

MINUTES
13.10.2015
GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 13th October 2015 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Draper - Chairman
Cllr Cakebread
Cllr Fell
Cllr Thomas
Cllr Williams

Cllr Bill Dow
Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk
Ten members of the public.

105./15 Apologies: Cllrs Lintonbon and C/Cllr Heron.

106./15 Declarations of Interest: No declarations of interest were received.

107./15 To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 8th September 2015: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

108./15 Matters arising from the Minutes:

92./15 Litter Warden Update: The Chairman reported that the refuse bin had been reinstalled by the Lengthsman.

93./15 Public Forum: Water on the road by Crystal Hollow: The Chairman reported that the Clerk had spoken to Fordingbridge Town Council and it had been agreed that both councils would raise the issue with Mr Bob Brown of Hampshire Highways.

95./15 Sandy Balls Holiday Park and 96./15 Breaches of the 28 day permitted campsite rule: The Chairman reported that Mr Paul Hocking and Ms Lucy Cooper had agreed to meet with the Parish Council and the Clerk had left a message with Mr Edward Vandyck at New Forest District Council asking whether he or a colleague could join the meeting so that all parties could be made aware of the issues and agreement could be reached on how they would be tackled and resolved.

109./15 To receive a report from D/Cllr Bill Dow: Cllr Dow reported that New Forest District Council had signed a new Service Level Agreement with the New Forest National Park Authority to continue to deal with tree matters located in the areas within the New Forest District but outside the National Park.

110./15 Litter Warden Update: Mrs Sara Boyd said she had nothing to report. In response to a question from Cllr Cakebread on the issue of whether there had been additional litter after the recent Wiggle cycling event, Mrs Boyd said that there had been some but there had been no additional litter after the recent Gridiron event.

111./15 Public Forum - 15 minutes to receive any questions or statements from members of the public: No questions or statements were received.

Cllr Draper proposed from the chair that the meeting remain open until after the planning applications had been considered so that members of the public could make statements or comments when each application was considered.

112./15 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Application No. 15/00671

Land To The South of Homestead Cottage, Southampton Road, Godshill - Storage/Hay barn:

Following a report from Cllr Thomas, a lengthy discussion and comments from the application and another member of the public, Cllr Thomas proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that, due to the complexity of the application, the Parish Council should recommend refusal for this application on the following grounds:

- Its excessive size and height at 210 cubic metres to provide hay for three horses;
- Its visibility from Newgrounds and Well Lane and its negative impact on the neighbouring properties;
- The Parish Council is concerned that with the revised location of the barn, following a response from the Tree Officer, no consideration has been given to the siting of the muck heap on this boggy site and the potential problem of leachate getting into the watercourses which have been altered substantially by the applicants.
- No information on rainwater disposal was provided and therefore the effect of the rainwater and how it will be absorbed/dispersed could not be assessed.

The Parish Council also wished to point out the following issues from the previous application for the Stables (application 10/95080) for the site:

- The 'made up' ground forms a much greater area than is set out on the planning application for the Stables.
- The application stated that the 'made up' ground would be formed from crushed concrete and it is, in fact, crushed asphalt.
- The location of the current fence line as it is now built is at odds with both planning applications (10/95080 and 15/00671) as well as the Land Registry plan and appeared to incorporate part of Well Lane.
- The planning conditions contained in the approval for the stables required a retaining wall to be built behind the stables and this, along with other conditions, had yet to be complied with.

Application No. 15/00696

Appletree Cottage, Purlieu Lane, Godshill - Attached double garage.

Following a report from Cllr Fell and a comment from the applicant, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the Parish Council should recommend permission for the application on the grounds that it was smaller than the garage previously applied for, was in keeping with the existing dwelling and would have less impact on the neighbouring properties. However, as the location of the garage was no longer separate from the house and would therefore exceed the 30 percent allowance for an extension, it would ask that any approval contained a planning condition which stated that the garage could not form part of the dwelling.

Application No. 15/00710

Croadene, Southampton Road, Godshill - Single storey extension; porch

Subsequent to the meeting, the Clerk was advised that this application had been withdrawn by the applicant and so a response was sent stating that the Parish Council would await a new application in due course.

Application No. 15/00726

Land at Streets Farm, Southampton Road, Godshill - Sandy Balls Estate Application for a certificate of lawful development for the existing use of land for the siting of a caravan for permanent residential occupancy.

Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the Parish Council should confirm that in its view a caravan had been located on the site for ten years. It was aware, however, that the current caravan had been unoccupied since the Spring of 2014.

Application No. CONS/15/0943

Hidden Oak, Well Lane, Godshill - Prune 1 x Cherry tree Prune 1 x Maple tree.

Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the Parish Council had no objection to the application but should leave the final decision to the Tree Officer.

**Streamlined felling licence application 'SFLA'
Forestry Commission – Various locations.**

Cllr Draper gave a brief report on the details of the various locations. He proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was agreed by the meeting the Parish Council should make only one comment on the application for work to the 3 areas at Godshill and recommend that the Forestry Commission should leave some of the more mature trees which have landscape and amenity value when carrying out the clearance work on the area below Godshill Cricket Pitch.

113./15 To consider a draft response to the New Forest National Park's Local Plan

Review: Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Draper seconded and it was approved by the meeting.

114./15 To consider the reports received from residents and others to the recent Wiggle

Cycle Event and to agree on any actions to be taken: Following a detailed discussion, Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Draper seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the Clerk should write to Mr Nigel Matthews at the New Forest National Park Authority regarding the need for a level of transparency in the reporting of incidents during cycling events, the need to publicly report the action taken following their reporting and the inadequacy of the poorly designed online reporting system required to be used.

