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11.01.2022
GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr O'Brien

Cllr Woodward

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Five members of the public

Litter Warden:

Mrs Boyd reported again that the litter bin near Blissford Cross was rotting at the back and either needed repairing or replacing. The Clerk advised that she would ask the Parish Lengthsman to look at it and, if feasible, to repair it. She also asked whether meetings were going to be recorded from now on in view of the atmosphere of the last two meetings and dispute about what was or what was not said.

The Chairman advised that the meeting was to be recorded by the Clerk and a recording would be kept in accordance with GDPR and guidance obtained. The Clerk advised that the Council's Protocol for when meetings were held online, the recording was deleted after the Minutes had been approved at the following meeting.

Public Session:

Cllr Cakebread was granted permission by the Chairman to make a statement. She said she had been disappointed by the way in which the December meeting had been handled and the way in which accusations were raised against her. From listening to a copy of the recording of the October meeting which was played at the December meeting, it appeared that the evidence provided as though it was an entire record of what was said by Cllr Williams in the October meeting, in fact did not represent the entirety of the statements she had made at the October meeting. Due to Cllr Williams absence from the meeting, she felt it would be unfair to discuss this any further but reserved the right to make a further statement in due course.

136.21 Business Raised During Public Question Time

Cllr Fell advised that the matter of the recording of meetings was an item on the agenda.

137.21 Apologies

The Clerk reported that an apology had been received from Cllr Williams although no reason had been given. Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apology be accepted.

138.21 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 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.

139.21 Minutes

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

140.21 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 Bank transferred the current account monies on 14th December to Unity Bank without explanation. All monies are now in the Unity account and cheques written out in December have been re written on the Unity Bank cheque book.

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

Litter Warden December: The repair to the Bus shelter cost £60 and will be completed by the Council's contractor as soon as possible.

141.21 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Application No. 21/01104

Green Pastures, Roger Penny Way, Godshill - Application for Certificate of Lawful Development for proposed siting of a mobile home for purposes ancillary to the dwelling:

Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council would support such an application if it allowed for a resident to remain in their home for as long as possible subject to there being a condition that the mobile home would be removed once it was no longer required.

142.21 Recording of Meetings

Following a discussion, Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk would draft a Protocol for the audio recording of all future meetings of the Parish Council for consideration at the next meeting.

143.21 Finance and Policy:

- a. 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:** Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that an oak tree be planted on the green area opposite the Fighting Cocks to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee subject to obtaining the necessary permissions.

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- b. Precept 2022/23 - To consider and resolve to approve the draft 3 year budget and precept submitted by the Clerk:** Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that a Godshill Parish Council set a budget of £11,675 and a Precept of the same amount. This resulted in a Band D payment of £50.83 per annum which was a 4.54% increase on the 2021/22 financial year.
- c. To consider and resolve to approve the Earmarked Reserves of the Parish Council:** Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Earmarked Reserves be approved.
- d. To give consideration and resolve to agree on the organisations which may be contacted with regard to the allocation of a grant:** Following requests from councillors that the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance and the Fordingbridge First Responders be considered for grants, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that these be added to the Agenda for the February meeting.

- e. To resolve to approve the sum of £593.96 as the Accounts for payment for January.**

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B Cornish	December salary	339.36
	HM Revenue & Customs	254.60

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

- f. To resolve to approve the Bank balances - Cheque and Reserve Accounts.**

Balances Approved and Noted as at 11.01.22

Current Account: £11,246.04 Deposit Account: £684.62

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

- g. To resolve to approve the Budget to Actual Report to 31st December 2021:** Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Budget to Actual Report to 31st December 2021.
- h. To resolve to approve the virements between budget lines to 31st December 2021:** Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk determine the 4 small virements and that the Council be sent a revised report in due course.

144.21 Correspondence

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

1. NPA
 - Next meeting of the NW Quadrant will take place on 31st January on Teams.
 - An email regarding the Local List Project which is for parishes to identify assets of value which make a positive contribution to the character of the New Forest, its communities and local heritage, and encourage communities to submit their nominations. The nomination process launches on the 10th of January and this project will be presented at the next NW Quadrant meeting.

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2. NFDC
- An email regarding Operation London Bridge to mark the death of a Royal. NFDC has reviewed its arrangements.
3. Letter of procedural complaint regarding the Parish Council meeting held on 14th December.
4. Email from a resident request a sign for cyclists to be put at the top of Woodgreen Road by Overbrook following a serious accident in December.
5. Email from a resident regarding works to footpath in Godshill Wood and when work will be carried out to it.
6. Email from a resident regarding works to footpath 772 which was recently found to be completely impassable due to the depth of mud.

145.21 Any Other Business

No matters were raised.

146.21 Next Meeting

Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 8th February 2022 to be held on at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.40 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.