

MINUTES

11.12.18

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 11th December 2018 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr O'Brien

Cllr Phillips

Cllr Pomphrey

Cllr Williams

County Councillor Edward Heron

District Council Bill Dow

Mrs Bev Cornish - Clerk

Seven members of the public.

Cllr Fell welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that Mr Gareth Owen, the Guest Speaker, who was to give a presentation on the New Forest National Park Authority's Historic Route and Past Pathways Project, was unwell and unable to attend and would attend a future meeting.

Public Session:

A parishioner expressed concern about the incessant noise from the use of leaf blowers at the Sandy Balls Holiday Centre which were used from very early in the morning to late in the evening on all seven days of the week. She said she had raised the issue of their disturbance with the General Manager and had suggested that electric leaf blowers be used but this had been dismissed due to their high cost. She also wondered why the Centre promoted the attraction of a holiday site located in a forested area and then spent the whole time blowing leaves away.

A parishioner asked about the hours during which outdoor Christmas lights were able to remain lit. He said he switched his off before going to bed and did not leave them on overnight.

Cllr Edward Heron: Cllr Heron reported that Hampshire County Council had launched a new £500,000 fund for innovative community projects which was in addition to the County Councillor fund for Parish and Town Councils. He said that several of the grant pots had not received many applications this year so if there were projects which the Council or local organisations were planning, he would advise that they submit applications in early January.

A discussion followed on Speed Indicator Devices and Average Speed Cameras on the B3078. Cllr Heron said that he was awaiting a decision being taken on average speed cameras for the M27 which was being converted to be a Smart motorway. Once this was agreed, Hampshire Police would require a site and officers to monitor them and therefore could add another set of cameras on the B3078 cameras to their workload.

Cllr Bill Dow: Cllr Dow reported that the New Forest District Council's Car Parking Clocks were now available and were excellent value for money. He also advised that the 'Go New Forest' cards, which gave a discount on 400 local business across the district, were also available from the Information Centres.

Litter Warden: Mrs Boyd said she had nothing in particular to report other than she was continuing to collect a lot of litter and to empty the bins.

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

124.18 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.

125.18 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13th November 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.

126.18 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: In response to questions raised Cllr Fell responded as follows:

- Cllr Pomphrey was 'on the case' with regard to the leaf blowers at the Sandy Balls Holiday Centre. They were currently looking at leaf sweeping machines which would be operated by electricity and so would be quieter.
- With regard to outdoor Christmas lights, Cllr Fell said that Parish Council had no powers to request their being switched off overnight.

127.18 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 Councillors are in the process of agreeing the locations of the poles for submission to Hampshire County Council.

96.18: Defibrillator: An order has been placed and once the cheque is signed at the meeting and sent, the defibrillator will arrive within 7-10 days of receipt.

107.18: Police and Crime Commissioner's 'Road Safety Report': The Clerk has written to the PCC regarding the omission of both vehicular and animal accident statistics on the New Forest's A and B-roads from his report but has yet to receive a response.

128.18 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Application No. CONS/18/1124

166R Woodfern, Sandy Balls Estate, Godshill - Prune 1 x Leyland Cypress tree: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on the application be left to the Tree Officer.

Felling Licence Application notification number 019/45089/2018

Sandy Balls Estate, Godshill - Various works: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on the application be left to the Forestry Commission.

Application No. CONS/18/1164

Moorlands Cottage, Southampton Road, Godshill - Prune 1 x Oak tree: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on the application be left to the Tree Officer.

129.18 To consider the presentation given by Mr Gareth Owen on the Historic Route and Past Pathways Project and to resolve to agree on whether the Parish Council wishes to participate in it and on any next steps: In view of Mr Owen's absence, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that this item be deferred to a future meeting when Mr Owen was able to attend.

130.18 To consider and resolve to agree on a response to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs's Consultation and 'Call for Evidence' on its independent review of England's National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs): Following a brief report from Cllr Cakebread, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that a response be delegated to Cllr Cakebread and the Clerk.

131.18 To consider and resolve to agree on a response to a request from the New Forest Rangers to display 'wooden, near-life-size silhouettes of Forest animals and associated banner in towns and villages around the New Forest' in order to raise awareness of the importance of careful driving and to agree on their location: All councillors considered this to be a good idea and agreed the suggestion of the green opposite the Village Hall. In view of the fact that this was owned by the Forestry Commission, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Forestry Commission to seek their permission to use it for this purpose before responding to the Forest Rangers.

132.18 To resolve to approve the following payment:

£30.00 - The Clerk - For monthly meter payments for village hall heating.

£11.06 - Fordingbridge Town Council - For Lengthsman's materials.

£2,457.60 - AED Locator (E.U.) Ltd/Heartsafe - For Public Access Defibrillator.

