

MINUTES
12.06.18
GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 12th June 2018 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

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

Public Session:

Cllr Williams read out a statement from a resident who had been unable to attend the meeting. They asked about the changing of a kissing gate to a particularly high stile on footpath 766 which had made the route inaccessible.

Following guidance from Cllr Heron that landowners do not necessarily have to install kissing gates, the Clerk was asked to advise the Countryside Access Team at Hampshire County Council.

A parishioner asked what had happened to the hedge planted in the car park of the Village Hall as it looked as though it had been eaten by the donkeys. Cllr Fell said that he would check the condition of the hedge after the meeting.

County Councillor Edward Heron: Cllr Heron said he didn't have very much to report on that the impending publication of the Local Plan for the New Forest District Council which he advised the Council to access it online as soon as possible in readiness for a 6 week consultation taking place during July and early August. He also encouraged residents to report potholes online at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes> as he was still receiving emails from residents about potholes only to find that they had not yet been reported to the County Council.

He said the County Council had budgeted for £3 million in spending on repairing highways but had added a further £7 million to get on top of the repairs. However, last winter's weather had caused about £20 million worth of damage so without any major investment the county's roads were going to continue to decline.

Cllr Pomphrey asked Cllr Heron whether there had been any progress on the installation of average speed cameras as there had been two animal fatalities nearby of a foal and a cow. Cllr Heron said that progress was slow but there was no harm in the Parish Council writing to the

Police and Crime Commissioner to express its concern and to remind him of the importance of their implementation.

District Councillor Bill Dow: Cllr Dow advised that Cllr Mel Kendal had been elected as Chair of New Forest District Council for the coming year with Cllr Allan Glass being elected as Vice-Chair.

Litter Warden: Mrs Boyd gave a detailed report on the successful Annual Litter Pick held in April. She said that it had been well attended with 23 people and had collected fewer bags than in previous years despite a wider area being covered. However, the promised support from Sandy Balls in terms of equipment and staff had been very limited.

Cllr Dow said that he was able to arrange in future years for the borrowing of the appropriate equipment from New Forest District Council on a date to suit the parish if Mrs Boyd contacted him in advance.

Cllr Fell thanked Mrs Boyd for all her efforts generally and with the annual litter pick.

31.18 To receive apologies for absence: The Clerk reported that she had received apologies from Cllr O'Brien due to a holiday commitment. Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apology and the reason for it be noted.

32.18 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.

33.18 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 8th May 2018:

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

34.18 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 as follows:

108.16: Speed Limit Repeater sign: The data has been received showing that the 85th percentile speed limit (which is the required measurement) at 39.1 mph but the Parish Council has requested further analysis between the two locations used for the collection of data. The NFDC Officer dealing with the matter is on leave until 18th June and so the Clerk has asked her to provide the data on her return.

The Clerk has also contacted Mandy Ware of Hampshire County Council asking for information on the process and permissions required to install permanent Speed Limit Repeater signs in Godshill.

23.18: .Gov.uk domain name: HCI Data Ltd has confirmed that the Cabinet Office has agreed the domain name application for godshillparishcouncil.gov.uk.

35.18 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Application No. CONS/18/0443

Forest Lodge, Southampton Road, Godshill - Prune 1 x Oak tree Fell 1 x Oak tree Fell Eucalyptus tree Remove deadwood from 1 further Oak tree (exempt works): Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision be left to the Tree Officer.

Application No. CONS/18/0444

11 Avon View Cottages, Sandy Balls Estate, Godshill - Prune 1 x Beech tree: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision be left to the Tree Officer.

38.18 To receive a report from Cllr Fell on the annual review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control, to consider the findings of the review, the internal audit work performed and the internal audit arrangements: Following a report from Cllr Fell, Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED that the current system of internal control and internal audit were appropriate, effective and sufficient.

