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**12.11.2024**  
**GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30 pm at Godshill Village Hall.**

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Stammers

Cllr Woodward

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Four members of the public

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman, Cllr Fell, asked for the following statements to be recorded:

1. He wished to express his thanks to former councillor Barbs Atwill for her service to the Council.
2. He wished to acknowledge the Council's sadness at the recent death of a member of the public caused by a cow in Godshill parish.
3. He wished to express the Council's great sadness at the news of the death of Councillor Roly Errington, the Chairman of Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley Parish Council and sends condolences to his family and friends. He said that the views of Godshill Parish Council and Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley Parish Council over the years had often aligned with each other.

**Public Question Time**

A member of the public who was a neighbour to the property, The Cottage, Godshill Wood, advised the Council of the history of the site from when he moved to his house in 1988. He said he could not recall any animal being kept there whilst he had lived in Godshill Wood but there were signs of pig slaughtering from earlier in the house's history and also a pig pen.

On the matter of the planning application, he said that the boundaries shown on the layout and block plans between the applicant's property and his property are completely wrong and the applicant does not own part of his property. On the block plan there are dotted lines going through the hall and bathroom of his house and there is a little square which is the applicant's oil tank which looks to be about 2 feet from his front door. Consequently, his front door which appears in the plans to open into the applicant's property is not correct, thus indicating that the plans are wrong.

**Part 1**

**80.24 Business Raised During Public Question Time**

The matters raised were considered at the point in the meeting at which the planning applications were debated.

**81.24 Apologies**

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

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### 82.24 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.

### 83.24 Minutes

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Stammers seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

### 84.24 Planning and Tree Work Applications

#### Application No 24/01103LDCE

#### **The Cottage, Road Through Godshill Wood Hamlet, Godshill Wood - Mixed use Equine and Agricultural:**

Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED to confirm that the best of the Council's knowledge no animals had been kept on the site since 1988.

#### Application No 24/01269FULL

#### **The Cottage, Road Through Godshill Wood Hamlet, Godshill Wood - Single storey side and rear extensions; alteration to fenestration:**

Following a discussion and an attempt at interpreting the plans submitted after taking account of the report from the member of the public, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Planning Officer to advise her that they were unable to take a decision on plans which were not accurate. As the plans were not accurate, they could have no confidence in the measurements being correct and therefore could not rely on the measurements for the proposed extension and that it was within the stated 15% total floor space increase allowed. They also queried the statement in the application that no planning permission was required for a heat exchanger/heat pump.

#### Application No 24/01299CONS

#### **Waldens, Newgrounds, Godshill - Prune 1 x Apple tree (T1 on the plan):**

The Clerk advised that this application had already been determined as the tree was dead.

### 85.24 Clerk's Report

**Replacement Noticeboard:** The noticeboard has been ordered. The Clerk had added an extra set of keys to the total cost for £3.68.

**Lengthsman:** Marcus Noke had visited the parish on 11<sup>th</sup> November and had swept the layby and cleared the footpaths/pavements of leaves and mud. He had also been asked to clear vegetation from around any signs.

**Condition of Southampton Road:** Following Cllr Phil Woods's email to Hampshire Highways, a disappointing response was received from the officer, Tim Lawton:

'An engineer has inspected the footway route to Fordingbridge, with particular attention to the section near Crystal Hollow, but could not find any obstructions warranting immediate action. To justify an intervention by the Highways team there needs to be significant issue where safety is,

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or could become, compromised. Where action is required, a notice will normally be served on the adjacent landowner to clear the vegetation back to the highway boundary. The route will continue to be regularly assessed as part of the routine highway safety inspection process and, should the need arise, appropriate action will be undertaken’.

The Clerk was asked to go back to Cllr Woods to advise that the officer has not answered the question and appears to have assessed the site from Crystal Hollow to Fordingbridge rather than from Crystal Hollow to the Fighting Cocks. A further question on pavement width compliance was also requested.

**Councillor Vacancy:** A Co-option notice is on the parish website.

**Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP):** The Clerk had emailed a response to Hampshire County Council and this had been acknowledged.

