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09.07.2024
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 7.30 pm at Godshill Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Sanger

Cllr Woodward

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk - joined on Zoom due to Covid19

Four members of the public

Litter Warden: Mrs Sara Boyd advised that she had nothing to report.

Public Question Time

A member of the public raised concerns about a hedge bordering properties in Southampton Road and a footpath from the end of Well Lane up to Newgrounds which he said was virtually impassable. He also raised the issue of the stile in Chapelfield which was difficult to climb over.

Members of the public present advised of another hedge which was overhanging the pavement. The Clerk asked that the name of the property be communicated to her or the what3words location and she would then be able to write to the resident to ask for them to cut back their hedge.

40.24 Business Raised During Public Question Time

Cllr Cakebread advised that the hedge was scheduled to be cut the following day.

The Clerk advised that the clearing of the footpath would be added to the Lengthsman's schedule for his next visit on 22nd July.

Cllr Fell said he would speak to the landowner about the difficult stile in Chapelfield.

41.24 Apologies

Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the apologies received from Cllrs Atwill and Stammers due to a personal commitments be accepted.

42.24 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 of interest were received.

b. To consider any Dispensation Requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

The Clerk confirmed that no dispensation requests had been received.

43.24 Minutes

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th June 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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44.24 Planning and Tree Work Applications

Application No 24/00339FULL

Atchin-tan, Woodgreen Road, Godshill – Manège – Revised Plans

Following a report from the Clerk that no revised plans had been received, Councillors agreed to consider whether another meeting should be called by the Clerk when the plans had been received. However, this was subject to major changes having been made to them which may alter the Council's original decision.

45.24 Clerk's Report

Highways Issues: The Clerk has emailed Edward Heron and the highways team to ask that an engineer visits the village.

Annual Internal Audit: The Annual Governance and Accountability Return was sent to BDO LLP on 27th June. The public rights period for electors to inspect the accounts would end on 15th July.

Plaque request: The applicant was sending the plaque to the Clerk for lengthsman to fix it to the bench on 22nd July.

Wessex Internet: Vicky Missen was the new engagement manager for Wessex Internet. She has advised that unfortunately this project has been moved to the end of next year, due to other projects being delayed. She apologises that this has not been communicated to the Council. Cllr Fell said this was extremely disappointing news and he would consider what actions the Council should take.

Newsletter: The Newsletter will have to be changed to reflect the changes to the superfast broadband upgrading.

46.24 Lengthsman

To agree the tasks for the Lengthsman when he visits on 22nd July:

It was agreed that the clearing of the footpath raised by the resident at the start of the meeting would be added to the task list and also the installation of the plaque on the seat near Godshill Inclosure. Councillors agreed to advise the Clerk of any other tasks he could carry out before by Friday 19th July.

47.24 Planning Decision - Application No 24/00390LDCE - Chamberlain Field, Southampton Road, Godshill

To consider a proposal from Cllr Cakebread to send a letter of complaint to the New Forest National Park Authority regarding its decision to confirm as lawful the use of land at Chamberlain Field as a campsite for a continuous period of 10 years:

Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Sanger proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that a meeting should be set up with Steve Avery, the Executive Director Strategy and Planning at the National Park and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council to discuss the future plans for Sandy Balls.

48.24 Finance and Policy:

a. To resolve to approve the sum of £701.15 as the Accounts for payment for July.

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B Cornish	July salary	400.75
HMRC	PAYE	300.40

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

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

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 09.07.24

Current Account: £6,170.98 Deposit Account: £10,722.40

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the account balances for July be approved.

c. To resolve to approve the Budget to Actual Report as at 30th June 2024.

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair that this report be deferred to the next meeting when the Clerk was present in person in order to be able to respond to any questions raised.

49.24 Correspondence

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

1. Fordingbridge and Ringwood Footpath Society – June edition of Waymark.
2. Wessex Internet – Email re deferral of installation to end of 2025
3. Email from resident re hedge in Southampton Road.
4. Email from resident re style along footpath by Chapelfield.

50.24 Any Other Business:

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs): Cllr Woodward reported that he had sought information from the SID supplier re their accuracy in terms of reading speedometers correctly. He said that it was car speedometers which were the issue.

ANPR Camera at Sandy Balls: Cllr Woodward reported that the ANPR camera had been installed close to the entrance of Sandy Balls. This was a request from Hampshire Police and to instigated by Sandy Balls. Cllr Stammers questioned whether signage was required so that drivers could be made aware of it.

51.24 Next Meeting

Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 10th September 2024, subject to any planning applications to be considered in August, to be held at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.33 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.