

MINUTES

12.01.2016

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 12th January 2016 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Draper - Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Fell

Cllr Thomas

Cllr Williams

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Six members of the public.

160./15 Apologies: Cllr Lintonbon, District Cllr Dow and County Cllr Heron.

161./15 Declarations of Interest: No declarations of interest were received.

162./15 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th December 2015: Cllr Thomas proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

163./15 Matters arising from the Minutes:

138./15 North West Quadrant: The Chairman confirmed that Craig Daiters, the New Forest Ranger, had accepted the Parish Council's invitation to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 26th April.

149./15 Public Forum – Part 2: The Chairman confirmed that Lengthsman would be visiting the parish on Monday 18th January 2016 and would be clearing the layby opposite the entrance to Woodgreen Road of mud and greenery.

158./15 Light Aircraft: Cllr Cakebread reported that the revised draft of the NFNPA's Partnership Plan contained a section in which it would try to agree the ways in which the tranquil areas of the National Park could be maintained. She said she would raise the issue of light aircraft at the next North West Quadrant meeting and this received the support of all members.

164./15 To receive reports from C/Cllr Edward Heron and D/Cllr Bill Dow: In Cllr Heron's and Cllr Dow's absence, no reports were received.

165./15 Litter Warden Update: In Mrs Boyd's absence, no report was received.

166./15 Public Forum:

Following concerns raised by Mrs Lorna Edwards about the publication of minutes and agendas on the Parish Council's website, the Clerk confirmed that a new website would be launched in early February which would be managed by her.

Mrs Edward asked and it was agreed that a notice could be placed on the new website with a link to details and guidance on Lyme disease and how it can be avoided. The Clerk also agreed to ask Sandy Balls to make their customers aware of it through their site literature.

167./15 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Application No. 15/00974

Strawberry Farm, Blissford Road, Godshill -Extension to existing outbuilding (demolition of workshop store): Following a brief report from Cllr Draper, he proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was resolved that the Parish Council should recommend permission for the application on the grounds that:

- the wooden building was a replacement building rather than an additional one;
- the replacement building would enhance rather than have a detrimental impact on the existing dwelling, its curtilage and the conservation area;
- it would enhance the rural character of the conservation area;
- it would not impact upon the amenities of the neighbouring properties; and
- it was compliant with both Policy DP12 of the New Forest National Park Core Strategy and the guidance for Outbuildings set out in the New Forest National Park's Local Development Framework Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document.

168./15 To consider and resolve to agree a statement to be made by a member of the Parish Council at a meeting of the Development Control Committee of the New Forest National Park Authority on 19th January 2016 at which application number 15/00833 for Croadene, Southampton Road, Godshill is to be considered: Following a brief discussion, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was resolved that the Clerk should write to Mr Steve Avery at the New Forest National Park Authority advising that no councillors were available to attend the meeting.

169./15 To consider a report from the Clerk, following correspondence she has received from the New Forest National Park as Clerk to Downton Parish Council, regarding a 5 hour cycle ride being organised for 31st January from Downton to the National Park which is proposing to use as yet unapproved routes and to resolve to agree on any action to be taken: Following a brief discussion, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that this matter should be raised by Cllr Cakebread at the forthcoming North West Quadrant meeting and, if possible, at the meeting of the New Forest Association of Local Councils.

170./15 To approve the following payment:
£60 – TLC Online for website maintenance.

Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was resolved that it be approved.

171./15 To resolve to approve the termination of the contract with TLC Online for the maintenance of the website www.godshillnewforest.org.uk at the cost of £150 and to approve the setting up and launch of a new website to be managed and maintained by the Clerk: Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and was resolved that the contract with TLC Online be terminated and the new website launched and managed by the Clerk.

