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GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual¹ Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Fell - Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr O'Brien

Cllr Williams

Cllr Woodward

District Cllr Emma Lane

Mrs Bev Cornish - Clerk

Four members of the public

Public Session: In response to a question from a member of the public regarding an update from Sandy Balls, the Chairman advised that Sandy Balls had received a letter from the Enforcement Department of the New Forest National Park Authority raising historical issues. He said the Clerk was following it up with the General Manager and with the Enforcement Department.

The member of the public said that she had seen no change in terms of noise, use of power tools, lighting at the entrance etc. The Chairman advised that it would take some time for issues to be resolved and asked that she be patient and to record issues so that the Council can raise them at upcoming quarterly meetings.

Cllr Woodward reported that he had advised Sandy Balls of the issue of Biffa emptying their large bins in Street Farm yard at 6.30 am on a day at weekends. He said that the General Manager had actioned this straightaway.

Cllr Cakebread thanked councillors on behalf of residents for arranging for the access from Sandy Balls into School Lane to be fenced off. She said that there had been some instances of nuisance in the Lane and she had encouraged the residents to report them to the police.

A member of the public reported at length to the Council about a meeting she had attended on the loss of biodiversity and climate change. She said she had spoken to the Chief Executive of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and she would be happy to attend a future meeting to provide tips on how residents could reduce their impact on the climate change and biodiversity within the National Park.

The Chairman thanked the member of the public and said that this would be something which the Council could consider for a future meeting, such as the Annual Parish Meeting.

District Cllr Emma Lane: Cllr Lane advised that the road sweeper did visit the parish in the last month. She advised that there will be local elections on Thursday 6th May and these would include Police and Crime Commissioner elections. She encouraged as many residents as possible to sign up for postal voting and more information on this will be provided in due course.

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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Following a question from the Clerk, she said she would raise the matter of the restoration of face to face meetings in May when the legislation runs out within the Coronavirus Regulations allowing for virtual meetings to be held.

Litter Warden: Mrs Boyd reported that the amount of general litter had reduced over the last two weeks to four bags per collection, except for the number of masks.

149.20 To receive apologies for absence: The Clerk reported that apologies had been received from Cllr Pomphrey due to a personal commitment and Cllr Phillips due to a work commitment. Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apologies and the reasons for them be accepted.

150.20 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 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.

151.20 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th January 2021: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

152.20 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 on items on the Agenda be noted and the Clerk will follow up with one member of the public on a speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting.

153.20 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:

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 request a further sign.

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

58.20: British Telecommunications plc EIR Request: No response has been received from BT regarding the number of visits for repairs to DSLAM Cabinet outside Godshill Village Hall, SP6 2LH.

142:20: Average speed cameras: The Clerk received a response from Bramshaw Parish Council asking that a member of Godshill Parish Council join their meeting on Zoom on 23rd February to put forward Godshill's views on the project.

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154.20 Planning and Tree Work Applications:

Planning Application: 20/00966

Willow cottage, Woodgreen Road, Godshill - Boundary fence; gates; decking; gas tank:

Following a report from Cllrs Cakebread and Williams and a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend Permission for this application but would accept the decision of NFNPA officers under their delegated powers. However, it would like to make the following comments/concerns in relation to compliance with the policies set out in the Parish Briefing Note:

DP2 General development principles:

The Council regards the acoustic fencing as acceptable provided it is screened by a robust hedge. It would also question whether the fence height of 1.8 metres should be used for the whole boundary in order to hide the urbanised bungalow and the extent of the paving.

SP17 Local distinctiveness:

The pedestrian gate is shown as being located within the tree root protection area of the ancient oak tree. There is a steep slope to verge level but the Council would not support steps being installed as these would require excavation into the tree roots.

With regard to the main vehicle gate, the plans are unclear. Described in the plans as "sliding gates", it is unclear how they will slide together. The arboricultural plans show them forward of the telegraph pole, but the illustration would appear to propose a position further from the road. It would appear that the post near the Village Hall may be intruding on to Village Hall land. Automatic, outward opening gates would be more suitable to the site and allow the hedge to grow thicker. If this is not possible because of the slope, the sliding gate would be more appropriately sited further from the road, to keep it clear of the hedge.

With regard to the hedging, the post and wire fence to protect the hedge will need chicken wire or close stock-proof fencing to protect new plants from Forest animals.

With regard to the trees, the Council notes that the cherry and cherry plum trees are to be removed and would ask that they are replaced with substantial saplings, and in particular an oak, to help restore the village scenery in due course.

Planning Application: CONS/21/0017

Picks Barn, Newgrounds, Godshill - Fell 1 x Pittosporum (grown to the size of a tree): Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision be left to the Tree Officer.

Planning Application: 19/10881

Land At St John's Farm, Stuckton Road, Fordingbridge - 20 no. retirement homes; 78no. dwellings; village hall; playground; new access arrangements and associated development (All matters reserved except Access):

Following a brief discussion and consideration of a brief report from the Clerk, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should object strongly to the application and recommend that it be refused on the following grounds:

1. The site is outside the settlement boundary for Fordingbridge and close to the National Park boundary;
2. It is contrary to the Local Plan within a district which has a 5 year housing land supply;

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3. Sufficient housing is already allocated for Fordingbridge and in the process of being delivered;
4. The traffic implications are significant for additional traffic both on local roads, through Godshill and through the National Park;
5. The location has a history of surface water issues and the potential for other flood risk issues.

