

MINUTES

12.02.19

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 12th February 2019 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman
Cllr Cakebread
Cllr O'Brien
Cllr Phillips
Cllr Pomphrey
Cllr Williams

District Council Bill Dow
Mrs Bev Cornish - Clerk
Four members of the public.

Cllr Fell welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said Mr Gareth Owen was present to speak about the Historic Route and Past Pathways Project which is part of the National Park Authority's 'Our Past, Our Future' Landscape Partnership Scheme lead which was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Mr Owen spoke in detail about the purpose of the project which was to investigate existing rights of way and identify those with significant historical importance within the New Forest National Park as follows:

- From the existing rights of way in the parish, five new trails may be established which will become self-guided walks. These trails will have a significant history and a local story to tell and they could either take a circular route one-way route.
- Through appropriate interpretation (which didn't mean a number of highly visible and inappropriate display boards) a greater understanding of the heritage and importance of these routes could be explained to the local community and walkers.
- For some time volunteers involved in the Historic Routes and Past Pathways have been researching historical maps to investigate the history behind the rights of way. The work on Godshill was due to start shortly.
- Any local knowledge on the rights of way in Godshill would be most appreciated.

Cllr Fell thanked Mr Owen for his interesting presentation and advised that the Council had reserved £250 towards the project at its December budget meeting.

Public Session:

No questions or statements were received.

Cllr Bill Dow: Cllr Dow asked if the Parish Council had been informed of the work to resurface Newgrounds. The Clerk confirmed that the Council had been notified by the Operation Resilience Team at Hampshire County Council.

153.18 To receive apologies for absence: The Clerk reported that she had received an apology from Cllr Lintonbon due to a work commitment and from Mrs Boyd, the Litter Warden, due to holiday. Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apologies and the reasons for them be noted.

154.18 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.

155.18 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th January 2019: Cllr O'Brien proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

156.18 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: No referrals were required as no questions or statements were received.

157.18 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 & 54.18: Speed Limit Repeater sign & Pinch Points: The Chairman and Clerk will be meeting with Mandy Ware of Hampshire County Council Highways Team on Friday 15th March to look at the Pinch Points, discuss locations for SLR poles and to look at the drain in Woodgreen Road.

96.18: Defibrillator: The Defibrillator will be installed in the next two weeks by Dave Watton, electrician, in a location agreed with the Village Hall Committee on the wall to the left of the entrance.

150.18: Electric Fence adjacent to bridleway: Following an email written to the owners of the fence, the Clerk has received a detailed letter from them giving details of its installation, the precautions taken and signs erected to advise users of the bridleway.

158.18 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

At this point in the meeting, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be opened to the public.

Application No. 18/00909/ADV

Sandy Balls Holiday Centre, Sandy Balls Estate, Godshill (Amended Plans) - Display of 2no. illuminated entrance signs; 8no. of animal figures (Application for Advertisement Consent): Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for this application but would accept the decision of the National Park's officers under their delegated powers provided only if the following strict conditions are set:

- The hedge is required to grow tall to at least 2 metres and maintained at that height in order to screen the first floor windows and lights of the office building behind it and also parked SUVs which are visible from the road.

- The word 'Village' is not used in the title of the sign as the Council's view is that Sandy Balls is already in the village of Godshill and the words 'Away Resorts Sandy Balls' is a clear description of the site for both guests and visitors.

Cllr Fell closed the meeting to the public.

Application No. 18/00975/FULL

Heathcote, Woodgreen Road, Godshill - Retention of replacement septic tank and soak away: Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for this application but would accept the decision of the National Park's officers under their delegated powers on the grounds that the proposed replacement septic tank and soak away will have no detrimental effect on the natural or historic environment, the conservation area or on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

Application No. CONS/19/0029

Croft Cottage, Southampton Road, Godshill - Fell 2 x Himalayan Birch trees Fell 2 x Scots Pine trees Coppice 20 x Silver Birch trees: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision be left to the Tree Officer.

Application No. CONS/19/0034

Purlieu Way, Godshill - GR - 50.94021,-1.743914 - Tree and Hedgerow Management: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision be left to the Tree Officer.

153.18 To resolve to approve the following payments:

- £150.00 - Fair Account - For completion of the half year internal audit.
- £425.00 - Mrs Sara Boyd - 2nd Payment for her Litter Warden role.

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

154.18 To resolve to approve the appointment of Mr Tim Light of Fair Account as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for 2019/20: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that Mr Tim Light be appointed as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for 2019/20

155.18 Finance and Policy:

- a. **To resolve to approve the sum of £898.02 as the Accounts for payment for February:**

| | £ | Cheque No. |
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| Fair Account - For half year internal audit | 150.00 | 100598 |
| Mrs Sara Boyd - For Litter Warden role | 425.00 | 100601 |
| B Cornish - February salary | 323.02 | 100602 |

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread 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 11.02.1

Current Account: £11,783.91 Deposit Account: £580.09

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

156.18 Outside Bodies and Representation:

Affordable Housing Information Meeting: Cllr Williams gave a report on a meeting of local parishes with officers from New Forest District Council with the purpose of giving parishes information on the tools and resources available to assist them in the processes of an affordable housing project. She said it was rather a catch 22 situation whereby parishes needed to identify a site or a landowner could put forward a site, perhaps outside the housing policy boundary, which could be deemed to be an 'exception site'. For Godshill and other similar parishes, she said that without any sites identified together with the lack of jobs, a bus network, school or nursery, it was be difficult to see how this could be achieved.

