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GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Williams

Cllr Woodward

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Fifteen members of the public

Litter Warden:

Mrs Boyd reported that:

- The litter bin near Blissford Cross was rotting at the back and either needed repairing or replacing. Cllr Fell said that he would investigate and see what needed to be done.
- There were fewer dog bags being left at the cricket pitch and perhaps dog walkers were getting used to the bin not being there.
- The cover on the bus shelter roof in Woodgreen Road had been blown off in the wind. The Clerk advised that she had asked the Council's contractor to repair it.

Public Session:

No questions or statements were made which were unrelated to planning applications. The Chair said that he would open the meeting for comments when the applications were to be discussed.

121.21 Business Raised During Public Question Time

122.21 Apologies

The Clerk reported that apologies had been received from Cllr O'Brien due to a personal commitment. Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apology and the reason for it be accepted.

123.21 Code of Conduct Decision

Ahead of a discussion, Cllr Williams read out a statement and played a recording of what she had said specifically on the Paysanne application at the Parish Council meeting held on 10th October 2021. Cllr Williams then challenged Cllr Cakebread to apologise and resign from the Council for the words Cllr Cakebread said she had used at that meeting, and which had been confirmed through private email exchanges between councillors, when the planning application for Paysanne, Godshill Wood had been discussed by the Council.

Cllr Cakebread said that she was sufficiently mistrustful and indicated that the beginning may be missing and that she would need an expert's opinion on it. She said she had found it difficult to hear and it did not include the words which she remembered Cllr Williams using and which she had noted down.

Cllr Fell brought the discussion to a close and proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Code of Conduct decision be noted.

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124.21 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:**

Cllr Fell declared a personal and pecuniary interest in planning application 21/01004 and said he would neither comment nor vote.

Cllrs Cakebread, Williams and Woodward declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in Application No 21/01004.

Cllr Woodward declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in Application No.20/00454 and said he would neither comment nor vote.

- 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.

125.21 Minutes

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes dated 9th November 2021 be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

126.21 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.

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 Co-op has only transferred over the deposit account monies and not the current account monies. The Chairman as a signatory has tried to call them to instruct them to transfer verbally in addition to the signed letter being sent by two signatories in October. It is suggested that this be sorted out in January 2022 once all outstanding monies have been paid and then cleared using the Co-op account.

38.21 Parish Lengthsman: The Lengthsman has installed 2 more kissing gates and completed the work at St Giles Farm. There is a spare kissing gate for a job identified elsewhere and the Clerk will be in contact with Sandy Balls about replacing the stile by Cornfield.

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

115.21 Grit Bins – The grit bin in Woodgreen Road now full.

119.21 AOB: Potholes were reported, brambles were cleared.

Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be opened to receive comments on the planning applications.

Representatives of Away Resorts spoke in detail on the application and the company's reasons for submitting the application. They also responded to a questions from councillors and members of the public, some of whom expressed their significant concerns about the impact the removal of the condition would have on the quality of their lives and the enjoyment of their

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gardens. Two members of the public said that they looked forward to the respite of having no noise, no activities and no disturbances at the end of the gardens for 3 months of the year and, in particular, for example the issue of rubbish and rotting pumpkins being thrown from the lodges over their boundary fences into their gardens.

Application No. 20/00454

Touring Park, Sandy Balls Holiday Centre, Godshill - Application for removal of condition 15 of Planning Permission 18/00139 to allow occupation of all units for 12 months per year: Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should confirm that its previous decision on this application be unchanged and that it continues to recommend refusal because of the impact on the neighbours during those winter months when they can have a break from the sometimes unacceptable impacts the site has on their day to day lives and enjoyment of their gardens and properties. No additional evidence was provided which convinced councillors that anything had changed from the evidence presented previously.

Consequently the Council's response is as follows:

Godshill Parish Council resolved to recommend REFUSAL for this application on the following grounds and because it considers the application to be contrary to the following Local Plan policies:

- Policy SP5 - it would have increased impact on nature conservation sites of international importance,
- Policy SP46 - it provides no evidence that the year round use of the units will either enhance or at least not damage the Special Qualities of the National Park;
- The reasons for the condition being placed on Planning Application 18/00139 have not changed.

Application No. 21/00981

Fernlea Farm, Newgrounds, Godshill - Conversion of existing outbuilding and addition of raised terrace for use as ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling: Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers, subject to:

- There being a condition whereby the outbuilding remains 'incidental' to the main dwelling and it cannot be used as part of the main dwelling or for habitable accommodation; and
- There being a condition that any outside lighting will require prior approval by the New Forest National Park Authority.

Application No. 21/00985

Arniss Studio, Arniss Farm, Southampton Road, Godshill - Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for continued use of studio as an independent dwelling: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that as it was unable to provide any additional information to that provided with the application, it would leave/accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

Cllr Woodward took the Chair for the next application for which the applicant was the Chairman of the Parish Council.

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Application No. 21/01004

Woodpeckers, Woodgreen Road, Godshill - Single storey orangery: In view of the applicant being the Chairman of Godshill Parish Council, Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the decision on this application be left to the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

Cllr Fell closed the meeting to members of the public.

127.21 Annual Insurance Cover

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the quote from Hiscox Insurance, to commence on 7th December 2021, be ratified at a Premium of £393.47 for a term of one year. The Council will seek a broader range of quotes from the market ahead of the renewal next year.

128.21 New Forest District Council Consultation

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that as this consultation related to properties outside the National Park, the Council would not comment.

129.21 Planning Protocol

Following a discussion and in light of the advice received by Cllr Cakebread from New Forest District Council in relation to visits by councillors to properties for which applications had been submitted, Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk re-draft Planning Protocol which provides guidance to councillors and officers on how planning applications and matters relating to planning will be processed and determined by the Council.

130.21 Scheme of Delegation and Business Continuity Plan

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Council's Scheme of Delegation and Business Continuity Plan be put in place when required for a period up to 31st March 2022 in light of the recent introduction of Covid-19 Plan B restrictions.

131.21 Finance and Policy:

a. Payments

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the following payment be approved:

£79.49 Elliotts - For Rock salt for grit bin.

b. To consider and resolve to agree on any new projects for 2022/23 and, in particular, any plans to mark HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee or apply for a grant to the NFNPA to address the climate and nature emergency in the New Forest:

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting but asked members of the public to put forward ideas to the Council on how the Jubilee could be marked.

c. Precept 2022/23 - To consider and resolve to approve the draft 3 year budget and precept submitted by the Clerk:

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

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d. To consider and resolve to approve the Earmarked Reserves of the Parish Council:
Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

e. To give consideration and resolve to agree on the organisations which may be contacted with regard to the allocation of a grant:

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

f. To resolve to approve the sum of £418.85 as the Accounts for payment for December.

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Elliotts	Salt	79.49
B Cornish	December salary	339.36

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the accounts for payment for December be approved.

**g. To resolve to approve the Bank balances - Cheque and Reserve Accounts:
Balances Approved and Noted as at 14.12.21**

Current Account: £11,840.30 Deposit Account: £684.62

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

h. To resolve to approve the Budget to Actual Report to 31st December 2021: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

i. To resolve to approve the virements between budget lines to 31st December 2021:
Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

132.21 Correspondence

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

1. NFDC

- Press Release regarding Christmas waste collection dates.

133.21 Any Other Business

NW Quadrant Meeting: Cllr Woodward advised that the planned meeting had been postponed to a date in January.

134.21 Next Meeting

Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 11th January 2022 to be held on at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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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.