155.20 To resolve to ratify a further letter sent to the NFNPA on planning application: 20/00903 for Paysanne, Godshill Wood in response to a letter from the applicant's agent making reference to the Parish Council's response: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the letter be ratified.

156.20 To consider a proposal from Cllr Woodward to write to the Planning Inspectorate to clarify and reiterate the Council's support for the planning application for Broadhill Cottage, Broadhill Lane, Blissford: Following a brief explanation from Cllr Woodward regarding the issue of 'deliberate neglect' and the submitted Statement of Case, he proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Planning Inspectorate reiterating the Council's support.

157.20 To consider and resolve to agree on a response to Dorset Council's Local Plan Options Consultation: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the compilation of a response be delegated

158.20 To consider and resolve to agree on a response to Wiltshire Council's Consultation to inform its Local Plan Review: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the compilation of a response be delegated to Cllr Cakebread and the Clerk.

159.20 To receive and note a briefing from Cllr Woodward on climate friendly heating solutions as part of the Council's initiative to better understand what action it can take on climate change on an individual and community level: Cllr Woodward gave a detailed report on his personal views in relation to climate friendly heating solutions. The key points discussed were:

- The BBC recently posted that 25-30% of carbon emissions are from home heating. The UK has amongst the worst housing stock in Europe in terms of energy efficiency so looking at renewable home heating solutions as a climate action was not a sensible idea.
- In terms of headline numbers, a renewable heating system for him would be the equivalent of planting 28 trees a year and the quoted cost saving against oil is £489 (although that was based on an inflated heating figure).
- Insulation was the key to it all. If you have a leaky old house, if you try and heat it with low temperature, it will escape quicker than it goes in (less of an issue with higher temperatures). The big issue is to know what you have under the floor. Plus have good, efficient double glazing, insulated walls and ceiling etc. Don't even start, unless you are happy with those things.
- On to heat pumps – there are essentially two types - air and ground source plus the option of water source. The mechanism is fundamentally the same, using a heat exchanger to heat the water in your tank which then feeds your UFH / radiators. The reason they are efficient is because they turn 1 KW of electricity into 3 or 4 KWs of heat. He looked at both but couldn't make the numbers work with ground source. The issues you hear about with air source is they become much less efficient at lower temperatures so you end up using your immersion

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heater to heat your central heating. Expensive. Manufacturers quote a Seasonal co-efficient of performance but that is a standard measure so not necessarily totally reliable.

- Systems also getting much smarter. Individual thermostats in each room. Some also have weather forecast systems.
- Process – long and complicated – be prepared to devote time and energy to it. Worth doing when replacing a boiler or doing building work etc.
- Grants - the main one is the RHI scheme. As long as you are heating the whole house it basically uses your EPC to set quarterly payments that will cover the cost of the heat pump.

The briefing was followed by a lengthy discussion. Cllr Fell thanked Cllr Woodward for his interesting report.

160.20 To resolve to approve the following payments:

£450.00 - Mrs S Boyd for Litter Warden duties.

£61.19 - PPE masks and filters for Litter Warden.

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

161.20 Finance and Policy:

- a. **To resolve to approve the sum of £850.35 as the Accounts for payment for February.**

	£	Cheque No.
Mrs S Boyd	450.00	100688
Vistaprint & Amazon	61.19	100689
B Cornish – February salary	339.16	100690

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.**

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 09.02.21.

Current Account: £9,675.49 Deposit Account: £581.12

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

- c. **To consider a proposal from Cllr O'Brien to provide a grant to the Sarah Kinsley Fund which provides a permanent source of help for local children and young adults with special needs:** Cllr O'Brien proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that a grant of £150 be awarded to the Sarah Kinsley Fund.

162.20 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. NFDC -An email announcing that Freedom Leisure, a not-for-profit trust, are the preferred bidder to be recommended to manage their health and leisure service.
2. Forestry England – An email about the campaign for ground nesting birds.
3. Hyde Parish Council – an email expressing their objection to the boundary commission changes stating that they 'believe politicians, councillors and officers need to be reminded

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that electors in small rural hamlets have different needs, problems and potentials and should not be discounted.

4. Parishioner – An email regarding the planning application for Paysanne.
5. Parishioner – An email with photos of joyriding on by the pond at Newgrounds which the Clerk has sent on to Forestry England.
6. A Parishioner – A video of the meadow in Godshill donated to the National Park.

163.20 Any Other Business:

New Forest Zero Carbon Alliance: Cllr Woodward reported that he had attended a meeting on Zoom the previous evening at which representatives of The Greening Campaign and the Ringwood Actions for Climate Emergency were relaying their experiences and the ways in which they had set up their groups. He said there were numerous different groups in both Hampshire, New Forest and Dorset which were progressing the issues of biodiversity, heating systems, planting trees etc and it may be sensible for the Council to know about them and what they do to see whether they can help it with its Climate Change project.

164.20 Date of the next meeting: Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next virtual meeting as Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.30 pm to be held on Zoom.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.35 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.