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**08.10.2024**  
**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30 pm at Godshill Village Hall.**

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Sanger

Cllr Stammers

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Four members of the public

**Litter Warden:** Mrs Sara Boyd advised that she had nothing to report but there had been a marked reduction since the Chamberlain Field had stopped operating. Cllr Fell advised that he would raise the matter of picking up litter with Sandy Balls when he and Cllr Woodward next met with the General Manager at Sandy Balls.

**Public Question Time**

A member of the public of the public asked if there was an update on the introduction of wheelie bins.

A member of the public asked whether Somerley Recycling Centre was closing which would result in residents having to drive another 20 miles to a recycling centre. He asked further about the high volume of executive coaches using the B3078.

A member of the public raised a matter relating to the integrity of parish councillors of Godshill Parish Council and, in particular, in relation to a member of the Council who had an historical interest in Sandy Balls.

**67.24 Business Raised During Public Question Time**

The Clerk read out the email received from New Forest District Council on the introduction of wheelie bins which is contained in the Minute for Correspondence below.

The Clerk advised that the Council as a corporate body had no authority to consider or take action on the behaviour of councillors. This was for the Monitoring Officer at New Forest District Council.

**68.24 Apologies**

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the apology from Cllr Woodward for the reason of a holiday be accepted.

**69.24 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.

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**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.

**70.24 Minutes**

Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Stammers seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 5th September 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**71.24 Clerk's Report**

**Planning Applications from September:** Liz Marsden, planning officer at the NFNPA, had advised that the Sandy Balls application will be going to the Planning Committee for the November meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

**Consultation – National Planning Policy Framework:** A response was submitted as set out in the September minutes.

**Replacement Noticeboard:** When ordering, the shipping of the noticeboard added an extra £103.45 to the total net cost, making it £1,121.75 net. The factory is based in Brackley, Northampton so the Clerk had explored collecting it but the 2 posts at 8' long would not fit into her car.

Councillors agreed that the posts could be sourced and delivered from a local supplier and the noticeboard collected by the Clerk.

**Lengthsman:** Marcus installed the replacement dragons teeth on the area at Blissford Cross.

**Condition of Southampton Road:** The Clerk has written to the District Councillors to ask if there is an action they can take in view of the concern raised about disabled and less ambulant residents, families and visitors using the pavement.

A letter has been sent to the resident who owns the hedge opposite the entrance to Sandy Balls.

**Councillor Vacancy:** NFDC has advised that there were no requests for an election and therefore the Council can now advertise to co-opt.

**72.24 Conclusion of External Audit**

To resolve to accept the External Auditor's Report and Certificate from BDO LLP in relation to the Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2023-24 and to consider any actions arising from the Report:

Councillors Fell proposed, Cllr Sanger seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Audit report be noted and the minor errors be noted and not be repeated for the 2024-25 Return. It was noted that the errors did not affect the accuracy of the accounts.

**73.24 Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)**

To consider a response to the consultation on the draft Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the New Forest area:

Following suggestions received from Cllr Woodward, the Clerk was asked to devise a response focusing on the use of the A338 as a Primary Cycling Route, to which the Council strongly objected due to it putting cyclists in significant danger, and on the Council's support for the proposed Core Walking Zones in Fordingbridge and Ringwood.

**74.24 28 Day Use of Chamberlain Field, Southampton Road, Godshill**

To note the clarification received from the Enforcement Officer on the 28-day camping and to consider whether any further action is necessary:

Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Sanger seconded and it was RESOLVED that no action be taken at this time and that the Council will await the outcome of the Enforcement Team's 2024 review of temporary campsites in the National Park.

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**75.24 Grant Application**

To consider a request from New Forest Carers Friends for a grant towards the cost of printing the organisation's new leaflet:

Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Sanger seconded and it was RESOLVED that an award of £50 be approved.

**76.24 Finance and Policy:**

**a. Payments**

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:  
£252.00 BDO LLP for External Audit  
£278.00 Hampshire Association of Local Councils for annual subscription

**b. To resolve to approve the sum of £1,231.35 as the Accounts for payment for October.**

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BDO LLP	External Audit	252.00
HALC	Annual subscription	278.00
B Cornish	October salary	400.75
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE – July, August, Sept	300.60

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

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

**Current Account:** £10,715.54 **Deposit Account:** £10,722.40

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Sanger seconded and it was RESOLVED that the bank balances be approved.

**77.24 Correspondence**

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

1. A report from County Councillor Edward Heron.
2. New Forest District Council (NFDC) is progressing with arrangements for a new waste collection service for the district, to improve recycling and reduce waste. It will be introduced in three phases, based on waste collections operating from NFDC's three depots in Lymington, Ringwood, and Hardley. Depending on where a resident lives in the district, they are currently due to switch to the new service between summer 2025 and spring 2026. The new service will include new food waste collections, and wheelie bins for recycling and rubbish collections. Food waste will be collected every week, and recycling and rubbish will be collected on alternate weeks. Glass will still be collected the same way it is now, every four weeks. Properties will use the same container for glass which they currently use.
3. An invitation from NFDC to attend an online briefing session on Microsoft Team on infrastructure bids within New Forest District Council. The session will outline current framework and how you can bid for funds for potential projects once the funding window opens. The invitation will be on 17th October 2024 @ 9.00am.
4. Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan - Partial Update: Additional document available - Following submission, it was brought to the County Council's attention that a small number of issues raised in a Regulation 19 response had not been included in Annex

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2 of the Consultation Statement. These have now been covered in an Errata Document and this document and all other relevant documents are available as part of the Examination Library (<https://www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update>)

5. Household Waste Recycling Centres — NFDC statement - The political administration at New Forest District Council is pleased to hear that proposals to close Household Waste Recycling Centres, including two in the New Forest district area at Somerley and Marchwood, have been initially rejected by councillors at Hampshire County Council. The final decision will be made by the Hampshire County Council (HCC) Cabinet on 14 October.
6. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> October Cabinet meeting New Forest District Council reviewed its Climate Change and Nature Emergency Annual Report for 2023/2024, which highlights the progress made in tackling climate change and improving nature recovery across the district. The report outlines the council's ongoing efforts to reduce its environmental impact whilst preparing the district for the challenges and opportunities brought by climate change. These efforts focus on four core priorities - carbon reduction, climate adaptation, nature recovery, and programme management. Between 1 January 2023 and 31 March 2024, emissions from both the council and district area decreased by approximately 2%. The report includes several case studies of projects undertaken by New Forest District Council during this time to help to achieve this reduction.

**78.24 Any Other Business.**

**TV Licence Scam:** Cllr Stammers reported that he had received a telephone call to transfer money to pay his TV licence. He became concerned during the call and later established that it was a scam which his relative had reported to the police. He advised all present to be alert to calls requesting the transfer of money for their TV licence.

**79.24 Next Meeting**

Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to be held 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.*