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GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr O'Brien

Cllr Woodward

Cllr Williams (until 8.15 pm)

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Twelve members of the public

Litter Warden:

Mrs Boyd said that she had nothing to report.

Public Session:

A member of the public reported that the bridle path at the back of Avon View was overgrown.

91.21 Business Raised During Public Question Time

Cllr Fell advised that the Clerk would contact the Breamore Estate about the maintenance of the bridle path.

92.21 Apologies

The Clerk reported that apologies had been received from 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. District Cllr Emma Lane had also sent her apologies.

93.21 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:**

Cllrs O'Brien, Williams and Woodward declared personal and non-pecuniary interests in planning application 21/00807 for Paysanne, Godshill Wood as friends with the applicants.

- 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.

94.21 Minutes

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes dated 14th September 2021 be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

95.21 Clerk's Report

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.

Signed by the Chairman

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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, SP6 2LH.

41.21 Change of Banking Arrangements: The cheque books and paying in books have been received. A letter signed by 2 signatories will be sent this week to Co-operative Bank to close down the accounts and transfer the monies to the 2 Unity Bank accounts.

38.21 Parish Lengthsman: The Lengthsman installed 1 kissing gate on 17th September at St Giles Community Farm and will install the remaining 2 gates on Friday 12th November and Monday 15th November. He will also clear the area around the tank in the Village Hall car park.

Broadband: A revised quote has been received from BT Openreach but it is very similar to the quote received a year ago.

84.21 Blissford Cross Dragons Teeth Works The Grounds Management Company Ltd have accepted the work and the Clerk is awaiting a date for when they will complete it.

96.21 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

At this point in the meeting, the Chairman proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be opened for comments on the planning applications. The applicants for Paysanne advised that they had nothing to add to the application.

Application No. 21/00807

Paysanne, Godshill Wood - Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 18/00262 for Dwelling; detached garage with office over; sewage treatment plant; details of lighting; demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding to allow minor material amendment:

Cllr Williams spoke in support of the application and felt that the applicants, in her opinion, had suggested reasonable mitigations to support approval. Cllr Williams went on to say that she felt that everyone needed to move forward and that she hoped that this would not result in the ultimate enforcement action.

The Chairman pointed out that nothing in the latest application changed the Parish Council's position on the matter due to numerous planning policy breaches and that the matter should be decided by the planning authority or ultimately the Planning Inspectorate.

Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend refusal for the reasons set out below:

- The facts are that the house has not been built in the approved location and is much larger in size and height than was given approval. The mitigation proposed by the applicants to reduce floor space by altering an area of the house so that it can only be accessed externally, reducing the lighting and reducing the size of the kitchen windows is not, in the Council's view, sufficiently material to justify a change to the NPA's decision to refuse application 20/00903. Both the external access and the lighting can be easily reversed at a later date.
- Even with the proposed mitigations, the Council considers that the dwelling will continue to have an adverse impact on the amenities of the neighbours, particularly through height and orientation, the impact of the stairwell window and the increased area of glazing particularly on the southern aspect, will cause significant harm to the Western Escarpment Conservation Area and to the sensitive and nationally protected landscape of the National Park.

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- No external lighting was approved in application 18/00262. The Council's response to application 18/00262 included the sentence 'A condition be applied that no external lighting shall be installed on the site' in view of the application's dark skies location. The only acceptable mitigation therefore is for none to be installed.

A member of the public asked whether the meeting could reach a valid conclusion with only two members able to vote. The Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate and therefore a majority decision was valid.

Application No. 21/00888

Ridgeway, Southampton Road, Godshill - Alterations to dwelling doors and windows; replacement porch roof; 1no. rooflight; 1no. roof lantern; 1no.flue; covered link to outbuilding; extension and alterations to outbuilding:

Following a brief discussion, Cllr O'Brien proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council recommend permission for the reasons that it is compliant with the NPPF and with Local Plan Policies DP2, DP18, DP36, DP37, SP16 and Sp17. However, the Council has a concern over the proposed number of lights in a dark skies area and would be grateful if the planning officer could consider this when determining the application.

