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GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Cllr Fell - Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr O'Brien

Cllr Williams

Cllr Woodward

County Cllr Edward Heron

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Three members of the public

Public Session: No questions or statements were received.

County Cllr Edward Heron: Cllr Heron gave a brief report on the extension of legislation to continue to hold virtual meetings. He said ministers were conscious of the increase in attendance at virtual meetings but the cost of holding 'hybrid' meetings to enable councillors to meet face to face whilst members of the public and others join remotely might be prohibitive for many councils.

Cllr Heron also gave a detailed report on the recent approval of the Hampshire County Council budget for 2021/22 which was £2.1 billion, comprising £60 million is capital projects, £910 million is the dedicated to schools grant. £680 million of the remaining budget is dedicated to protecting the most vulnerable in our communities ie adult social care and children's services. Of all the other services provided by the County Council, these come out of the remaining £250 million, with £56 million being spent on highways, traffic and transportation.

With regard to COVID-19, Cllr Heron said that the costs have amounted to £175 million over the last year and this will take some time for the Council to recover from it. However, there will be no cuts to services or emergency savings unlike the cuts being made by other councils.

In response to a question from Cllr Woodward on the County Council's response to climate action/climate change, Cllr Heron said there was an awful lot of information on this matter and he said he would send it to him in an email to the Clerk.

165.20 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 questions or statements were received.

166.20 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. Apologies had also been received from Mrs Boyd, the Litter Warden and District Cllr Emma Lane as she was attending another meeting.

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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167.20 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:** Cllr Woodward declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in the planning application for Culverhay.
- 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.

168.20 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th February 2021: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

169.20 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 chased Sean Marsh again.

36.20: Footpath 772: No response from the Countryside Access Team on the Footpath repair. Clerk has chased again.

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: Cllr Fell has emailed Bramshaw Parish Council.

170.20 Planning and Tree Work Applications:

Planning Application: 21/00148

Culverhay, Southampton Road, Godshill – Outbuilding: The Council resolved to leave the decision on this application to the NFNPA's officers under their delegated powers but asks that the following comment be taken into consideration:

- A condition be applied that the outbuilding should not contain any permanent drainage connections and should be used for purposes incidental to the dwelling on the site and not for habitable accommodation.

At this point in the meeting Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be opened so that the applicants could make a statement on the following application and respond to questions from councillors.

Planning Application: 21/00148

Overbrook, Woodgreen Road, Godshill - Replacement garage with room over; associated access alterations and works to driveway:

Godshill Parish Council resolved to support this application on the following grounds:

- The design of the garage was appropriate and it would enhance the character of the National Park and Conservation area
- There would be no impact upon the streetscene; and
- There would be no impact on neighbour amenity.

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Cllr Fell closed the meeting to members of the public.

Tree Works Application: CONS/21/0115

Mayfield House, Blissford Road, Blissford - Fell 2 x Douglas Fir trees: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision be left to the Tree Officer.

171.20 To consider and resolve to note the Council's Internal Auditors' Interim Audit Report and to agree on the actions to be taken: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the Clerk should implement the agreed actions which involved adding additional documents to the Council's website and that the Council will consider cyber insurance when renewing its insurance in December.

172.20 To consider the Council's revised Risk Registers setting out the Council's identified risks, the ways in which they will be treated and to resolve to approve and note the changes: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the revised Risk Registers be approved and noted. The Clerk agreed to seek the views of colleagues on whether there were any risks associated with a Council having the General Power of Competence which should be added to the Registers.

173.20 To resolve to approve the appointment of Mr Tim Light of Fair Account as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for 2021/22: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that Mr Light be appointed as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for 2021/22.

174.20 To consider and resolve to agree on a response to Dorset Council's Local Plan Options Consultation: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the response be approved.

175.20 To consider and resolve to ratify the response sent on Wiltshire Council's Consultation to inform its Local Plan Review: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the response be ratified.

176.20 To resolve to ratify the Clerk's emergency spend under her delegated powers of £230 for repairs and a replacement roof cover to be made to the roof of the bus shelter in Woodgreen Road: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the emergency spend be ratified.

