

# MINUTES

09.10.18

## GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Lintonbon

Cllr O'Brien

Cllr Phillips

Cllr Williams

District Council Bill Dow

Mrs Bev Cornish - Clerk

Eight members of the public.

### **Public Session:**

A parishioner advised that the soggy condition of part of footpath 772 in Godshill Wood had resulted from the diversion of an underground spring from underneath his property and it had been in that condition for at least 112 years. He said that if there was any work done to block the spring it would have a detrimental impact on his and his neighbour's properties.

Cllr Williams raised on behalf of a resident the blocking and obscuring of footpath 773 beside the ford in Woodgreen Road.

Cllr Phillips raised on behalf of a resident the installation of an electric fence near the ford and cattle grid in Blissford Road which appeared to extend onto the open forest.

**District Cllr Bill Dow:** Cllr Dow advised of a report he had received from a resident of a tree with a split trunk overhanging the road on the boundary of Blissford Pool in Blissford Road causing a hazard to drivers of vans and lorries. He said the resident had made attempts but had been unsuccessful in contacting the property's owners.

Cllr Dow also advised that Cllr Ann Sevier had been appointed as the Fordingbridge representative on the New Forest National Park Authority. The Parish Council would now be able to raise any issues on planning with her as well as with Cllr John Sanger.

**Litter Warden:** Mrs Boyd said that the habit of dog walkers to hang bags of dog poo on and in hedging had returned. Cllr Fell said he would produce some more signs to deter them from doing this.

**88.18 To receive apologies for absence:** The Clerk reported that she had received an apology from Cllr Pomphrey due to a holiday commitment. Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apology be noted.

**89.18 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:**

Cllr Fell declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in his neighbour's tree application number CONS/18/0886.

**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.

**90.18 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11th**

**September 2018:** Cllr Lintonbon proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**91.18 To resolve to refer any business raised by the public in public discussion, and any other matters or items of information from councillors, to a future meeting or to resolve to agree on any other action:**

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the following actions be taken on matters raised by members of the public and Cllr Dow:

- The Clerk will contact the Countryside Access Team at Hampshire County Council regarding the footpaths.
- The Clerk will report the damaged tree in Blissford Road to Hampshire Highways.
- The Clerk will contact the neighbouring resident in Blissford Road regarding the electric fence to enquire about who may have installed it.

**92.18 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:

**108.16: Speed Limit Repeater sign:** The Chairman and Parish Clerk will be progressing the locations for poles shortly.

**54.18: Pinch Points:** The Clerk is still awaiting a date for a site visit from the officer at Hampshire County Council.

**Public Session August:** The Clerk has contacted the Verderers again asking whether she can do anything to progress the procuring of signs to discourage the feeding of animals beside the Fighting Cocks and at the Cricket pitch.

**93.18 Planning and Tree Works Applications:**

**Application No. 18/00541**

**Hartwell, Newgrounds, Godshill - Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for existing occupation of the dwellinghouse in breach of condition attached to planning permission RFR 7675 (removal of the Horticultural clause):** Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should inform the planning officer that Godshill Parish Council could confirm that, to the best of councillors' knowledge, the applicants had been living at the property in excess of 10 years.

**Application No. CONS/18/0886**

**Hill Garth, Woodgreen Road, Godshill - Prune 1 x Oak tree:** Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that the decision be left to the Tree Officer.

**Application No. CONS/18/0904**

**Sims Farm, Southampton Road, Godshill:**

**Prune 1 x Chestnut tree, Fell 5 x Apple trees, Fell 1 x Chestnut tree, Coppice 2 x Ash tree, Coppice 1 x Mountain Ash tree, Coppice 1 x Holly tree, Coppice 1 x Hawthorn tree, Prune 1 x Willow tree, Fell 2 x Maple trees, Fell 1 x Cherry tree, Coppice 1 x Group of Holly trees, Coppice 1 x Hazel tree, Fell 1 x Pear tree, Fell 1 x Plum tree, Fell 1 x Prunus tree:** Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that the decision be left to the Tree Officer.

**94.18 To consider and resolve to agree on a response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government's consultation on Permitted Development for Shale Gas Exploration devised by Cllr Cakebread and the Clerk:** A brief report from Cllr Cakebread and the Clerk advised that the proposed response:

- supported the exemption of National Parks, AONBs SSSIs and other historically important sites;
- no exploration should have any impact at all in terms of vehicles driving through those National Parks, AONBs SSSIs and other historically important areas to get to the exploration sites; and
- the time period for permitted development should be limited to 2 years.

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the response be approved.

**95.18 Using the Council's power under the Public Health Act 1936, Section 234, to consider three quotes provided for the purchase of a Public Access Defibrillator and to resolve to approve one quote:** Following a lengthy discussion and questions being asked of the Clerk, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council supported in principle the purchase of a defibrillator but that a decision on the one to purchase be deferred until the next meeting to enable further consideration of the quotes and for further questions to be answered in relation to training, regular reporting and annual maintenance costs.

**96.18 To resolve to seek approval from the Godshill Village Hall Committee to install the selected Public Access Defibrillator on the outside wall of the Village Hall and for it to be connected to the Village Hall's electricity supply and to resolve to approve an amount up to £350 for that purpose:** Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Village Hall Committee's approval be sought.