39.18 To consider and resolve to approve the Annual Governance Statement contained within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Part 3 for the year ended 31st March 2018 for submission to the Parish Council's External Auditors following completion of the Internal Audit: Following a brief report from the Clerk, Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Governance Statement for 2017/18 as contained in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

247.17 To consider and resolve to approve the Accounting Statements contained in the Annual Return and Statement of Variances within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Part 3 for the year ended 31st March 2018 for submission to the Parish Council's External Auditors following completion of the Internal Audit: Following a brief report from the Clerk, Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Accounting Statements contained in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and Statement of Variances for 2017/18.

36.18 To resolve to note that in the Data Protection Act 2018 and for the purposes of the General Data Protection Regulation there is no requirement for parishes as a 'public body' or 'public authority', as defined in the Act, to appoint a Data Protection Officer: Following a brief explanation from the Clerk, Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to note that under the Data Protection Act 2018 there is no requirement for parishes to appoint a Data Protection Officer.

37.18 To consider the results of the Speed Indicator Device and Speed Limit Repeater sign trial and to resolve to agree on any further actions to be taken with regard to addressing the issue of speeding vehicles through Godshill: Following a lengthy discussion and a demonstration of a Speed Indicator Device by Cllr Fell, which he had borrowed from a supplier based in Sandheath, he proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Council should await the more detailed data from New Forest District Council and that the item be added again to next agenda.

38.18 To resolve to approve the following payments:

£425.00 - Mrs Sara Boyd - 1st Payment for her Litter Warden role.

£171.99 – Mrs Sara Boyd – For maintenance of pinch points, plants and materials.

- £50.00 - Fair Account - For completion of Internal Audit for 2017/18.
- £680.00 - New Forest District Council - For erection of poles, Speed Indicator Device and Speed Limit Repeater sign trial.
- £72.00 - Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council - For GDPR training.
- £31.99 - B Cornish - For Printer Cartridges.
- £21.57 – 1&1 Internet - For website hosting fees March-May.

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

39.18 Finance and Policy:

a. To resolve to approve the sum of £2,018.37 as the Accounts for payment for June:

	£	Cheque No.
Mrs Sara Boyd	425.00	100565
Mrs Sara Boyd	171.99	100564
Fair Account	50.00	100566
New Forest District Council	680.00	100567
Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council	72.00	100568
B Cornish	31.99	100579
1&1 Internet Ltd	21.57	100579
B Cornish – June salary	323.02	100570
HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for April May June	242.80	100571

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 12.06.18

Current Account: £12,483.92 Deposit Account: £580.00

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

40.18 Outside Bodies and Representation:

North West Quadrant: Cllr Cakebread gave a detailed report on a recent meeting at which:

- Sarah Kelly had given a history of Pylon-undergrounding project at Hale. She explained that the route for the trench had to be changed because the mire at the Hale end was found to be deep and the steep slope prevents tunnelling under or bridging over it. The new proposed route is longer but keeps to drier land and has been discussed with the stakeholders who all agree it is more reasonable. It has not been rubber stamped and is subject to "scoping" and much further consultation.

Steve Avery stated that the project is major, so the application would have a sixteen week deadline and National Grid has called a meeting on 19th June to discuss and clarify the situation which was open only to the stakeholders and representatives from Hale, Wood Green, Redlynch and Godshill parish councils, plus the organiser of the Hale protest group.

- Nick Wardlaw of the Forestry Commission reported on the Higher Level Stewardship work in the New Forest. He is highly enthusiastic about the ecology and habitat restoration and listed

a good many of the 270 species found to have benefited from this work, including some unknown elsewhere. He agreed with Hyde's parish councillor about the need for education to protect verges, and councillors were urged to carry leaflets to place on windscreens of offending vehicles.

