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**08.02.2022**  
**GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 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

Cllr Fell welcomed everyone to the meeting advised that the meeting was being audio-recorded by the Clerk.

**County Councillor Edward Heron:** Cllr Heron gave a general update on the progress of broadband. He said that the scheme was still called 'Gigabit' and the process for delivering was rather confusing. This time chosen contractor were going to allocate funds to areas and then going out to those areas to work out how many properties could be upgraded for the funds allocated to them. Also, there was to be:

- A tender process and he hoped that there would be more tenderers submitting bids; and
- There were to be 2 contracts for Hampshire, one for Hampshire and one for New Forest and the reason for this is that the cost of rolling out superfast broadband cross properties in the New Forest was higher than the cost of properties across the rest of Hampshire as an average. The aim of this was to ensure that the New Forest would get its fair share of superfast broadband.
- He said it sounded positive but of course the devil was in the detail.
- It was worth having a costed scheme ready for when the new scheme is available and Cllr Heron said it was worth the Council continuing to talk to BT Openreach.

Cllr Heron then gave a detailed report on the recently approved Hampshire County Council budget for the coming year. He said with the savings needing to be made of £125 million, it was not difficult to see that within the next 2 years the Council would be coming to the edge of a cliff. He said the solution was to have more money from central government to support the cost of the large adult and child social care responsibilities which the Council has. His view was that if you front loaded the care and mental health services and primary care, there would be less pressure on the NHS because any issues would be picked up earlier. All the other services such as highways, country parks, footpaths etc were having to be reduced because of the huge social care costs.

Following a question from Cllr Cakebread about the excess soil falling from hedges etc onto pavements, Cllr Heron said that this was a job for the parish lengthsman.

Following a question from Cllr Woodward about a change to the process of maintaining highways and drains and additional monies being put into it, Cllr Heron said that there was hope and more money but he could not say that it would be anywhere near enough for the Council to 'get ahead' on its highways maintenance as materials have gone up by 18%. He also said that he held his hands up to the fact that the reporting and monitoring systems were not the most efficient. If residents were not satisfied with what was being done, he said they should always send him an email with the reference number so that he could chase it up.

Signed by the Chairman

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Following a question from a member of the public regarding the numbers of deer which were injured or unwell, Cllr Heron said that there were people who specialise in deer management and they will visit to deal with the deer.

Cllr Fell thanked Cllr Heron for his very comprehensive report. He said he would be getting in touch with John Neighbour regarding Woodgreen Road and if there were any problems, he would be getting in touch.

#### **Public Session:**

A member of the public said that he was against the recording of meetings but wished to put forward some suggestions which were that there should be signage, the protocol must be on the website, there should be a code of conduct for recording and a register taken at the meeting of the people recording the meeting, that the recording is for their own private use, that people who speak should give their name before they speak. The alternative is not to allow any recording and that all phones are switched off and then if a member of the public wished to have a recording, they could pay for the transcript. There should also be a backup mechanism for the recording.

He also expressed concern about the condition of some of the stiles across the parish and that they were discriminatory to people who were less able. Some work on them was needed and that the survey promised some time ago should be completed.

Cllr O'Brien reported that the gate by the cattle grid was again difficult for horse riders because the handle had slipped down so they currently have to dismount to open it. The Clerk said she would add this to the list for the lengthsman's next visit.

#### **147.21 Business Raised During Public Question Time**

Cllr Fell advised that the suggestions for the Recording of Meetings Protocol would be taken into account by councillors when that item was considered.

#### **148.21 Apologies**

Cllr Fell reported that apologies had been received from Mrs Boyd as the Litter Warden and from Cllr Williams due to personal commitments. Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apologies and the reasons for them be accepted.

#### **149.21 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.

- 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.

#### **150.21 Minutes**

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

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### 151.21 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:** Login and passwords still awaited from Unity Bank.

**84.21 Blissford Cross Dragons Teeth Works** The Clerk is awaiting a date for installation.

**Litter Warden December:** The bus shelter beside the Village Hall has been repaired and I think the bin at Blissford has been repaired by the Lengthsman.

The Litter Warden reported that the bollards were loose on pinch point at Sandy balls. The Clerk reported them to Hampshire Highways and they were repaired during the w/c 31<sup>st</sup> January.

### 152.21 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

#### Application No. 22/00009

**Braeside, Newgrounds, Godshill - Installation of air source heat pump:** Following a brief discussion, Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for this application on the grounds that it was compliant with Policy SP14 and would not have significant impact on the landscape and character of the surrounding area.

### 153.21 Recording of Meetings Protocol

Following a brief discussion and when taking into account the points put forward by the member of the public during public question time, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that this be deferred to the next meeting so that more work could be done on the document. He asked councillors to submit any comments they have to the Clerk.

### 154.21 Planning Protocol

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell said again that the document needed more work and he proposed that this too should be deferred to the next meeting. Cllr Woodward seconded and suggested that comments be submitted to the Clerk 7 days in advance of the next meeting. Following a request from the Clerk for guidance, councillors suggested that it should distinguish between buildings and trees, potentially and similarly to Hyde Parish Council 2 councillors should be appointed as the 'planning councillors', criteria should be set for what triggered a visit to the site by those councillors. There should also be a fixed set of requirements to be added when the Council was responding to a planning application eg that all materials should remain on site. There should also be an annual review of planning applications and a flow diagram to provide clear guidance on how a planning application will be dealt with.

