

MINUTES

10.02.2015

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 10th February 2015 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Draper - Chairman
Cllr Cakebread
Cllr Chamberlain
Cllr Fell
Cllr Gibbons
Cllr Lintonbon
Cllr Williams

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk
D/Cllr Bill Dow
C/Cllr Heron
Five members of the public.

198./14 Apologies: None.

199./14 Declarations of Interest: None.

200./14 To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 13th January 2015: Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Gibbons seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

201./14 Matters arising from the Minutes:

17./14 SpeedWatch: Cllr Draper reported that Breamore Parish Council had confirmed that it was interested in participating in discussions with Godshill Parish Council on Speedwatch and the Chairman, Cllr Peter Breamore was happy to be involved in a meeting.

23./14 Internal Audit: Cllr Draper reported that Fair Account had carried out the half year audit of the Parish Council's accounts and no issues had been raised.

202./14 To receive a report from C/Cllr Edward Heron and D/Cllr Bill Dow:

Cllr Dow reported that two new electric car charging bays had been provided by New Forest District Council at Ringwood Gateway. Once a car is charged, the owner then needs to re-park it in another space in the car park.

Cllr Dow also reported that a council tax reduction on second homes would no longer be permitted from April 2015.

C/Cllr Heron gave a detailed report, including a brief history, of Hampshire County Council's implementation of rural broadband. He said BT Openreach were now finding that they had not met the targets for upgrades as anticipated which meant that they will have to do more work to meet them. He said this could work in Godshill's favour because they would be looking to upgrade more cabinets.

He said the important issue was to ensure that all residents who wished to be connected to superfast broadband were registered at www.hants.gov.uk/broadband. This would demonstrate that an upgrade in a rural village was viable.

203./14 To consider Cllr Lintonbon's report in response to the update on the Superfast Broadband contract and, in consultation with C/Cllr Heron, to agree on any action to be taken: C/Cllr Heron agreed to provide Cllr Lintonbon with a contact name at Openreach to whom he could write a letter regarding the timing of the upgrade to cabinet 14 outside the Village Hall.

204./14 Litter Warden Update – To receive a report from Mrs Sara Boyd: Mrs Boyd advised that the Annual Litter Pick would be held on Sunday 29th March.

205./14 Public Forum - 15 minutes to receive any questions or statements from members of the public: No questions or statements were made.

206./14 To approve the following payments:

- £250 - Mrs S Boyd - Second payment for her role as Litter Warden.
- £507.45 - New Forest District Council – For the administration of the Parish Vote.
- £100 - Fair Account - for the completion of the Half Year Internal Audit.

Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and they were approved by the meeting.

207./14 Finance & Policy:

The Council approved the following payments:

	£	Cheque No.
S Boyd - Litter Warden Payment	250.00	100410
New Forest District Council - Parish Poll	507.45	100411
Fair Account - Internal Half Year Audit	100.00	100412
B Cornish – February Salary	310.33	100413

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 10.02.15:

Current Account: £10,317.03 Deposit Account: £578.69

Cllr Fell proposed the approval of the February accounts, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and they were approved by the meeting.

208./14 Outside Bodies And Representation

New Forest Association of Local Councils: Cllr Cakebread gave a detailed report on a meeting she had attended with the Clerk. She said there had been presentations on the 2015/16 Council Tax and on the forthcoming elections as well as a proposal put forward by Minstead Parish Council regarding the development of a strategic cycle network along the A337 which was to be included as an additional action point in the updated NFNPA Management Plan.

Cllr Cakebread also advised that the draft Cycling Charter was due to be launched after the NPA meeting on 22 January 2015 to approve the final text.

A meeting to launch 'Brand New Forest' and to receive a broadband update and details of the Community Broadband Engagement Plan: Cllr Lintonbon gave a brief report on a meeting which did not provide him with any new information.

209./14 Correspondence:

- 1 New Forest Advice Network – A letter from Geraldine Spencer seeking guidance on whether an advice service is needed in the local area giving advice on behalf of Age Concern, Community First, the Disability Information Service etc.
- 2 Oil Buying Club – A letter from Mr Gerry Johnson giving information on the Oil Buying Club and asking to give a presentation to the Parish Council. *Cllr Draper to invite a local club to attend a future meeting.*
- 3 Fordingbridge Town Council – Details of the Lengthsman Service for which there will be more funding from 1st July 2015.
- 4 New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau – A letter from the new Chief Executive seeking funding.
- 5 NFNPA – An email from Sarah Kelly advising of the National Grid Drop-In Session at Hale Village Hall on Thursday 5th March from 2-8 pm.
- 6 Hampshire County Council – An email from the Countryside Service seeking views on the Hampshire Countryside Access Plan 2015-25 with the deadline for responses being 31st March 2015. *The Clerk and Cllr Cakebread to draft a response.*
- 7 Mr Mark Bentinck and Mr Les Baker – Emails regarding the progress on the installation of superfast broadband in Godshill.
- 8 Fordingbridge Day Centre – A letter of thanks for the Parish Council's grant.
- 9 Breamore Parish Council – An email from Cllr Peter Turner stating that the Parish Council wished to join Godshill in discussions on speedwatch.

210./14 Any Other Business: Cllr Gibbons reported that Sandy Balls would shortly be taking delivery of four alpacas which would live at the site once they had grown big enough to leave their mothers.

211./14 Next meeting: The Chairman confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 10th March 2015 at 7.30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.