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GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual¹ Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

Mrs Bev Cornish - Clerk
One member of the public.

Public Session:

No questions or statements were received.

Litter Warden: Mrs Boyd said that she did not have anything specific to report as all the bins were currently covered over with notices that they were not being emptied. However, she said that rubbish was still collecting in the layby

47.20 To receive apologies for absence: The Clerk reported that no apologies had been received from councillors but an apology had been received from Cllr Emma Lane.

48.20 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:

Cllrs Cakebread, Fell, Woodward, Pomphrey, Phillips and Williams declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in planning application 20/00413.

Cllr O'Brien declared a personal and pecuniary interest as the applicant for planning application 20/00413 and did not take part in the discussions or vote on the item.

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.

49.20 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th June 2020:

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

50.20 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: No matters were raised in the public session.

¹ 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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51.20 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 HM Government's instructions on gatherings is known.

Litter Warden: Feb 20 Mtg: Cricket Pitch Bin: No further progress on this.

19.20: Postbox in Godshill Wood: A new postbox has been reinstated on the same post it was removed from in April.

25.20: Parking at Entrance to Newgrounds: A Forestry England sign has been made and will be installed shortly on the track at the entrance to Newgrounds.

36.20: Footpath 772: Cllrs Fell and Pomphrey carried out a site visit and the Clerk has reported the issues to the Countryside Access Team through the website.

52.20 Planning and Tree Work Applications:

Application No. 20/00295

Culverhay, Southampton Road, Godshill - Retention of dormer with fake window: Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by the NFNPA's Officers under their delegated powers on the grounds that it would have minimal impact on the character and appearance of the surrounding area and there would be no impact on the amenity of the neighbouring properties.

Application No. 20/00413

The Old Bakehouse, Southampton Road, Godshill - 1No. Skylight; alterations to 1No. window: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers as the applicant was a member of the Parish Council.

53.20 To consider the draft recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on ward boundaries for New Forest District Council and to consider whether to make any further comments: Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Council should continue to liaise with the neighbouring parish councils and if agreed to make further collective representation to the Boundary Commission for England.

54.20 To resolve to approve an enhanced Risk Assessment for the Litter Warden to take account of the impact of COVID-19 on her work: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Risk Assessment be approved.

55.20 To consider and resolve to agree on a response to the Local Government Association's consultation on the new model member code of conduct: Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that councillors should submit their comments individual on the consultation.

56.20 To resolve to approve the following payment:
£149.00 - Mrs S Boyd – For maintenance of the pinch points.

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

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57.20 Finance and Policy:

a. To resolve to approve the sum of £726.81 as the Accounts for payment for July:

	£	Cheque No.
Mrs S Boyd	149.00	100670
B Cornish – July salary	330.21	100671
HM Revenue & Customs	247.60	100672

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward 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: £8,091.29 Deposit Account: £581.12

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

58.20 Outside Bodies and Representation:

Broadband: Cllr Fell gave a detailed report on a recent virtual meeting held with a representative of BT Openreach. He said he would draft a further email to residents who had expressed an interest with the following actions:

1. Resubmit the 62 Properties which stated they were interested to final quote stage.
2. Establish how many properties would benefit from un-enabled superfast broadband and the knock-on additional cost to those who want Superfast broadband via FTTP.
3. Submit a Freedom of Information request to Openreach requesting frequency of Engineer call outs to Godshill and a cost to Openreach of these (if not commercially sensitive)
4. Encourage all residents to investigate the 10Mbps Universal Service Obligation (USO) via OFCOM to take advantage of the £3,400 grant.

North West Quadrant: Cllr Cakebread gave a detailed report on a recent virtual meeting which discussed the issues of visitors during the Covid-19 pandemic such as verge parking and barbeques. It also advised of volunteering opportunities as lockdown was lifted such as litter picking for which equipment was available.

Village Hall Committee: Cllr Williams advised that the Committee had considered at length the feasibility of re-opening the hall in accordance with HM Government guidance but had decided against doing so. She said they had agreed to reconsider opening again in September. She also advised that the Hall had submitted a grant request for business interruption and had been awarded £10,000 by New Forest District Council.

59.20 To resolve to note the Correspondence received: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the following list of correspondence be noted:

1. NFDC
- Adoption of the New Forest District (outside the National Park) Local Plan 2016-2036 Part One: Planning Strategy.

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2. Parishioners - Several emails in response to the Chairman's email to residents on broadband.
3. Parishioner – An email regarding the reinstatement of the postbox in Godshill Wood.
4. Ringwood and Fordingbridge Footpath Society – July edition of Waymark.
5. Lengthsman - The lengthsman was in the parish on Monday 13th July clearing the pavements from Sandy Balls to Fighting Cocks.

60.20 Any Other Business:

Footpath to Fordingbridge: Following an issue being raised about the overgrown footpath to Fordingbridge, the Clerk advised that she would contact the Fordingbridge Town Clerk.

61.20 Date of next meeting Cllr Fell advised that due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the next meeting will be held on Zoom on Tuesday 11th August 2020 at 7.30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00 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.