

**MINUTES**  
**10.03.2020**  
**GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Cakebread - Chairman  
Cllr Fell (from 8.30 pm)  
Cllr Pomphrey  
Cllr Williams  
Cllr Woodward

Mrs Bev Cornish - Clerk  
Ten members of the public.

**Public Session:**

A member of the public spoke in strong support of the planning application for Broadhill Cottage.

A member of the public spoke in strong objection to the planning application for Godshill Wood Farm.

The applicant for the Godshill Wood Farm planning application spoke in support of his application and on the particular need for an additional barn on the site.

**Litter Warden:** Mrs Boyd reported that she was still collecting a lot of litter. She said it was in such a quantity that on a recent trip she had almost been unable to carry the heavy bag back to her house. As an additional concern, she alerted the Council to the amount of mud on the pavement from Crystal Hollow towards Sandy Balls which was causing a hazard to pedestrians.

**164.19 To receive apologies for absence:** The Clerk advised that she had received an apology from Cllr Phillips due to a work commitment abroad and a late apology from Cllr O'Brien due to a family emergency. She said that Cllr Fell had advised her that he was likely to arrive late at the meeting due to a work commitment. District Cllr Emma Lane had also sent her apologies. Cllr Cakebread proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apologies and the reasons for them be noted.

**165.19 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 dispensation requests.

**166.19 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020:** Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**167.19 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:** With regard to the mud on the pavement near Crystal Hollow, Cllr Cakebread advised that the Clerk had given the Lengthsman the task of clearing the mud and overgrown areas on the pavement from Crystal Hollow to the Fighting Cocks when he visits the parish on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**168.19 To resolve to note Clerk's Report providing information on recent issues and work completed:** Cllr Cakebread proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk's report be noted as follows:

**81.19 Defibrillator Training:** The training was cancelled due to a personal issue with the trainer and it will be re-arranged. 0

**108.19 Speed Indicator Devices:** The clips have been ordered and the SIDs have been configured. They will be installed on the poles once the clips arrive.

**143.19: Fencing around the Southampton Road Cattlegrid:** This is still showing online as 'in progress'.

**Litter Warden: Feb 20 Mtg:** Litter Bin at Cricket Pitch. The Clerk has failed to get a response from the Forestry England Officer despite several calls and messages left. She will continue to chase him.

**151.19: Boundary Commission Consultation:** The Clerk sent the parish's combined response with Hyde, Hale, Ellingham and Woodgreen parish councils.

#### **169.19 Planning and Tree Work Applications:**

At this point in the meeting Cllr Cakebread proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be opened to the applicants present to speak and respond to questions on their planning applications.

**Application No. 20/00068 Broadhill Cottage, Broadhill Lane, Blissford – Replacement dwelling; retention of outbuilding with alterations:** Following a lengthy question and answer session between the applicant and councillors and subsequent discussion, Cllr Pomphrey proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should leave the decision to officers under their delegated powers on the grounds that the application was contrary to policy SP16 of the NFNPA Local Plan. The Council would also ask the New Forest National Park Authority to consider enhancing the pre-application planning guidance it provides to applicants on non-designated heritage assets.

**Application No. 20/00078 Godshill Wood Farm, Woodgreen Road, Godshill – Agricultural building:** Following a question and answer session between the applicant and councillors and subsequent discussion, Cllr Pomphrey proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should to leave the decision to officers under their delegated powers as it was not able to determine whether this application met the requirements of DP50 of the NFNPA Local Plan in terms of functional need.

**Application No. 20/00110 Ridgeway, Southampton Road, Godshill – Addition of pitched roofs to existing porch and extension; 3 no. Rooflights; alterations to doors and windows; cladding:** Following a brief report from Cllr Williams, she proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for the application on the grounds that the proposal would enhance the dwelling and also have minimal impact on the Western Escarpment Conservation Area.

**Application No. CONS/20/0125**

**Blissford Pool, Blissford Road, Blissford - Prune 1 x Monterey Cypress tree, Prune 1 x Lawson Cypress tree, Prune 1 x Holly tree, Prune 1 x Oak tree:** Cllr Cakebread proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on this application be left to the Tree Officer.

**170.19 To consider a response to a consultation by the governors of the Forest Edge Learning Federation (which includes Hale and Breamore CE Schools) and Hyde CE on their proposal to create a Federation of the three schools with effect from 8 July 2020:**

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Cakebread proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write a letter of support and encouragement to the governors for them to proceed with the creation of the federation of the three schools.