### 155.21 HM Government Consultation on Landscapes Review

To consider a response to HM Government's Consultation on its response to the Landscapes Review (National Parks and AONBs) produced by Julian Glover.

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/future-landscapes-strategy/government-response-to-the-landscapes-review/>

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Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should share out the questions under specific headings for councillors to provide their comments ahead of the next meeting.

**156.21 Face to Face Meetings Risk Assessment**

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Risk Assessment be approved in light of the changes to HM Government Guidance on Covid-19.

**157.21 Payments**

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

£450.00 - Mrs S Boyd – Litter Warden 2<sup>nd</sup> payment

£60.00 - Leigh Bush - For Bus Shelter roof repair

£126.33 - Fordingbridge Town Council - materials for Parish Lengthsman

**158.21 Finance and Policy:**

**a. To consider and resolve to agree on a grant for the following organisations:**

- i. Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance
- ii. Fordingbridge First Responders
- iii. Godshill Village Hall – A request for a contribution towards the purchase of a table tennis table.

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that grants of £150 each at points i. and ii. be approved and that the Council awaits the outcome of the grant request being submitted by the Village Hall to Cllr Heron.

**b. To resolve to approve the sum of £975.69 as the Accounts for payment for February.**

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Mrs S Boyd Litter Warden 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment	450.00
Leigh Bush Repair to Bus Shelter	60.00
Fordingbridge Town Council Lengthsman Materials	126.33
B Cornish February salary	339.36

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

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

**Balances Approved and Noted as at 08.02.22**

Current Account: £10,270.35 Deposit Account: £684.62

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

**159.21 Outside Bodies and Representation:**

**Godshill Village Hall:** Cllr O'Brien gave a brief report on a recent meeting at which an event for the Platinum Jubilee had been discussed which would be similar to the event held last summer. This was likely to be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June rather than over the Jubilee long weekend. A brief discussion was held on the type of tree which was going to be planted and its location and when it should be purchased etc. The Clerk was asked to seek advice from the Tree Officer.

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**NFNP North West Quadrant:** Cllr Cakebread gave a brief report on a recent meeting at which:

- The Local Heritage List was explained and nominations for items to be included in it were discussed such as buildings and finger posts.
- Forestry England were now running joint patrols with the local policing teams and communicating with public on e.g. Roger Penny Way speeding, fly-tipping, carparks, fireworks danger, educating re wildlife habitat, responsible dog-owning, Forestry work removing/planting trees.
- Ground nesting birds still in danger, please publicise.
- White tailed eagles on Isle of Wight, please report when seen over New Forest.

**Broadband:** Cllr Fell gave a brief report on the progress of the project but said that the Council had received an update that superfast broadband could be installed in the areas which currently had poor broadband due to a local dwelling having paid for superfast broadband to be installed. However, it was subsequently told that this was not the case and the timing for its installation was between 2024 and 2026. He said the Council would continue to pursue this but the progress was very slow.

### 160.21 Correspondence

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

1. NPA
  - An email confirming the adoption of New Forest National Park Design Guide SPD.
  - An email regarding an event being held on Thursday 17 February 10:00-14:00, PEDALL New Forest Inclusive Cycling will be offering a free drop-in taster session in Lymington Town Hall car park. We would be very grateful if you could publicise this event to anyone you feel may be interested, and perhaps add it to your online communications.
  - An email advising that the New Forest Code has been updated.
2. Email from NF Verderers regarding commemorative trees and Platinum Jubilee.
3. Email from Forestry England regarding the Ground nesting Birds campaign.
4. Email from a Home Start Hampshire requesting a donation.
5. Emails from a resident regarding progress on the Superfast Broadband project.
6. Emails from a resident regarding responses on their Procedural Complaint.
7. Email from a resident about the inaccessibility of the footpath beside the Ford in Woodgreen Road.
8. Email from resident regarding commemorative trees, broadband project and
9. Email from UKCE advising of the Event Plan our Event Plan for The New Forest Classic Road Cyclo Sportive which will take place on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th April 2022
10. Email from a resident regarding material used for ramp at the Village Hall.

### 161.21 Any Other Business

**New Councillors:** The Clerk said she would chase NFDC for the notices following her advising them of the resignations.

**Stiles & Kissing Gates:** Cllr Fell said he would progress the survey of the footpaths and the Clerk advised that she would speak with Sandy Balls about replacing the stile with a kissing gate on the boundary of Chapelfield.

**New Forest Association of Local Councils:** Cllr Fell said that he was unable to attend the recent meeting due to work commitments but there was a discussion on the blanketing of local

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villages with 20 mph limits. The collective view of the meeting as well as his own was that 20 mph limits should be used sparingly for areas close to schools etc.

**162.21 Next Meeting**

Cllr Fell advised that for the next scheduled meeting the Council might not be quorate and so it was agreed that the Clerk should seek availability of councillors before confirming a date when a quorate meeting could be held. The venue and time for the meeting would remain as Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.02 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.*