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21.01.2025
GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 6.00 pm at Godshill Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman

Cllr Stammers

Cllr Woodward

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Four members of the public

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman, Cllr Fell, advised that prior to the Christmas break he had received a resignation letter from Ann Cakebread. He thanked Mrs Cakebread for her 25 years of service to the Council and the community.

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

Public Question Time:

A member of the public asked for an update on the installation of broadband by Wessex Internet.

108.24 Business Raised During Public Question Time

Councillor Fell advised that he had corresponded recently with the Engagement Manager for Wessex Internet and she would be attending the February Council meeting to provide an update. However, he said that he had been told that the company's installation of broadband would not be delivered until sometime in 2026.

109.24 Apologies

No apologies were received.

110.24 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.**

Cllr Stammers declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in the payment to Godshill Village Hall as a trustee of the Hall.

- 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.

111.24 Minutes

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th December 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

112.24 Planning and Tree Work Applications

Cllr Fell opened the meeting for members of the public to speak on the planning applications.

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The applicant and his architect spoke at great length and responded to numerous questions from councillors on Application No 24/01207FULL.

The applicant covered many areas of concern raised by other consultees to the application. He advised that the site will not be for commercial use, he will be the only person managing the site and no employees will be working at the site, with the only vehicle movements being his own vehicle(s) and any toilet facility put in place will be for his own use whilst managing the beehives and the site.

Application No 24/01207FULL

Land Opposite the Cottage, Godshill Wood - Use of building and land for agricultural bee keeping; extension to building:

Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Stammers seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for this application on the grounds that the anticipated impact on neighbouring properties, the local bee population, the footpath and on the use of the track to Godshill Wood would be no greater than its current use.

Application No 24/01480OHL

Fordingbridge (FOIN) E4L5 11kV Circuit - Application under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 and section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for 10 no. replacement electricity poles:

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Stammers seconded and it was RESOLVED to recommend permission for this application on the grounds that the proposal was to replace existing poles.

Application No 25/00046CONS

Wildwood, Newgrounds, Godshill – Pollard 2 x Oak trees (T1 & T2 on the plan):

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED to leave the decision on this application to the Tree Officer.

Application No 25/00045CONS

Onza Kia, Blissford Road, Blissford - Fell 1 x Cherry tree (T1 on the plan)

Fell 1 x group of Hazel (G1 on the plan):

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED to leave the decision on this application to the Tree Officer.

Cllr Fell closed the meeting to the public.

113.24 Finance and Policy:

a. Payments

Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED to approve the following payment:
£240.00 Godshill Village Hall - Annual hire fees

b. To resolve to approve the sum of £1,001.80 as the Accounts for payment for January:

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Godshill Village Hall	Annual hire fees	240.00
B Cornish	January salary	419.40
HM Revenue & Customs	Quarterly PAYE	342.40

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

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

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 21.01.25

Current Account: £6,792.78.00 Deposit Account: £10,722.40

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

114.24 Outside Bodies and Representation:

North West Quadrant: Councillor Woodward gave a detailed report on a recent meeting at which the following matters were raised:

- A representative from the NFNPA Youth Board gave a briefing on the Board which had been set up recently with the aim of trying to create more influence for young people in the New Forest.
- An update from Steve Avery on the National Planning Policy Framework changes and how they will affect the New Forest. The current housing number for the National Park is 750 houses per year and with the NPPF changes it will rise to 1500, whereas the Authority was struggling to deliver 750. Discussions would also be held with neighbouring counties with regard to housing being concentrated on their boundaries with the National Park.
- An update from Forestry England which highlighted the strain on car parks. An extension to the existing cycle paths was under consideration by the Verderers.
- On 15th February 2025 10 am -12 noon Hyde Parish Council will be holding a Safety Day at Hyde Village Hall.

115.24 Next Meeting

Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 11th February 2025 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.