**97.18 To consider the details of the New Forest National Park Authority's new Historic Route and Past Pathways Project to create five new self-guided walks using existing Rights of Way and to resolve to agree on whether to (a) support the project and (b) take any further actions:** Following a positive discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Council should support the project and that Mr Gareth Owen, the NFNPA's Historic Routes and Past Pathways Project Officer, be invited to attend and speak on the project at the December meeting of the Council.

**98.18 To consider and resolve to agree on the ways in which the Council should communicate in due course to residents the information on the National Grid's Visual Impact Project at Hale Purlieu:** Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should await further clarity from National Grid on its proposed planning application before a newsletter is issued and that Godshill Village Hall should be included on the list of National Grid's consultation event locations during the application's period of consultation.

**99.18 To resolve to approve a donation of £18.99 to the Royal British Legion for a Centenary Poppy Wreath which is to be laid by Cllr O'Brien on behalf of the parish on Remembrance Sunday at the Fordingbridge War Memorial in gratitude to the men of Godshill who were killed in World War I:** Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the donation be approved and a wreath be laid on behalf of the parish.

**100.18 To resolve to approve and accept the External Auditor's Report and Certificate for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2017-18 and to note PKF Littlejohn's comments:** Following a report from the Clerk that the Accounts had been approved and no comments had been received, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Council should approve and accept the External Auditor's Report and Certificate. Cllr Cakebread asked that the Council's thanks to the Clerk be recorded for her work on the Return.

**101.18 To resolve to approve the following payments:**

£65.71 - Fordingbridge Town Council - For the lengthsman's materials for the Village Hall car park's new fence.

£240.00 - PKF Littlejohn - For External Audit services for accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

£164.00 - Mrs S Boyd - For maintenance and supply of plants for the village pinch points.

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

**102.18 Finance and Policy:**

**a. To resolve to approve the sum of £1,053.72 as the Accounts for payment for October:**

	£	Cheque No.
Fordingbridge Town Council - Lengthsman materials	65.71	10577
PKF Littlejohn - External Audit services	240.00	10578
Mrs S Boyd - Pinch point maintenance	164.00	10579
Royal British Legion - Centenary Poppy Wreath	18.99	10580
B Cornish - October salary	322.82	10581
HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for Jul, Aug, Sept	242.20	10582

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 09.10.18**

Current Account: £17,090.11 Deposit Account: £580.00

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

### **103.18 Outside Bodies and Representation:**

**Western Escarpment Conservation Area Steering Group:** Cllr O'Brien gave a detailed report on a recent meeting at which Nick Wardlaw from the Forestry Commission had given a brief update on the verge protection project and advised that there would be funding from the EU up to 2020. The Steering Group had again confirmed its support in assisting the Forestry Commission to inform residents about the need to protect verges. She also said that there had been a discussion on the use of Article 4 Directions in the Conservation Area and the Action Plan and a request for parish councils to carry out an audit of redundant signage.

**104.18 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 giving notice of the Examination of the New Forest National Park Local Plan 2016 – 2036 to be held on Tuesday 6 November 2018 to Friday 9 November 2018; and Tuesday 13 November to Thursday 15 November 2018 in the Council Chamber, Lymington Town Hall, Avenue Road, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 9ZG. The hearing sessions will commence at 9.30am each morning
  - An email advising of a Community Heritage Fair being held on Tuesday 6th November at Lyndhurst Community Centre.
  - An email and agenda advising of the next meeting of the National Park Authority to be held at 10 am on Thursday 11th October 2018 at Lymington Town Hall.
2. Hampshire County Council
  - An email advising of the Council's latest news.
  - An email asking councillors and clerks to complete an online communications survey.
3. New Forest District Council
  - An email advising of the locations of the 'Secret Soldiers' installation across the district. An interactive map will be provided so that residents can zoom in to see where the soldiers are located.
4. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – Two email providing an update on the Scamnesty campaign and enclosing a copy of the Road Safety Report.
5. Fordingbridge Town Council – An email from the Deputy Town Clerk ask whether any parishes wish to employ the Lengthsman on additional days between now and the end of the year.
6. New Forest Association of Local Councils – An email and Agenda advising of a meeting and Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Thursday 18th October at 7 pm when the future of the organisation will be discussed.
7. CPRE – Notification of Hampshire's Rural Affordable Housing Conference on 6th November 2018, supported by Hampshire County Council, from 09.30-13.30 at Littleton Memorial Hall, Littleton, Winchester.
8. Fordingbridge Rotary Club – Notification of this year's Quiz Night on Friday 16th November 7.30 pm sharp at Avonway Community Centre.
9. New Forest Disability Information Service – An invitation to attend the Annual Public Meeting on 29th October at 2pm at New Milton Community Association.

### **105.18 Any Other Business:**

**Police & Crime Commissioner's Safety Report:** Cllr Cakebread asked that an item on the Safety Report be added to the next Agenda as she considered that the Council might wish to write to the PCC making reference to the high level of statistics for accidents on rural forest roads in the report despite the omission of the B3078 which may be further increased if the housing contained in the Dorset Local Plan is implemented.

**Cycling Event:** Cllr Cakebread asked that an item on cycling events be added to the next Agenda with a specific request to enquire whether the NFNPA had considered whether a finite number of events to be held in a year should be set when taking account of their impact on the lives of residents and animals in the New Forest.

**106.18 Next meeting:** Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as 13th November 2018 at 7.30 pm at Godshill Village Hall.

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.*