# MINUTES 10.01.2023 GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr Fell – Chairman Cllr Atwill Cllr Cakebread Cllr Woodward

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk Thirteen members of the public

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

### **Public Question Time:**

A member of the public asked whether the data from the Speed Indicator Devices was available. He said that he had read a newspaper article that another Parish Council had used the data to present a case to the Highways Agency to install speed cameras.

A member of the public asked whether there could be some screening of the storage area for Sandy Balls as it was unsightly.

### Part 1

# 105.22 Business Raised During Public Question Time

Cllr Fell advised that the data from the Speed Indicator Devices could be sent to the member of the public and further data collected over the last year would be downloaded shortly. Cllr Woodward advised that the basic conclusion from the data was that they were working because around 85% of vehicles coming through Godshill were driving at 35 mph or lower, although there were some outliers at a higher speed with one at 104 mph.

Mrs Boyd expressed a concern that it was not the pinch points slowing down the cars but the speed indicator devices when drivers see them flashing red as the drive around the bend on the Southampton Road outside her house.

Cllr Fell said that the Council was due a meeting with Sandy Balls and could raise the matter of the screening of the storage area at that time.

# 106.22 Apologies

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

### 107.22 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 Atwill declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Planning application No 22/00695 and did not speak or vote when the item was discussed.

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Cllr Woodward declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in Planning application No 22/00695 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.

### 108.22 Minutes

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

### 109.22 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.

**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.

**161.21 Councillor Vacancies:** The Council has 2 vacancies but with 3.5 months to the elections, the Clerk advised that the Council did not have to advertise for co-option.

**Defibrillator Training:** The Clerk was awaiting feedback on whether to book dates in the spring.

**65.22 Platinum Jubilee Tree:** Awaiting permission from Verderers and Forestry England.

**110.22** Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks - Free Priority Service Register: The Clerk was awaiting confirmation of when a meeting will be held but she has asked for an afternoon on a weekday.

**98.22 Pinch Points:** Awaiting guidance from Edward Heron.

At this point in the meeting, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED to open to the meeting to members of the public.

## 111.22 Planning and Tree Work Applications:

### Planning Application No 22/00708

The White House, Southampton Road, Godshill - Single storey rear extension:

Following a discussion, Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Atwill seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend approval for this application. Councillors were impressed with the care taken with this application, particularly with the window blinds and the applicant's consideration of light pollution.

# Planning Application No 22/00902FULL

Armsley, Castle Hill, Godshill Wood - Single storey extensions; dormer window; alterations to doors and windows; refurbishment of loggia; extension to terrace:

Following a discussion and responses to questions received from the applicant, Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Atwill seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend approval for this application with the proviso that a condition be applied for the screening at night of the windows on the northern elevation as they overlook the River Avon and water meadows with their extensive biodiversity. Councillors were impressed by the detail of the application and the consideration taken by the applicant to ensure that the dwelling was sympathetically updated and took account of its location within a national park.

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# Planning Application No 22/00953

Arniss Farmhouse, Southampton Road, Godshill - Stables.

Following a discussion, Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for this application on the grounds that it is compliant with Policies DP51 and DP52 of the Local Plan.

# 112.22 NPA Planning Committee Statement

Planning application No 22/00695

Paysanne, Godshill Wood - Dwelling; detached garage with office over; sewage treatment plant; demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding

A member of the public, who was present on behalf of both himself and his neighbours read out a detailed and lengthy statement regarding the application and asked the Council to include a number of questions to officers and the Committee about the validity of the application, design, massing, lighting, drainage and compliance with policies.

Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk be asked to prepare a statement for the meeting which reflected the Council's previous statement but also included a number of questions as requested by the member of the public.

Cllr Fell closed the meeting to members of the public.

### 113.22 Hampshire County Council Consultation

Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk be asked to prepare a response to the consultation on the update to the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan taking account in particular of the impact on Alderholt as set out in the Parish Council's response to the consultation and particularly with regard to transport and traffic on minor roads.

### 114.22 New Forest District Council Consultation

Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Atwill seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Council should submit a response in support of the proposed two Public Space Protection Orders relating to the:

- i. Lighting of fires in the New Forest (including BBQs); and
- ii. Feeding and petting of ponies and other stock.

### 115.22 Finance and Policy:

### a. Payments

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

£14.39 - Zoom for remote meeting hosting

£38.40 - Ionos for website hosting

# b. Budget 2023/24 - To consider and resolve to approve the draft 3-year budget submitted by the Clerk:

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded an it was RESOLVED that a budget of £12,771 be approved.

Cllr Woodward asked that an item be added to the Agenda at the start of the 2023/24 financial year to consider ways in which the Council can become more efficient with its administration such as reducing the number of its meetings.

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c. Precept 2023/24 - To resolve to agree a precept demand for submission to New Forest District Council:

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded an it was RESOLVED that a Precept of £12,771 be approved which was an increase of 10.39% and a Band D figure of £56.11.

- d. To consider and resolve to approve the Earmarked Reserves of the Parish Council: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded an it was RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the March meeting when annual costs would be known.
- e. To give consideration and resolve to agree on the organisations to which a grant may be awarded:

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that being mindful of the public purse and no applications being received, that no grants be awarded.

f. To resolve to approve the sum of £934.54 as the Accounts for payment for January. Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the sum of £934.54 be approved as the Accounts for payment for January.

Zoom	Remote meeting hosting	14.39
lonos	Website hosting	38.40
B Cornish	January Salary & Backdated pay	622.75
HM Revenue & Customs PAYE Oct-Dec		259.00

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

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Bank balances be approved and noted:

Current Account: £11,615.71 Deposit Account: £618.57

h. To resolve to approve the Budget to Actual Report to 31st December 2022: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Budget to Actual Report to 31st December 2022 be approved.

### 116.22 Correspondence

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

- 1. NFNPA Notification of Paysanne being considered at the Planning Committee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30 pm in Lymington.
- 2. Invitation from Fordingbridge Town Council to a meeting with Police Inspector David Ord on 16<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm at the Town Hall, Fordingbridge.
- 3. Presentation on Dark Skies with Kevin Manning has been moved to 11<sup>th</sup> April for the Annual Parish Meeting.

### 117.22 Any Other Business.

**HM King's Coronation:** Cllr Woodward advised that a resident had asked him about what the Parish Council was planning for the Coronation. The general view was that the Village Hall Committee had plans to hold an event to celebrate it. Once this was known, the Council could consider whether a grant could be given to support it.

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### 118.22 Next Meeting

Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 14th February 2023 to be held at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

# Part 2 Exempt Matters - Staffing

**119.22** Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw in view of the confidential nature of the business on staffing about to be transacted'.

## **120.22** National Salary Award

To consider and resolve to approve the salary award and backdated payments for the Clerk for the period from 1st April 2022 in accordance with the National Association of Local Council's document EO2-22 entitled 'National Salary Award 2022/23' and with her Employment Contract:

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED to approve the salary award and backdated payments to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 for the Clerk.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00 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.