Application No. CONS/21/0515

Sandy Balls Holiday Centre, Sandy Balls Estate, Godshill - Fell and Prune mixed tree species as detailed in the Tree Protection Plan & Arboricultural Method Statement Drawing:

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the decision on this application be left to the Tree Officer.

The Chairman closed the meeting to members of the public.

97.21 Conclusion of External Audit

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED to approve and accept the External Auditor's Report and Certificate from PKF Littlejohn in relation to the Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2020-21.

The Report states:

'In our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.'

98.21 Article 4 Direction – New Forest National Park Authority Temporary campsites within Classes B and BA of Part 4 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Following brief discussion, and a short briefing from Cllr Woodward on the discussion held on the proposal at the recent North West Quadrant meeting, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that a response expressing the Council's support be drafted by the Clerk.

99.21 New Forest National Park Authority Consultation on its Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that response drafted by Cllrs Cakebread and O'Brien on the Design Guide be approved.

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100.21 Planning Protocol

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that a decision on the Protocol be deferred to the next meeting.

101.21 Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that a donation of £40 be approved and paid to the Royal British Legion in view of no councillor being able to attend the Remembrance Service on 14th November.

102.21 Payments

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

£240.00 PKF Littlejohn - For the Annual External Audit

£57.60 - Ionos - Website hosting July to September

103.21 Finance and Policy:

a. To resolve to approve the sum of £833.76 as the Accounts for payment for October.

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PKF Littlejohn	240.00	Transfer
B Cornish – October salary	339.36	Transfer
Ionos	57.60	DD
HM Revenue & Customs	254.40	Transfer
Royal British Legion	40.00	Transfer

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 12.10.21

Current Account: £13,096.51 Deposit Account: £684.62

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

c. To resolve to the note the Budget to Actual Report to 30th September 2021:

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that Budget to Actual Report be noted.

104.21 Outside Bodies and Representation:

North West Quadrant: Cllr Woodward gave a report on a recent meeting at which the Partnership Plan, the Design Guide and the Article 4 Direction proposal were discussed. He said that local villages such as Hale had experienced issues with their campsites and having the Article 4 Direction in place would enable the NPA to require a planning application for all new and the larger existing sites. He also reported that a representative of Forestry England was present to give a brief overview on the initiatives carried out over the summer months such as the volunteer rangers who collected litter.

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Woodgreen Road Highway Works: Cllr Fell gave a brief report on the slow progress of the ongoing roadworks. He said that he was and would continue to be in regular touch with the Highways Officer dealing with the project and the Clerk had been liaising with Forestry England regarding the management of the ditch at the northern end of Woodgreen Road above the ford which had wrongly been diverted to flow down the road. This was going to be rectified once the highway works had been completed.

Broadband: Cllr Fell gave a brief report on the project to install Fibre to the Premises. He said that the new quote received from BT Openreach was only £500 lower than the quote obtained last year and therefore was still not affordable for residents. It also included additional properties which were not interested in being upgraded but due to the way in which the upgrade works, those properties would be upgraded for free but funded by other residents. He said he would be raising the matter at a forthcoming meeting of the New Forest Association of Local Councils to see whether any other councils could provide advice on how to progress the project.

105.21 Correspondence

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

1. NFDC
 - Several press releases on waste and recycling collections, declaration of a climate and nature emergency and the petition for average speed cameras on the B3078.
2. Emails from residents in Woodgreen Road regarding the resurfacing and other works to the road and also another article in the Forest Journal.
3. Wimborne Orienteering Club – An email from a resident expressing thanks and confirmation that the event was successful.

106.21 Any Other Business

No business was raised.

107.21 Next Meeting

Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 9th November 2021 to be held on at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.35 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.