Superfast Broadband: In Cllr Lintonbon's absence, Cllr Fell read out his report as follows:

- The Blissford Road FTTP will be installed in April, after a delay due to planning permission issues with the cabinet at the junction of Crystal Hollow and Southampton Road. This is the final phase of the Hyde publicly funded scheme.
- The Council's application for a publicly (government) funded scheme to cover the premises using the cabinet near the Village Hall which also involves residents paying towards the cost, will be relaunched in April, under the "Gigabit Voucher Scheme". It might be successful but this will not be known until after the relaunch. If Godshill is not successful, then there are 2 options: privately pay for the FTTP or wait until the next funding round which is likely to be in 2020.

Godshill Village Hall Committee: Cllr Williams gave a brief report on a recent meeting and advised that a newsletter had been distributed to all residents. She said a discussion took place on the quote to refurbish the toilets which had been disappointingly high at around £20,000. The Committee would be looking to get further quotes and to investigate grant funding.

159.18 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. Planning Inspectorate – An email from Mr Ian Kemp advising that the Secretary of State has appointed Planning Inspectors Kevin Ward BA (Hons) MRTPI and Caroline Mulloy BSc (Hons) DipTP MRTPI to conduct an Examination into the soundness and legal compliance of the of the New Forest District Local Plan. Hearing sessions, which are part of the overall Examination into the Plan, will commence at 09.30am on Monday 3rd June 2019 within the Council Chamber of New Forest District Council, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst. The deadline for submission of further written statements is 5pm on Wednesday 13th March 2019 and if the Council wishes to participate within a specific hearing session please let him know by 5pm on Friday 1st March 2019.
2. Hampshire Highways Operation Resilience:
 - Revised Start Date/Times-Temporary Road Closure Stuckton Road Fordingbridge which will take place overnight on: Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th February, between 0001hrs and 0600hrs each night.
 - Blockwork replacement & carriageway resurfacing in Bridge Street, Fordingbridge involve a 4 week closure from 11th February 2019 and diversions.
 - Undertaking carriageway resurfacing in Newgrounds, Godshill which are programmed to start on 8th March 2019 and are expected to last for up to 5 days, during which time the road will be closed to vehicular traffic, between the hours of 09:30 – 16:00hrs. In preparation for the carriageway resurfacing, there will be some drainage & vegetation cutback works, starting on 11th February 2019, also under a road closure. The works will take place between the hours of 09.30 to 16.00 hrs and are expected to last for up to 10 days.

For each phase of the works, the road will be open during evenings and weekends.

3. New Forest District Council
 - An email with poster advising of the New Forest Spring Clean between 22nd March and 23rd April 2019 encouraging residents to get involved.
 - An email from Rosemary Rutins on the upcoming Parish & Town Council elections on 2nd May 2019. Nomination papers must be hand delivered to the Returning Officer's staff (Elections Office, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst) – they may not be accepted via the post, e-mail or fax, or any other medium. They do not have to be delivered by the candidate but they must be delivered by hand. The closing time and date for the receipt of nominations is 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday 3rd April 2019.
4. Hampshire Association of Local Councils
 - January and February newsletters.
5. UK Cycling Events: An email giving advanced warning of a sportive event being held from the Somerley Estate taking place on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April 2019. First rider in Godshill at 10.54 and last rider at 4.02 pm. Godshill is on the Epic and Standard routes which predict 1,900 riders for the Saturday and 1,750 for the Sunday.
6. A letter from Brice Stafford giving details of a public appeal for contributions on New Forest folklore for an upcoming book on the subject.
7. Woodgreen Parish Council – An email from the Clerk advising of a report from a resident about rocks close to the highway in Woodgreen Road which weren't visible to drivers during the recent snow event and asking the Parish Council to investigate.
8. A letter from the New Forest Bike Project (CIC) advising of its work. It is a not-for-profit registered community interest company that provides;
 - Bicycles, free or heavily subsidised for local people in need, and at local market rates to the wider public.
 - Help in teaching bike maintenance and cycling skills.
 - A wide range of new and reconditioned used parts and accessories to help keep people and their bikes on the road at an affordable price
 - Support for (re)cycling and sustainability issues in the New Forest.Their workshop is in New Milton and they serve the New Forest and East Dorset area. Unwanted bikes can be donated and they refurbish them or salvage parts to help fix others.

160.18 Any Other Business: No additional items of business were raised.

161.18 Next meeting: Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7.30 pm at Godshill Village Hall.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.35 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.