

**MINUTES**  
**13.07.2021**  
**GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30 pm.**

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr O'Brien

Cllr Williams

Cllr Woodward

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

One member of the public

**Public Session:**

No questions or statements were received.

Written report from Cllr Heron: The Clerk read out the report from Cllr Heron which raised awareness of:

- Waste Less applications for the Hampshire Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund by 6<sup>th</sup> September. The fund is open to community, neighbourhood, voluntary groups, parish and town councils for grants for projects will introduce a new waste prevention, reuse or repair service to the local area. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210628ComWastePrevGrnt>
- Climate Change – Hampshire County Council's cabinet are proposing a one off spend of £1.2m on internal climate change pilot projects with a strong educational focus. These include decarbonisation of fleet vehicles, additional tree planting, landscape regeneration, expansion of LED and solar PV installations.

A discussion was subsequently held on possible projects and existing projects such as those set up by the Lover Repair Café and Fordingbridge Greener Living <https://fordingbridgegreenerliving.org/> . Councillors agreed to consider possible projects for which applications for grants could be made.

**48.21 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 matters were raised.

**49.21 To receive apologies for absence:**

The Clerk reported that apologies had been received Cllrs Pomphrey and Phillips due to personal commitments. Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apologies and the reasons for them be accepted. He said he would contact Cllrs Pomphrey and Phillips regarding their attendance at Council meetings.

**50.21 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.

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- 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.

### **51.21 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021:**

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

### **52.21 Clerk's Report**

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk's Report be noted as follows:

#### **Clerk's Report:**

**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:** A further response has been sent to 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.

**142.20: Average speed cameras:** Responses received from Hale PC and F'bridge Town Council expressing their support.

**35.21 Annual Accounts:** The Council's Annual Governance & Accountability Return was sent to PKF Littlejohn by 30<sup>th</sup> June and the Exercise of Public Rights Notice with Accounting and Governance Statements published on the village website.

**41.21 Change of Banking Arrangements:** An application to open 2 accounts with Unity bank has been completed and is awaiting the signatures of the agreed signatories.

**46.21: Zoom Subscription:** The Council's monthly subscription has been cancelled.

**46.21: Hampshire County Council Future Budget Consultation:** Notification of the consultation has been added to the village website and it has been circulated to residents on the Clerks Agendas and Minutes circulation list.

### **53.21 Village Hall Ramp**

Following a brief report from Cllr Williams on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that no objection be raised to the Committee's proposal to install an accessibility ramp from the side doors of the Village Hall which will measure 3 meters long and 2.5 meters wide.

### **54.21 CPRE, the Countryside Charity**

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Council should continue to be a member of CPRE, the Countryside Charity and that the Clerk will contact them regarding the Council being added to their mailing list for all future newsletters and information.

### **55.21 Payments**

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

£126.00 - Godshill Village Hall - Hire of hall from June-December 2021

£43.17 - Zoom subscription April-June

£180.98 – Mrs S Boyd for materials and maintenance of pinch points

£6.48 – Fordingbridge Town Council – Wild flower seed

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**56.21 Finance and Policy:**

**a. To resolve to approve the sum of £950.39 as the Accounts for payment for July.**

	£	Cheque No.
Godshill Village Hall	126.00	100703
Zoom	43.17	100704
Mrs S Boyd	180.98	100705
Fordingbridge Town Council	6.487	100706
B Cornish – July salary	339.36	100704
HM Revenue & Customs	254.40	100707

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien 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 13.07.21**

Current Account: £10,745.17 Deposit Account: £684.62

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

**c. To resolve to note the Budget to Actual Report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021:**

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Budget to Actual report be noted and that consideration be given at the next meeting on the projects to be undertaken in the next half of the financial year. For particular consideration were additional grit bins, defibrillator training and councillor training.

**57.21 Outside Bodies and Representation:**

**All Party Parliamentary Group on Local Democracy roundtable:** Following a report from Cllr Fell that the link to the meeting was not provided, he proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Chairman of the Group to set out the Council's concerns, particularly with regard to the unsatisfactory process to improve broadband connection in the more rural parts of the parish.

**Village Hall Committee:** Cllr Williams gave a detailed report on the work planned by the Village Hall Committee as follows:

- To install the accessible ramp in the car park;
- To upgrade the toilets in the hall;
- To create a new website for the hall; and
- To hold an event on 4<sup>th</sup> September to enable residents and hirers to visit the hall to hear about the news plans and to encourage more bookings as the COVID-19 restrictions ease.
- A newsletter would be delivered to residents in late August.

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### 58.21 Correspondence

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted:

1. NPA
  - Email advising of a consultation called 'Call to help shape Your Future' which on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.
  - An email advising of the Appeal for Paysanne with the Planning Inspectorate.
2. NFDC
  - Press Release for chairman's open letter of thanks to residents for thank you day.
3. Forestry England
  - An update on ground nesting birds
  - An email advising of the retirement in August of Bruce Rothnie
4. Ringwood and Fordingbridge Footpath Society
  - July Edition of Waymark.

### 59.21 Any Other Business

**Highways:** Cllr Woodward raised the issue of work needed to the highway by Street Cottage.

**Overgrown hedges and Village Hall Car Park:** The Clerk advised that she would ask the Lengthsman to remove the overgrown branches of hedges between Sandy Balls and Crystal Hollow and to tidy up the car park on his next visit.

**Footpath to Fordingbridge:** Councillors expressed concern about the overgrown footpath to Fordingbridge and the inability of residents to walk to the town without it being hazardous. It was agreed that this should be raised again with Cllr Heron.

### 60.21 Next Meeting

Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to be held on at Godshill Village Hall 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.*