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GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Cllr Woodward – Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr O'Brien

Cllr Williams

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Ten members of the public

Litter Warden:

Mrs Boyd said that she had nothing to report other than the fact that there had been no reduction in the volume of litter.

Public Session:

A member of the public questioned the consistency of application of conditions relating to external lighting.

A member of the public questioned the declaration of interest made by a councillor at the previous meeting.

108.21 Business Raised During Public Question Time

Referring to Local Government guidance, Cllr Woodward clarified that having declared a non-pecuniary interest, there was nothing preventing a Councillor from speaking. He also said that it was the responsibility of councillors to declare any interests under the Council's Code of Conduct in relation to matters being discussed and not a matter for the Council.

On the matter of lighting, Cllr Woodward commented that a balance needed to be struck between safety and security and the general desire to achieve a "dark skies" parish and said that the Council would consider how this could be achieved at a future meeting.

109.21 Apologies

The Clerk reported that apologies had been received from Cllr Fell due to work commitments. Cllr Woodward proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apology and the reason for it be accepted. District Cllr Emma Lane had also sent her apologies.

110.21 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.

- 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.

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111.21 Minutes

Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED, with 1 objection from Cllr Cakebread, that the Minutes dated 12th October 2021 be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman. Cllr Cakebread asked that the specific reason for her objection be minuted which was that she was unable to agree the minute of Cllr Williams's contribution to the last meeting because her first, and major, point was not mentioned. She said she made it very clear indeed that she felt the neighbours' objections were unreasonable.

112.21 Clerk's Report

Cllr Woodward 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: 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 Clerk was awaiting confirmation from Co-op Bank that monies have been transferred and have chased for pin codes from Unity Bank.

38.21 Parish Lengthsman: The Lengthsman will be installing the remaining 2 kissing gates on 12th and 15th November. He had also been to clear the area around the tank in the Village Hall car park. Fordingbridge Town Council had also advised that there will be funding for the lengthsman from Hampshire County Council until March 2023. Beyond that date it is unclear whether there will be any funding.

84.21 Blissford Cross Dragons Teeth Works The Clerk was still awaiting confirmation of a date for when the work will be completed.

92.21 Apologies: Resignations had been received by the Chairman from Cllrs Phillips and Pomphrey and these had been reported to New Forest District Council. The Clerk was awaiting the official notice to advertise the vacancies.

98.21 Article 4 Direction Consultation on Temporary Campsites: A response confirming the Council's strong support was submitted to the NPA.

99.21 NFNPA Design Guide Consultations: The Councils detailed comments were submitted to the NPA.

113.21 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Application No. CONS21/0561

Jubilee Farm Cottage, Woodgreen Road, Godshill - Prune 2 x Oak Trees, Prune 1 x Birch Tree: Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the decision be left to the Tree Officer, subject to Cakebread being able to visit the site before the deadline for comments to be received.

Application No. CONS21/0565

Godshill Wood Farm, Woodgreen Road, Godshill - Fell 2 x Oak trees: Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the decision be left to the Tree Officer.

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114.21 Planning Protocol

Following a further discussion, Councillor Woodward proposed that instead of drafting a standalone planning protocol, the Parish Council should consider simply adopting the Local Association's document entitled 'Probity in Planning: Advice for councillors and officers making planning decisions'.

Cllr Cakebread asked for more time to consider and read the guidance document and so this item was deferred to the next meeting.

115.21 Grit Bins

Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the purchase of 10 bags of rock salt for the Parish Council's grit bin in Woodgreen Road at the cost of £83 be approved.

116.21 Payments

Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the following payments be approved

£320.00 - Blissford Signs Limited - For Village Hall signs

£178.00 - Mrs S Boyd - Pinch point maintenance

117.21 Finance and Policy:

a. To resolve to approve the sum of £837.36 as the Accounts for payment for November.

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Blissford Signs	320.00	Transfer
Sara Boyd	178.00	Transfer
B Cornish	339.36	Transfer

Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Cakebread 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 09.11.21

Current Account: £12,259.15 Deposit Account: £684.62

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

118.21 Correspondence

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

1. NFDC

- Press Release entitled: NFDC prioritises black and clear sack waste collections as HGV driver shortages continue.

2. NFNPA

- Press Release entitled: Prepare to stop for Forest animals this winter.

3. NF Land Advice Service – Email from Julie Stubbs advising that tree works to the donated Meadow in Newgrounds that will be taking place on the north-western boundary of the meadow during the third week of November. The ash trees, which have obviously been pollarded/coppiced in the past, resulting in their multi-stems, have been assessed by the

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National Park Tree Team as having Ash Dieback and they have requested that they are cut back down to hedge height for health and safety reasons.

4. Resident – Email asking whether the Council has given any thought to mitigating the inevitable extra traffic through the village over the next year, whilst the roadworks and disruption at Ringwood take place.
5. Resident – Email confirming that they have contacted the Monitoring Officer with regard to a Code of Conduct complaint.

119.21 Any Other Business

Potholes beside the Village Hall: Cllr Cakebread asked that the 3 potholes on the edge of the road as one walks from Southampton Road to the Village Hall be reported to Hampshire County Council.

Brambles on the fence in Woodgreen Road: Cllr O'Brien asked that the brambles be cut back which were growing over the fence and blocking visibility for drivers turning right out of Woodgreen Road onto Southampton Road. The Clerk advised that this was on the list of the Lengthsman for his next visit on either 19th or 22nd November.

Stile by Cornfield: Cllrs Cakebread and O'Brien requested that the stile by Cornfield, which was difficult to climb over, be next on the list of stiles to be replaced by a kissing gate.

120.21 Next Meeting

Cllr Woodward confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 14^h December 2021 to be held on at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15 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.