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

133.18 Finance and Policy:

- a. **Precept 2019/20 - To consider and resolve to approve the draft budget and precept submitted by the Clerk and to consider any projects for the 2019/20 financial year:**
Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that a Precept of £10,499 for 2019/20 be approved which was an increase of 0.1% on 2018/19.
- b. **To consider and resolve to approve the allocated reserves of the Parish Council with particular regard to reserving sums for:**
 - i. **The NFNPA's Historic Route and Past Pathways Project:**
Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the sum of £250 be allocated.

ii. The installation of Average Speed Cameras along the B3078:

Following Cllr Heron's suggestion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the sum of £1,000 be allocated.

iii. A contribution towards the Clerk's two year further training for the Certificate of Higher Education in Community Governance (Level 4) awarded by De Montfort University:

Following confirmation that he had received support from all councillors, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that a contribution of £940 be allocated to the Clerk's training course.

c. To consider requests for grants under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

from: Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was resolved that the following amounts be approved:

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| • Fordingbridge & District Day Centre | £75 |
| • Rae Straton Lunch Club/Day Care | £75 |
| • New Forest Disability Information Service | £75 |
| • Victim Support Hampshire and Isle of Wight | £75 |

It was further resolved that the following amounts be approved for an additional two organisations as follows:

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| • Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance | £150 |
| • Fordingbridge Community First Responders | £150 |

d. To resolve to approve the sum of £2,821.48 as the Accounts for payment for December:

	£	Cheque No.
B Cornish - Village Hall heating	30.00	100585
Fordingbridge Town Council - Lengthsman materials	11.06	100586
AED Locator (EU Ltd) Public Access Defibrillator	2457.60	100587
B Cornish - December salary	322.82	100588

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

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 11.12.18

Current Account: £13,904.27 Deposit Account: £580.09

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that they be approved and noted.

134.18 Outside Bodies and Representation:

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

- there had been a lengthy presentation by Action Hampshire on the means of providing affordable housing.
- Steve Avery had given a report on outside lighting advising that planning permissions in Conservation Areas will have very strict conditions and although existing properties were able to attach lights without permission, permission was needed for any new construction.

- Steve Avery had advised that there could not be a limit to the numbers of cycling events. Alison Barnes had agreed to look into more publicity to alert organisers to the need to register with the Safety Advisory Group.
- Hale PC was asking for tunnelling instead of opencast burying of the cables in the National Grid Pylon Project.

Godshill Village Hall Committee: Cllr Williams reported that Cllr Heron's County Councillor fund had awarded the hall £1,500 towards the upgrading of equipment for the kitchen to enable bookings for bigger events such as weddings. She also advised that the recent Quiz Night had raised £740.

Superfast Broadband: In Cllr Lintonbon's absence, Cllr Fell said that Cllr Lintonbon had frequently chased both Hampshire County Council and BT Openreach and would continue to do so until responses had been received. He said that he hoped that some progress would be able to be reported at the January meeting.

Sandy Balls Holiday Centre: Cllr Pomphrey gave a brief report on the work to install the 108 new holiday lodges. This would be carried out in three phases from now until the end of next summer. The extra large lodges needed to be brought in from Cadnam rather than from Fordingbridge because Hampshire Police considered the winding route from Fordingbridge to be too dangerous. With no touring caravans and an additional parking area near the Welcome Building, the previous long tailbacks onto the B3078 to book in during the holiday season were not likely to recur. A further planning application to redesign the signage and front entrance to the site had been submitted to the New Forest National Park Authority and would be open to consultation in the New Year.

135.18 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
 - WECA Steering Group - Redundant signage mapping project – An email from David Illsley enclosing an OS base map for Godshill.
2. Hampshire County Council
 - An email advising of the Council's latest news.
 - invitation a Highways and Transport themed Town and Parish Council event to hear about some key issues affecting the highway network across Hampshire Wednesday 13 March 2019 5.45pm – 8:30pm Ashburton Hall, Hampshire County Council, Elizabeth II Court, Winchester.
 - An email from the Countryside Access Team regarding the 'footpaths cutting list for 2019' which asks each parish to identify 5 paths for priority cutting. The deadline for a response is 1st February 2019 so this will go onto the January meeting agenda.
3. Hampshire Association of Local Councils
 - November newsletter.
 - NALC Legal Briefing - The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.
4. Fordingbridge Town Council – the list of dates for the Lengthsman in Godshill for 2019.
5. Ringwood and Fordingbridge Footpath Society – December edition of Waymark.

136.18 Any Other Business:

Training: Cllr Cakebread asked whether the Clerk could investigate some training for councillors.

137.18 Next meeting: Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as 8th January 2019 at 7.45 pm at Godshill Village Hall. He wished everyone present a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50 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.