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

£45.56 - 1&1 Ionos - For Website hosting November to February.

£84.55 - Signpost Solutions Ltd - For SID signpost fixings.

£158.10 – B Cornish -For annual Home Working Allowance, phone, broadband and postage April 2019-March 2020 plus Christmas meeting refreshment expenses.

£71.54 - Viking Direct - For printer cartridges.

£238.00 - Godshill Village Hall - Annual Hire Charge from April 2019-March 2020

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

**172.19 Finance and Policy:**

**a. To resolve to approve the sum of £927.96 as the Accounts for payment for March:**

	£	Cheque No.
1&1 Ionos	45.56	DD
Signpost Solutions Ltd	84.55	100658
B Cornish	158.10	100658
Viking Direct	71.54	100659
Godshill Village Hall	238.00	100660
B Cornish – March salary	330.21	100661

Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that the accounts for payment be approved.

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

**Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 09.03.20**

Current Account: £5,233.31      Deposit Account: £581.12

Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the balances be approved and noted.

**c. To resolve to approve and note the Budget to Actual figures to 31st March 2020 and proposed virements:**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Budget line From</b>	<b>Budget line To</b>
£9	Home Office Allowance	Clerk's Salary
£19	Car Park	S137 Grants
£6	Car Park	Subscriptions
£75	Car Park	Elections
£169	Footpaths	Hall & Heating
£53	Training	Hall & Heating
£148	Maintenance of Footpaths	Maintenance of Assets
£100	Office Equipment	Website
£49	Travel Expenses	Website

Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Budget to Actual figures to 31st March 2020 be noted and the proposed virements be approved.

### **173.19 Outside Bodies and Representation:**

**North West Quadrant Meeting:** Cllr Cakebread on a brief report on a recent meeting at which:

- There had been a presentation on volunteering and the funding available from the National Lottery to fund work with HCC Pathwatchers and other groups of volunteers to clear footpaths.
- The issue of litter in the National Park was discussed, particular issues relating to Whiteparish and a nearby HGV site.
- Paul Walton, Head of Environment and Rural Economy at the NPA gave a presentation on how it must plan for coping with emergencies in farming and nature post Brexit. At present HM Government payments are made to landowners for provision of "public goods" but this will cease by 2027. New schemes are being planned, to be piloted by 2022, for carbon capture planting (e.g. "right tree right place" as well as marsh, heath, etc.) The NPA is looking to work more closely with farmers immediately surrounding the Forest ("Green Halo"). He said the HLS scheme may be extended another 1 or 2 years to enable restoration of more river meanders, which with slow flow of water, improve habitat and reduce flooding lower down.

The Julian Glover Review on 70 years of National Parks is not favourable as they provide poor value for money because the decline in biodiversity has not stopped. The challenge is therefore for landowners to encourage diversification of wildlife, to increase income and improve conservation.

The issue of public transport within the Park was discussed because communities need private transport due to poor public transport provision. Free charging points for electric vehicles has been considered but thought expensive to install in remote areas.

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

1. NFNPA
  - An email advising that an Enforcement Notice for Homestead Cottage following dismissal of the appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.
  - An email advising of a meeting of the Planning Committee on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 in Lymington which will consider the Pound Bottom application.
2. St Mary's Fordingbridge - VE Day Thanksgiving and Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10.30a.m. All organisations, uniformed and non-uniform, are welcome to be represented at the Service.
3. Thank you letters from the Fordingbridge Day Centre, Rae Straton Lunch Club, New Forest Disability Information Service, Air Ambulance and Fordingbridge First Responders.

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4. Planning Inspectorate - A letter advising that the Appeal Decision on the Land to the rear of Homestead Cottage, Godshill is allowed.
5. Fordingbridge & Ringwood Footpath Society – March edition of Waymark.
6. Parishioner – An email advising of a fallen douglas fir tree.

**175.19 Any Other Business:**

**Sandy Balls Holiday Centre:** Cllr Pomphrey advised that CCTV had been installed on parts of the site following recent burglaries.

**Items for Next Agenda:** Cllr Woodward asked that future agenda items for the Parish Council to consider should include Covid-19 community support, climate change and the general power of competence.

**176.19 Next meeting:** Cllr Cakebread confirmed the date of the next meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 subject to there being Planning applications to consider or otherwise Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020 after the Annual Parish Meeting to be held 7.30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.04 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.*