

**MINUTES**  
**09.06.2020**  
**GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Virtual<sup>1</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Zoom on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.30 pm.**

Present:

Cllr Fell - Chairman  
Cllr Cakebread  
Cllr O'Brien  
Cllr Phillips  
Cllr Pomphrey  
Cllr Williams  
Cllr Woodward

District Cllr Emma Lane  
Mrs Bev Cornish - Clerk  
Two members of the public.

**Public Session:**

A member of the public asked if there had been any progress on the broadband project.

**District Cllr Emma Lane:** Cllr Lane gave a brief report on the recent work of the District Council and advised that the household recycling centres were now open and residents could make an appointment to use them rather than sitting for hours in a queue. She said that if the Council had any issues, they should not hesitate to contact her.

**Litter Warden:** Mrs Boyd reported that people were still putting litter in the bins even though she had affixed a sign saying that they were not being emptied and the litter should be taken home. Following a brief discussion, Mrs Boyd agreed to cover the bins so that no further litter could be deposited in them until further guidance had been received on collection and disposal of litter by parish councils.

**27.20 To receive apologies for absence:** The Clerk reported that no apologies had been received.

**28.20 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.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

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**29.20 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020:** Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**30.20 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 advised that he would be giving a detailed report on broadband later in the meeting.

**31.20 To resolve to adopt a Protocol for Remote/Virtual Meetings:** Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and was RESOLVED that the Protocol be approved.

**32.20 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:

**81.19 Defibrillator Training:** Delayed until the Village Hall had been given permission to re-open.

**Litter Warden: Feb 20 Mtg: Cricket Pitch Bin:** There has been no further progress on this.

**25.20 Latch on gate by cattle grid:** The Clerk confirmed that this had been replaced with a new latch which was rider-friendly.

**64.19 To receive a report from Fair Account on the Annual Internal Audit, to consider and note the findings and to resolve to act on them:** Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to note and act on the Internal Auditor's findings was to increase the frequency of its VAT reclaims.

**33.20 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 2020 for submission to the Parish Council's External Auditors following completion of the Internal Audit:** Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement contained within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Part 3 for the year ended 31st March 2020

**65.19 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 2020 for submission to the Parish Council's External Auditors following completion of the Internal Audit:** Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED 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 2020.

**34.20 To resolve to approve the dates for the period for the exercise of public rights for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Part 3 for the year ended 31st March 2020:** Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the dates for the period for the exercise of public rights.

**35.20 To consider and resolve to agree on whether the Council should adopt the General Power of Competence:** Following a discussion and guidance from Clerk that the Council met the criteria to be eligible, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should adopt the General Power of Competence.

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**36.20 To consider a request from a parishioner to improve the condition of and access over Footpath 772 in Godshill Wood:** Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Pomphrey and he should inspect the footpath and if deemed necessary instruct the Clerk to contact the Countryside Access Team to raise any concerns or suggest work to be carried out.

**37.20 To consider a proposal from Cllr Woodward to have an early discussion on the merits and practical implications of developing a climate change policy for Godshill:** Following a lengthy and detailed discussion, Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Woodward should investigate the work already being done by other local councils, the New Forest National Park Authority and New Forest District Council and to write a paper on the key areas the Council may wish to focus on so that the goals and tasks set by the policy were realistic and achievable by the parish.

**38.20 To consider a proposal from Cllr O'Brien to compile a list of 'Buildings of Interest' in the parish, as advocated by the Western Escarpment Conservation Area Steering Group, and resolve to agree on the criteria by which they will be listed:** Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr O'Brien proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Conservation Officer at the New Forest National Park Authority be contacted to establish which buildings in Godshill were to be included on the list she was compiling for the National Park and the criteria for doing so. Once this was known, the Council would debate the proposal further and work to compile a list under an agreed criteria.

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

£450.00 - Mrs S Boyd - Litter Warden 1st payment.

£22.78 - Ionos - Website hosting April-May 2020.

£50.00 - Fair Account - Annual Internal Audit.

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

**40.20 Finance and Policy:**

**a. To resolve to approve the sum of £852.99 as the Accounts for payment for June:**

	£	Cheque No.
Mrs S Boyd	450.00	100670
Ionos	22.78	DD
B Cornish – June salary	330.21	100671

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

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

Current Account: £8,818.15      Deposit Account: £581.12

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

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**c. To resolve to approve and note the Budget to Actual figures to 30th June 2020:**

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Budget to Actual figures to 30th June 2020 be approved and noted.

**41.20 Outside Bodies and Representation:**

**Broadband:** Cllr Fell gave a detailed report on the quote received from BT Openreach with regard to the Council's application to the Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme. He said the quote raised a number of questions to be resolved with BT before the Council could proceed any further.

Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that an email from Cllr Fell be sent to all residents who had expressed an interest in joining the scheme providing an update on the scheme, the quote received and the potential cost to residents. It should also include an invitation to express their views on how the Council should proceed.

**42.20 To resolve to note the Correspondence received:** The Clerk advised that no correspondence of note had been received since the last meeting.

**43.20 Any Other Business:** No matters were raised.

**44.20 Next meeting:** Cllr Fell advised that due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the next meeting will be held on Zoom on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.52 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.*