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28.09.2022
GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th September 2022 at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr O'Brien

Cllr Stammers

Cllr Williams

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

One member of the public

Litter Warden: Mrs Boyd said that she did not have very much to report other than the fact that the litter bin near Godshill Cross was being filled up regularly by an individual with personal rubbish.

She also advised that with the very dry summer the maintenance of the pinch points this year had meant that some of the plants had not survived. With Hampshire having a hose pipe ban, she did not consider it responsible to water them regularly. She would consider which plants could replace them next year but they would need to be drought tolerant.

56.22 Public Question Time

No questions or statements were received.

57.22 Business Raised During Public Question Time

No questions or statements were received.

58.22 Apologies

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the apology received from Cllr Peter Woodward for reasons of holiday be approved.

59.22 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.

60.22 Minutes

Cllr Stammers proposed seconded Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2022 be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

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61.22 Clerk's Report

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED to note the Clerk's Report providing information on recent issues and work completed:

36.20: Footpath 772: They have advised that work will be carried out. Have flagged this and the Woodgreen Road issue with Edward heron.

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.

161.21 Councillor Vacancies: One Vacancy left.

Defibrillator Training: Community Heartbeat Trust has made contact and provided a survey to complete. It can provide training for up to 50 people for £175 +VAT. Following a discussion, Cllrs O'Brien and Williams said that they would seek residents' preferences on time and it might be more sensible to arrange it for a date in the Spring.

Dropbox: This has been set up and Cllr Stammers has been provided with a gov.uk email. The larger hard drive is being researched.

62.22 Planning and Tree Work Applications:

Planning Application No 22/00634

New Bungalow, Blissford Road, Blissford - Dormer with juliette balcony; 2no. rooflights:

Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams 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.

The Council regarded the application as complaint with policies DP18, SP16 and SP17. However, the Council leaves it to the NFNPA to ensure that the proposals will not lead to a breach of policy DP36.

Planning Application No 22/00648

Fernlea Farm, Newgrounds, Godshill - Application for Certificate of Lawful Development for continued use of land as domestic curtilage and use of outbuildings as incidental to the dwellinghouse.

Following a discussion, Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council could not offer any additional information to that already provided. However, it would not object to 'incidental' use only being granted should the use be deemed lawful.

Tree Works Application No TPO/22/0438

Sandy Balls Holiday Centre, Sandy Balls Estate, Godshill - Carry out all tree works to various species as described in Arb Recommendations/Impact Assessment report provided with application:

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

63.22 Hampshire Association of Local Councils

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Council has no objection to the Association's proposals to amend its Articles of Association to ensure they reflect the changing needs of the business and in line with current business legislation.

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64.22 Landline Telephone Number for the Council

Following the Clerk's report that she had received notification from BT of the cancellation of the 'call sign' service which means that the dedicated number for the Council will no longer be available, Cllr O'Brien proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk could use her own landline for the few calls she received as clerk but that she should investigate the purchase of a mobile phone to be used as the Council's phone.

65.22 Platinum Jubilee Tree

Following a short verbal report from the Clerk on her discussion with Nick Gruber, Senior Tree Officer at the NPA, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that she should seek approval from the Verderers and Forestry England to plant an English Oak (*Quercus robur*) in the vicinity of the existing Coronation Oak of a girth size of 8-10 cms. It was agreed that this would need protecting from animals by the installation of a surround comprising approximately 8x8ft posts and close form deer fencing. The What3Words location would be agreed at a site visit made by Cllr Williams and the Clerk.

66.22 Conclusion of External Audit

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams 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 2021-22. No comments were made by the External Auditor.

67.22 Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Consultation

On the advice of the Clerk, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Council did not wish to opt out of the central procurement and appointment scheme and did not wish to appoint its own external auditor for the next 5-year period.

68.22 Ratification of Clerk's Delegated Powers for Emergency Expenditure

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED to ratify the Clerk's emergency spend under her delegated powers for the purchase of a Printer and 3 port Hub from Viking at the cost of £264.54.

69.22 Payments

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
£52.92 – Cracknell Timber – Materials for Lengthsman to re-install noticeboard
£240.00 PKF Littlejohn – For external audit
£588.00 The Grounds Management Company Ltd – for Blissford Cross dragons teeth
£38.40 Ionos - Website hosting

70.22 Finance and Policy:

- a. Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the sum of £1,874.45 be approved as the Accounts for payment for September:

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PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	240.00
Viking	Printer	264.54
Grounds Management Company Ltd	Blissford Cross dragons teeth	588.00
Cracknell Timber	Noticeboard Materials	52.92
Ionos	Website hosting	38.40
B Cornish	August & Sept Salaries	690.59

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- b. Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Bank balances be approved and noted:
Current Account: £14,565.28 Deposit Account: £585.69
- c. Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Budget to Actual Report to 30th September 2022 be approved.

71.22 Outside Bodies and Representation:

NPA Planning Committee: Cllr Cakebread gave a brief report on the July meeting of the NPA Planning Committee at which the planning applications for Sandy Balls and Paysanne were considered. She reported that the application for Sandy Balls had not been approved and the application for Paysanne had received approval.

NW Quadrant Meeting: In the absence of members of the public, the Clerk circulated a written report from Cllr Woodward. The meeting covered the following matters:

- The New Forest Partnership 5 Year Plan for which the revised plan was the third iteration.
- The Article 4 Direction on pop-up campsites will go live at the end of September 2022.
- Environmental Land Management Schemes (ELMS).
- Forestry England – an update on wetland restoration, Goshawk breeding, fly tipping and fires.

Broadband: Cllr Fell gave a brief report on his correspondence with Giganet. He said that the Regional Community Manager had advised him that the company was unable to progress with discussions on possible work at Godshill until after work had been completed in Fordingbridge in early 2023. Cllr Fell said that he would continue to keep in touch with him and invite him to a future meeting.

72.22 Correspondence

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

1. NFDC – numerous emails on the death of HM The Queen.
2. Hyde Parish Council – an invitation to attend a meeting on Monday 26th October at 7.15 at which NFNPA Enforcement Officer Lucie Cooper would give a general talk on enforcement.

73.22 Any Other Business.

New Drain at northern end of Woodgreen Road: Following a concern raised by Cllr Stammers that the works appear to have formed a kerb in the road which could affect cyclists, Cllr Fell said he would check and then monitor it to see if this was an issue to raise with Hampshire Highways.

74.22 Next Meeting

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

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55 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.