115./15 To consider the recent upgrade made to the New Forest National Park Authority's website with particular regard to the access to planning and tree applications, both current and historic, and to agree on any actions to be taken:

Following a brief discussion and a report from Cllr Cakebread that the website had recently improved, it was agreed that members should take no action at this time but would continue to monitor it over the next few months.

116./15 To consider a response to an invitation to attend an end of project evening event being organised by the Community Wildlife Plans Project Officer:

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Cakebread agreed to contact several residents who had been involved in the Plan for Godshill to see whether they were available to attend and, if there were not, Cllr Draper said he would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

117./15 To consider any further work to be carried out by the Parish Lengthsman on his next visit scheduled for 19th October 2015: Following a discussion, the Clerk was asked to include the treating of the refuse bin with wood preserver and a request to install some breeze blocks to form stepping stones on the footpath at the rear of Braeside, Newgrounds which became very boggy in the winter months.

118./15 To approve the following payments:

- £7.42 – Wybone – For a new lock for the public refuse bin.
- £190.45 – Mrs S Boyd – For maintenance and plants for the pinch points.
- £110.73 – Godshill Village Hall – For the maintenance of the Car Park.
- £45.24 – Fordingbridge Town Council – For materials for Lengthsman.

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

119./15 Finance & Policy

The Council approved the following payments:

	£	Cheque No.
Wybone - For a new lock for the public refuse bin	7.42	100439
Mrs S Boyd - For maintenance & plants for the pinch points	190.45	100440
Godshill Village Hall - For the maintenance of the Car Park	110.73	100441
Fordingbridge Town Council - For materials for Lengthsman	45.24	100442
B Cornish - October Salary	310.33	100443
HM Revenue & Customs - Clerk's Tax	232.80	100444

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 13.10.15:

Current Account: £15,973.04 Deposit Account: £578.91

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

120./15 Outside Bodies And Representation:

Exhibition on the proposed restoration of Latchmore:

Cllr Draper gave a very detailed report on the recent Exhibition at which he said he had been very disappointed by the plan of the work proposed to be carried out. He said that the next step was for a planning application to be submitted to the NFNPA on which the Parish Council would be able to submit its comments.

Exhibition on the proposed restoration of the Pound Bottom landfill site:

Cllr Cakebread gave a detailed report on the recent Exhibition at which the plans for the restoration of the site had been set out. She said the plan was for the site to be filled by the Spring of 2017 and within two years of that date the work to the capping would be completed. She said she was unsure of the number of lorry movements this would entail but it would be a very great number and she had raised the issue of the proposed work to Hale Purlieu by National Grid with Sarah Kelly at the NFNPA but it was very unlikely that the two projects would coincide thereby enabling the lorry movements to be reduced.

Western Escarpment Conservation Area Verge Damage Project Group:

Cllr Thomas gave a brief report on a meeting with the Statutory Bodies (CDA, Forestry Commission, Hampshire County Council, National Trust, Natural England and Verderers) at which eight different examples of verge damage caused as a result of different issues were submitted for consideration. He also said that a draft Verge Protection Leaflet had been

considered which was to be distributed to residents, businesses and visitors. A further meeting with the Statutory Bodies was to be held in December.

Village Hall Committee:

Cllr Williams gave a brief report on a recent meeting at which the ownership of the Car Park and the redecoration and new flooring had been discussed. The Clerk agreed to provide her with a copy of the Lease for the Car Park.

121./15 Correspondence.

- 1 New Forest Association of Local Councils – An email from Mr Graham Flexman enclosing the Agenda for the meeting being held on Thursday 15th October 2015 at Lymington Town Hall at which Chief Superintendent David Powell and Chief Inspector Simon Tribe from Hampshire Constabulary will give a presentation and respond to questions.
- 2 Dr M Pennington – A copy email to the New Forest National Park Authority regarding work to Rose Cabin, Blissford Road for which he alleges there appears to have been no planning application submitted.
- 3 Lane Use Company – An email from Mr Ben Miller attaching documentation regarding the Latchmore restoration which independently review a sample of past wetland restoration projects to determine whether the projects had met their objectives.
- 4 New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Mr David Illsley enclosing documentation from the meeting held on 21st September 2015 regarding the Western Escarpment Verge Damage project.
- 5 New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Mr David Illsley providing a link to <http://www.magic.gov.uk/> which provides the locations of the designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) in the area.
- 6 Wyg – An email from Mr Stuart Austin enclosing the documentation from the Pound Bottom Restoration Exhibition.
- 7 National Grid - A letter from Mr Hector Pearson advising of the Visual Impact Provision Project and advising of the prioritised protected landscapes which include the New Forest near Hale and enclosing a document entitled 'The Project Explained'.
- 8 New Forest Disability – A letter from Ms Jacki Keable seeking grant aid support from the Parish Council.
- 9 Community Wildlife Plans Project Officer – An email from Ms Angela Peters inviting two representatives to attend an evening meal to celebrate the end of the project on Wednesday 11th November at 6.30 pm at Doerfrith Lodge, Lyndhurst.
- 10 Fordingbridge Rotary Club – An email from Mr David Saunders advising of the '4th Grand Quiz Night' on Saturday 21 November at Avonway Community Centre at 7 pm.
- 11 New Forest National Park Authority – An email advising that it had launched its 'call for sites' as part of its Local Plan Review. Landowners and other parties are invited to put forward land and sites which they wish to be considered for development. More information about the call for sites, including a site submission form can be viewed on the Council's web site <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/16542>.

122./15 Any Other Business:

Speed Indicator Device: Following a query from Cllr Cakebread, the Clerk confirmed that the Speed Indicator Device had been scheduled with New Forest District Council for a week's installation in the Autumn and she was awaiting confirmation of the date when it was to be put in place.

123./15 Next meeting: Tuesday 10th November 2015 at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm. With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.27 pm.