177.20 To resolve to approve the following payments:

£165.00 - Fair Account for Interim Audit.

£18.08 - Fordingbridge Town Council for Lengthsman expenses for repair to car park fence.

£147.13 – B Cornish -For annual Home Working Allowance, phone, broadband and postage April 2020-March 2021.

£57.60 - Ionos - For website hosting Jan-March 2021

£43.17 - Zoom - Zoom subscription from December 2020 to March 2021

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

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178.20 Finance and Policy:

a. To resolve to approve the sum of £1150.14 as the Accounts for payment for March:

	£	Cheque No.
Fair Account	165.00	100690
Fordingbridge Town Council	18.08	100691
B Cornish – Home Working Allowance etc	147.13	100689
B Cornish – March salary	339.16	100683
Ionos	57.60	DD
Zoom	43.17	100689
Mr L Bush	230.00	100692
Sarah Kinsley Fund	150.00	100693

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 09.03.21

Current Account: £8,166.23 Deposit Account: £581.12

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

c. To resolve to approve the Budget to Actual Report to 31st March 2021:

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Budget to Actual Report be approved.

179.20 Outside Bodies and Representation:

Meeting of Bramshaw Parish Council: Cllr Fell advised that he had been unable to attend the meeting to brief Bramshaw parish councillors on the project but had been in correspondence that day with the Clerk. He said he had advised of the potential cost of the project and that Godshill Parish Council had set aside the sum of £1,000 as a contribution as it would be in the region of 1% of the total cost of the project. He said he reassured her that the police were now able to issue the penalty notices.

Cllr Fell said it was also important for residents to report animal incidents and if the average speed cameras were installed it would reduce those incidents as well as push traffic on to the arterial routes rather than using the B-roads across the forest.

Cllr Woodward suggested that the data from the SIDs be retrieved so that the Council can use it to coordinate action with parish councils.

Superfast Broadband: Cllr Fell questioned Cllr Heron on the progress of FTTP in Godshill and the recent information received that other councils were petitioning BT Openreach for the installation of FTTP.

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Cllr Heron gave a detailed response in which he advised that the Gigabit Voucher Scheme was now closed and a further scheme was likely to be announced which would succeed that scheme.

HM Government was now regarding Fibre to the Cabinet as not the way to go and it was viewing that 24MB was an acceptable speed for broadband and anything below it was regarded as unacceptable. He encouraged the Council to continue going with its gathering of information so that it is ready to proceed should a new scheme be announced or another council drop out from its bid for FTTP in which case Godshill could step forward to take its place.

Cllr O'Brien commented that there didn't appear be any reasoning for the selection process and it appeared to be almost discriminatory in view of the fact that people who were not able to access good broadband were being deprived of access to key information which was available to people in most areas of the UK.

180.20 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. NPA – A letter advising of an enforcement notice being sent to Paysanne.
2. Sandy Balls – An email from Adrian Evans advising that due to illness he won't be able to attend the March meeting.
3. New Forest Disability Info Service – A letter requesting a grant.
4. A Parishioner – Several emails regarding water long Woodgreen Road.
5. A Parishioner – An email seeking guidance on funding for kissing gates on footpaths and offering to work with the parish council to deliver them.
6. A Parishioner – An email querying housing in Woodfalls in the Wiltshire Local Plan Review.

181.20 Any Other Business:

Joining up of Paths, Cycleways etc: Cllr Woodward said he would be attending a workshop on extending footpaths and cycleways across Hampshire and Wiltshire.

Carbon Footprint Impact Tool: Cllr Woodward informed the meeting that the Clerk had sent him a useful new tool to measure the carbon footprint of communities.

Census: Following a brief discussion, the Clerk agreed to send a reminder to residents on the Council's contact list to complete the Census on Sunday 21st March 2021.

Broadhill Cottage Appeal: A brief discussion was held on additional information submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for the Appeal.

182.20 To confirm the date of the next virtual meeting as Tuesday 13th April 2021 to be held on Zoom: Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next virtual meeting as Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.30 pm to be held on Zoom.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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.