, in response to the Parish Council's letter
 9. Hyde Parish Council – An email from the Clerk attaching a copy of its Community Emergency Plan.
 10. Mr G Cutler – An email seeking information on the exact location of Godshill Wood Farm before Folds Farm was split to form with Godshill Wood Farm.
 11. Wiltshire Council – an email advising of a 6 week consultation on the scope and content of the local plan review which started on 7 November 2017 and closes at 5pm on 19 December 2017.

117.17 Any Other Business:

Footpath 752: Cllr Pomphrey advised that the supporting posts for the gates on Footpath 752 required maintenance to ensure they closed properly. Cllr Fell said that this would be a job for the Lengthsman.

Footpath 766: Cllr Fell advised that a member of the public had reported to him that the kissing gate on the right of way over Folds Farm was padlocked and the stile at the other end had been rebuilt so high that it was practically impassable. He said he had spoken to Alistair Cutts who had promised to rectify the stile and take the padlock off the kissing gate.

118.17 Next meeting: Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 12th December 2017.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.41 pm.

Members of the Council considered the foregoing in the matters in consideration of their duties: Equal Opportunities, (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, and Human Rights.