- Nick Tomalin of the RSPB announced the creation of a new reserve of almost 1,000 acres called Franchises Lodge, a large area of woodland north of the B3078 at Telegraph Hill plus a large part of the Hamptworth Estate (given in a tax settlement deal). Work was ongoing to explore and assess the whole area, footpaths and access, parking, etc. The Franchises Lodge itself would be its "headquarters". Only the existing rights of way are open for the time being. There is a lot of information online.
- Steve Avery reminded the group about the imminent publication of the NFDC Local Plan and commented on the review of National Parks and AONBs by Michael Gove, who wants to strengthen protection and possibly create more. However Steve has some doubts about this because greater numbers could mean less special.

New Forest Consultative Panel: Cllr Cakebread on a recent meeting at which there had been a presentation from the Hale Protection Group who are opposed to the removal of the pylons across Hale Purlieu. She said she challenged the representatives on some of their 'facts' which she said were based almost entirely on assumptions and many of which were demonstrably false. Cllr Cakebread also reported that Steve Avery had given a brief update on NPA matters and Nigel Matthews an update on the Recreation Management Strategy and its forthcoming public consultation.

Western Escarpment Steering Group: In Cllr O'Brien's absence, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the report be deferred to the next meeting.

Broadband: Cllr Lintonbon gave a detailed update on the progress to install superfast broadband in the remaining houses and businesses within Godshill parish. He said the Council's application under the community funding scheme had been submitted to OpenReach in order that they can assess the best solution for Godshill, which is expected to be fibre to the premises (FTTP) and for OpenReach to provide a quote. Cllr Lintonbon's contact at Hampshire County Council has said that OpenReach had a substantial backlog of work and so the Council was unlikely to receive a quote in the next few months.

Once the quote is received, the Council must raise the funding which is outside of the scheme and which may be at least half of the quote. Once the funding is raised and a contract signed with OpenReach, the broadband infrastructure typically takes 12 months.

41.18 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. New Forest National Park Authority - An email advising that New Forest National Park Authority submitted its draft Local Plan 2016 – 2018, supporting documents and representations received to the Secretary of State for independent examination.
2. New Forest National Park Authority – An email from David Ilsley enclosing the Agenda of the Western Escarpment Steering Group meeting on 11th June 2018.
3. New Forest Consultative Panel – An email advising of a meeting and documents for a meeting to be held on Thursday 6th June 2018 at 7.30 pm at Lyndhurst Community Centre.
4. The Leader & Chairman of Hampshire County Council – An invitation to the Annual County Service at Winchester Cathedral on Sunday 24 June at 9.45am and afterwards to a Reception in The Great Hall

5. New Forest District Council – A confirmation email regarding report the Clerk made of an abandoned vehicle in Broadhill Lane following a call from a parishioner.
6. Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society – The June edition of Waymark.
7. Protect Hale Purlieu Movement – An email from a member advising that they had prepared a Paper explaining why they oppose the route suggested by National Grid and if they would be happy to attend a Council meeting to explain their views or the contents of the Paper.
8. New Forest National Park Authority – A letter from Steve Avery advising that an appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate in respect of Primrose Cottage, Newgrounds and would be determined by the Householder Appeals Service procedure. This means that the appeal will be dealt with electronically and all comments made at the application stage will be available on the internet. The letter is for information purposes only as there is no opportunity to comment on the appeal.
9. New Forest National Park Authority – The Agenda for the Full Authority Meeting to be held on 18th June 2018 at Lymington Town Hall at 10 am.
10. Edward Heron – An email draw the Council's attention as early as possible to the forthcoming consultation of the Local Plan review document, for the district outside of the National Park, which will last for six weeks period during which representations may be made.
11. New Forest Consultative Panel – An request that councillors notify the Clerk no later than 20 July if they'd like to attend the Panel Tour on Wednesday 8 August.

42.18 Any Other Business:

Wiggle: Cllr Fell gave a brief report on his recent experience of participating in a Wiggle event. He said it had been very well organised and he had not seen any bad behaviour. He also said that he had been impressed with the information provided and the fact that all riders were required to wear their numbers on both the front and back of their shirts.

43.18 Next meeting: Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 10th July 2018.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45 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.