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GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th December 2022 at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman

Cllr Atwill

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Stammers

Cllr Williams

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk – joined remotely via Zoom due to self-isolation

Six members of the public

Litter Warden: Mrs Boyd said that she had nothing new to report.

Public Question Time:

No questions or statement were received.

89.22 Co-option

Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that Mrs Barbs Atwill be co-opted to the Council to fill an existing vacancy. She signed her declaration of acceptance of office.

90.22 Business Raised During Public Question Time

No questions or statement were received.

91.22 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.

92.22 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: Cllr Stammers declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in Tree Works Application No 22/00962/TPO and did not speak or vote on the application.

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.

93.22 Minutes

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th November 2022 be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

94.22 Clerk's Report

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

36.20: Footpath 772: Maintenance work completed.

Signed by the Chairman

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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 remains.

Defibrillator Training: Awaiting feedback from Cllr Williams on dates in the spring.

65.22 Platinum Jubilee Tree: Letter has been sent to Verderers and Forestry England to seek permission.

Lengthsman: The Lengthsman added reflectors to the dragons teeth at Godshill Cross and to the western pinch point and also trimmed the Godshill Cross area.

95.22 Planning and Tree Work Applications:

Planning Application No 22/00708

The White House, Southampton Road, Godshill - Single storey rear extension: On the grounds that plans for this application had only recently been uploaded and no briefing note had yet been provided by the Planning Officer, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that this application be deferred to the next meeting.

Cllr Stammers commented that to his knowledge the existing kitchen may not be structurally sound and it may be sensible to advise the applicant commission a surveyor to carry out a structural survey.

Tree Works Application No 22/00893/CONS

Sandy Balls Holiday Centre, Southampton Road, Godshill - Fell 1 x Beech tree, Fell 1 x Oak tree, Fell 3 x Cypress trees: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on this application to the Tree Officer.

Tree Works Application No 22/00920/CONS

'Cleeves', Road Through Godshill Wood Hamlet, Godshill Wood - Management of approximately 40 mature trees and many smaller trees of all sizes and various species over a 10 year period: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on this application to the Tree Officer.

Tree Works Application No 22/00962/TPO

The Tree House, Godshill Pottery, The Ridge, Godshill, - Prune 5 x English Oak (Quercus Robur) trees: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on this application to the Tree Officer.

96.22 Annual Insurance Premium

Following receipt of other quotes by the Clerk and her agreement with the Chairman that the quote provided by Arthur J Gallagher from Hiscox of £464.20 be accepted for the annual insurance premium and due for payment by 7th December, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the payment be ratified.

97.22 Press Reports on potential development at Pound Bottom

Following a lengthy discussion and brief report from Cllr Cakebread on the comments made about recent press reports by Mr Steve Avery at the recent NPA NW Quadrant meeting at which he said there had been no pre-application discussions and no application submitted, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that no action be taken at the current time and until more detailed information had been reported or received by the Council.

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At this point in the meeting Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED to suspend standing orders to allow members of the public to give their views.

98.22 Pinch Points

Following a discussion, comments from a resident that they were in favour of their removal because they hindered access to their property and a statement read out by Cllr Cakebread from a resident who was opposed to their removal of the pinch points as this would hinder vehicular access to his property, Cllr Stammers proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that in the first instance the Clerk should seek guidance from Cllr Edward Heron on whether pinch point removal was something which Hampshire County Council would consider and fund.

It was agreed that the community should be consulted, and especially residents along the Southampton Road, before any decision is taken.

A suggestion was put forward that if the pinch points were to be retained a yellow 'keep clear' box could be painted on the road to the adjacent properties to pinch points to prevent traffic blocking access to them.

Standing orders were reinstated and the meeting was closed again to members of the public.

99.22 Payments

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED to approve the following payment: £38.97 Amazon – dragons teeth reflectors

100.22 Finance and Policy:

- a. Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the sum of £848.56 as the Accounts for payment for December.

A J Gallagher	Insurance	464.20
Amazon	Reflectors for dragons teeth	38.97
B Cornish	December Salary	345.19
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE July-Sept	259.00

- b. Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Stammers seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Bank balances be approved and noted:

Current Account: £12,550.25 Deposit Account: £585.69

101.22 Outside Bodies and Representation:

North West Quadrant: Cllr Cakebread gave a report on a recent meeting at which David Illsley of the NPA had stressed the importance of responding to the current consultations on the update to the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan and Public Spaces Protection Orders.

Cllr Cakebread also gave an update from Forestry England advising that it was currently recruiting for 2 Shadow Ranger positions in the New Forest, 1 at Moors Valley and 1 at Alice Holt. There would also be a culling of around 700 mostly fallow deer in the forest this year.

102.22 Correspondence

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

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1. NFDC –
Press release advising that HM Govt has announced that the Solent Freeport will be the country's first Freeport.
Jill Cleary was elected as leader of NFDC following Edward Heron's resignation.
2. Email advising on the consultation on the public space protection orders which will run from Monday 5 December until Friday 27 January at 5pm, the public can comment on two proposed PSPOs, which look to ban the lighting of fires and use of BBQs principally on the Crown Lands managed by Forestry England, and the feeding and petting of ponies, horses, mules, and donkeys in the New Forest.
3. Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd – Email regarding the appointment of the Council's external audit which from 2023 will be BDO LLP.
4. December edition of Waymark.
5. Notice of the New Forest Rattler cycling event – this will take place on 3rd-4th June 2023 starting at Moyles Court.

103.22 Any Other Business.

Repair of second noticeboard: Cllr Williams asked when the second noticeboard by Sandy Balls was due to be repaired. The Clerk advised that this would be delivered to the Lover Repair Café in the New Year.

104.22 Next Meeting

Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 10th January 2023 to be held 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.