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GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual¹ Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10th November 2020 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

County Cllr Edward Heron
District Cllr Emma Lane
Mrs Bev Cornish - Clerk
Six members of the public

Public Session:

A member of the public expressed concern about the lack of visibility of the planning notice for the Sandy Balls planning application which was displayed inside the site rather than being visible to residents. She also advised of the gradual increase in the level of disturbance to residents which has now become quite unpleasant.

The General Manager for Sandy Balls advised that the notice had been placed on a lamppost which historically was where all notices had been displayed. He also advised in the latter part of the discussion that had had not been made aware of any complaints from residents due to noise disturbance from the site.

A member of the public expressed his concern that whenever a complaint is submitted to Sandy Balls, the company does not respond to those complaints, particularly in relation to noise and disturbance during the summer months. He also advised that when his relative worked at Sandy Balls he would call residents to check the level of noise when setting up the entertainment, so that it wasn't at a level which would disturb them. He said this is something which Sandy Balls should consider taking on board.

Further comments were made about the lack of communication by Sandy Balls with residents about the variation to its licence which would have been detrimental to residents, the conversations between onsite residents and the management of Sandy Balls which had resulted in the management telling residents that they should not have moved to the site and the disturbance caused to residents during the clearing of Street Farm.

District Cllr Emma Lane: Cllr Lane said she was pleased that she had been able to help move things forward with Sandy Balls. In response to a member of the public, Cllr Lane said that she had spoken to a number of officers and members at the District Council to try to find a better way of understanding the issues and communicating with Sandy Balls. She had spoken in particular the Environmental Health Officer and to the Cabinet Member for Environment. She emphasised the importance of making a record of disturbances so that the District Council could be provided

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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with evidence of that disturbance and when they know there is another event scheduled, they will arrange to send officers out to monitor the noise.

She also advised that NFDC was about to launch a Waste & Recycling Consultation for residents which would run from 12th November to 10th December 2020. She advised everyone to give their views. She also asked the Parish Council to be mindful of the upcoming wet season and to ensure landowners were aware of their responsibility to check their watercourses ie ditches, drains, culverts and to keep them clear.

County Cllr Edward Heron: Cllr Heron reported that the County Council was supporting residents with food parcels, particularly during the recent half term and through the voluntary service and First Network. He also asked that the Council notify residents of the Hampshire Coronavirus Helpline which was 0333 370 4000 because residents in need were being picked up which were not picked up in the previous lockdown.

Litter Warden: Mrs Boyd said that she did not have very much to report except that the volume of litter had reduced except for the prevalence of discarded facemasks. She also advised that the lock was broken on the bin beside the bus shelter in Woodgreen Road. The Clerk advised that she would ask the Lengthsman to repair it on his next visit.

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

109.20 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.

110.20 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meetings held on 13th and 26th October 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.

111.20 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 proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the matters raised by members of the public would be taken into account when councillors considered the matters to be raised with Sandy Balls at the forthcoming meeting.

112.20 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:

157.19 Village Hall Sign: The planning application was submitted manually.

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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.

25.20: Parking at Entrance to Newgrounds: The Clerk has contacted Sean Marsh to add a further sign.

34.20: AGAR: The Clerk is awaiting receipt of the completed AGAR. PKF Littlejohn have been in touch and the date for signing it off is set at Friday 13th November.

36.20: Footpath 772: No response from the Countryside Access Team on the Footpath repair.

58.20: British Telecommunications plc EIR Request: A further submission has been made to BT regarding the number of visits for repairs to the DSLAM Cabinet outside Godshill Village Hall.

September 20 Minutes: Public Session: The Lengthsman will repair the broken posts to the kissing gates on Bridleway 710 on Monday 16th November. The Clerk has reserved 2 posts with Cracknell Timber.

93.20: Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government's consultation entitled 'Planning for the Future': This was completed by Cllr Cakebread and the Clerk and submitted by the deadline.

113.20 Planning and Tree Work Applications:

Planning Application: 20/00636

Communications Site Adjacent Water Treatment Works, Sandy Balls Estate, Godshill - Installation of 3 no. antennas on existing mast and ancillary development: Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council was happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

Planning Application: CONS/20/00622

Over The Way, Southampton Road, Godshill - Fell 2 x Oak trees: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on this application be left to the Tree Officer.

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Wayside, Southampton Road, Godshill - Fell 4 x Ash Trees: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on this application be left to the Tree Officer.

114.20 To review the cover provided for the renewal of the Council's Annual Insurance Policy with Inspire Insurance, to commence on 7th December 2020, and to resolve to approve the Premium of £383.50:

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the renewal and premium be approved.

115.20 To consider a response to the New Forest District Council's consultation on its new waste and recycling service for the New Forest:

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that councillors should complete the survey as individuals and the Clerk should notify by email those residents on the Council's circulation list and also via the Council's website.

116.20 To resolve to agree on which councillors will attend the forthcoming meeting with the Chief Executive of Away Resorts and the matters to be raised:

A lengthy discussion was held to determine the key issues to raise. Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the main issues to be raised were noise and disturbance, lighting and

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communication. Cllr Cakebread agreed to submit her concerns in relation to specific planning issues prior to the meeting.

117.20 To consider and resolve to agree on any items to be included in the Budget for 2021/22: Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that consideration should be given to include 'gateway' signs for the 30 mph limit zone, the purchase of additional hedging plants for the Village Hall's car park and, if possible, the purchase of a new Speed Indicator Device.

118.20 Finance and Policy:

a. To resolve to approve the sum of £722.86 as the Accounts for payment for November.

	£	Cheque No.
Came & Company	383.50	100678
B Cornish – November salary	339.36	100679

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.

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 10.11.20
Current Account: £12,089.42 Deposit Account: £581.12

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

119.20 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. NFNPA
 - An email advising that Professor Gavin Parker has become the new Chairman of the NFNPA.
 - A press release encourage drivers to slow down when driving across the Forest as November is the deadliest month for New Forest animal accidents.
 - An email from Nik Gruber advising of contact details for the tree officers whilst they are working from home.
2. NFDC
 - An email advising that Saturday 5th December will be Small Business Saturday with free car parking. It is also proposed, due to COVID restrictions and to encourage people not just to visit the Town and Village Centres on the last weekend before Christmas, to have both following weekends 12th and 13th December and 19th and 20th December as free parking days.
3. Fordingbridge greener tree planting project – An email regarding a project to plant tree hundreds of trees in Fordingbridge and the surrounding areas. The council is asked whether it wishes to participate.
4. Remembrance Sunday emails.
5. Parishioners – Emails from 9 parishioners objecting to the minor variation to Sandy Balls's Licence.

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120.20 Any Other Business: Cllr Woodward suggested that the Council should explore the purchase of the right equipment to enable it to livestream or record meetings from the Village Hall for when meetings return to being held in person.

121.20 Date of the next meeting: Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next virtual meeting as Tuesday 8th December 2020 at 7.30 pm to be held on Zoom.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.05 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.