**86.24 Consultations**

**a. To consider a response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government’s consultation on ‘Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings’:**

Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair that councillors would respond as individuals to the consultation but that at the next meeting a response on behalf of the Council would be agreed which would include there being strict criteria for councillors being able to join meetings online but also this would be subject to the appropriate facilities and broadband performance being available.

**b. To consider a response to the New Forest District Council’s consultation on its Parking Strategy:**

It was agreed that councillors would respond as individuals to the consultation.

**87.24 NFNPA Planning Committee Statement**

To consider a statement to be made at the forthcoming meeting of the NPA Planning Committee which will consider the following application:

**Application No. 23/00496FULL**

**Touring Park, Sandy Balls Holiday Centre, Sandy Balls Estate, Godshill - Conversion of 3no. single storey amenity buildings to 6no. holiday accommodation units:**

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would devise a response for Cllr Cakebread to read out at the meeting.

**88.24 Annual Insurance**

To approve the quote from Arthur J Gallagher for £492.80 for the annual insurance premium as provided by Hiscox:

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the quote be accepted.

**89.24 Finance and Policy:**

**a. Payments**

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED to approve the following payment: £336.99 Mrs S Boyd for maintenance, plants and planting of pinch points

**b. To resolve to approve the sum of £737.74 as the Accounts for payment for November.**

S Boyd	Pinchpoint maintenance and plants	336.99
A J Gallagher	Annual Insurance	492.80
New Forest Carers	Grant	50.00
B Cornish	November salary	400.75

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

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

##### **Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 12.11.24**

Current Account: £9,435.00 Deposit Account: £10,722.40

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

#### **90.24 Outside Bodies and Representation:**

**North West Quadrant:** Cllr Woodward gave a detailed report on a recent meeting at which the following matters were discussed:

- Steve May of Hampshire Police attended. The main issue they are dealing with is complaints about speeding. He also gave advice on what to do if people are trespassing on your land and also if people see some machinery which looks odd within the forest, this should be reported to the police.
- Updates were received from Forestry England and on the success of the NFNPA's stand at the New Forest Show. There had also been some successes with ground nesting birds.
- Steve Avery advised that the Planning Team was having discussions with Steve Tonkin of the Cranborne Chase National Landscape.
- The review by the Enforcement Team of temporary campsites in the National Park over the last year is imminent.

#### **91.24 Correspondence**

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

1. An email from Cllr David Millar advising that Somerley Household Recycling Centre is not closing.
2. CPRE Hampshire Autumn update
3. NFNPA Press Release asking people to nominate brilliant building designs in the 10th New Forest National Park Awards.
4. Light Up A Heart – Invitation to a Christmas event at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Lyndhurst on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
5. NFDC Press Release stating that it welcomes HCC's decision to not close Household Waste and Recycling Centres in the district.
6. Hampshire County Council – Email advising of there being free trees available from the Hampshire Forest Partnership.
7. NFNPA Press Release advising of Generation Green 2: £4.5 million project helping England's most socially disadvantaged young people make closer connections with nature and rural life through nights under the stars and a host of other inspiring experiences.
8. NFNPA Press Release asking for comments on the Ashbury and Colbury Village Design Statement.
9. 'Building for a Healthy Life' training event, Ringwood Gateway, Thursday 28 November 2024 (10am – 1pm)
10. NFNPA Email re a training event involving Ringwood Town Council, New Forest District Council and the New Forest National Park Authority on the 'Building for a Healthy Life' design toolkit. The event will be attended by officers and councillors from the District Council, National Park Authority and Ringwood Town Council. There is some additional capacity at

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the meeting room at Ringwood Gateway and therefore an invitation is being extended to other town and parish councils in the New Forest area.

**92.24 Any Other Business.**

No matters were raised.

**93.24 Next Meeting**

Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to be held at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

**Part 2 Exempt Matters – Staffing**

**94.24 The Chair to propose the following resolution – ‘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’.**

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be closed to the public and press.

**95.24 National Salary Award**

**To consider and resolve to approve the salary award and backdated payments for the Clerk for the period from 1st April 2024 in accordance with the National Association of Local Council’s document ‘National Salary Award 2024’ and with her Employment Contract:**

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the award be approved.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.52 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.*