172./15 Finance & Policy:

**To resolve to approve the payment of the Accounts and to approve the Bank balances –
Cheque and Reserve Accounts:**

	£	Cheque No.
Fordingbridge & District Day Centre - Section 137 grant	150.00	100452
New Forest DIS – Section 137 grant	50.00	100453
Hampshire & IOW Air Ambulance - Section 137 grant	150.00	100454
Fordingbridge First Responders - Section 137 grant	150.00	100455
TLC Online - Website Maintenance & closure of contract	210.00	100456
B Cornish - January Salary	310.33	100457
HM Revenue & Customs - Clerk's Tax	232.80	100458

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 12.01.16:

Current Account: £13,804.39 Deposit Account: £579.13

Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was resolved that they be approved.

173./15 Outside Bodies And Representation:

Western Escarpment Steering Group: Cllr Thomas gave a brief report on a recent meeting at which the seven proposed verge restoration schemes were discussed with the work to the verges from Telegraph Hill to Pound Bottom in Godshill parish to be started before the end of the financial year in March 2016. He said that the Verderers and Forestry Commission had visited the site and had agreed that some physical ditching and mounding could be carried out. Cllr Thomas also said that parishes were asked to take photographs of the verge sites in their current state and to then take photographs once they had been repaired.

Village Hall Committee: Cllr Williams gave a brief report on a recent meeting at which it had been agreed that broadband should be installed in the Hall. Following a question regarding possible grants, the Clerk agreed to advise her of possible grants available from BT. Cllr Williams also asked if the lengthsman could install a wooden barrier between the existing fence and the cattle grid at the entrance to the Hall to prevent ponies from trying to access the parking area.

174./15 Correspondence.

1. Latchmore Wetland Restoration Project – An email from Mr Ben Miller of Landuse advising of a report summarising all the feedback from the recent consultation and stating that that the planning application for the Latchmore Wetland Restoration Project will now be submitted early 2016.
2. Hampshire Association of Local Councils – An email from Michelle Leadbetter advising of the new Audit process following the abolition of the Audit Commission. The Clerk will be speaking to the Internal Auditors next week about what the Parish Council needs to do.
3. Fordingbridge Town Council – An email from Mrs Debbie Vine advising of the next visit of the Parish Lengthsman as Monday 18th January 2016.
4. New Forest District Council – An email enclosing a link to the Council's Homestart Magazine.
5. New Forest National Park Authority – An emailed letter from Mr Paul Hocking acknowledging the Parish Council's report of the work to Highfield, Blissford Road and stating that the matter will be investigated by Ms Lucie Cooper.

6. New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Ms Lisa Crouch advising of a course entitled Traditional Building Skills Course for Homeowners and asking councillors to pass on the information to homeowners of traditional buildings within all conservation areas of the New Forest National Park.
7. Hampshire County Council – An email from Mr Neil Massie, Principal Planning Officer Strategic Planning, including a link to a document entitled ‘Neighbourhood Planning in Hampshire’.
8. HARAHA – An email from Mr Javed Ditta enclosing the December Newsletter.
9. New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Ms Liz Beckett, Tree Officer, advising the exempt tree work to be carried out at Sandy Balls.
10. New Forest District Council – An email from Cllr Sophie Beeton Portfolio Holder for the Environment regarding the campaign recently launched entitled ‘Clean for the Queen’ which is being held over the weekend of 4-6 March 2016.
11. New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Ms Debbie Copping advising of the date of the next NW Quadrant meeting as Monday 25th January 2016 at 7 pm at Fordingbridge Town Hall.
12. New Forest Association of Local Councils – An email from Mr Graham Flexman enclosing the Agenda pack for the meeting being held at Appletree Court on 7 pm on Thursday 14th January 2016.
13. Wyg – An email from Ms Tansy Bristow providing an update to the submission of the planning application for the proposed closure and restoration of Pound Bottom Landfill. It states further that the planning application will be completed in draft in the next few weeks. They will then hold final review with the National Park Authority before submission. Given a 13 week determination period, they would expect a decision on the application by around May 2016.
14. New Forest National Park Authority – A letter from Mr Steve Avery advising that the planning application for Croadene is to be considered by the NPA at a meeting of the Development Control Committee on Tuesday 19th January 2016 at 9.30 am.
15. New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Ms Vicki Gibbon advising that there will be a meeting of the New Forest National Park Authority at 9.30 am on Thursday 21st January 2016 at Lymington Town Hall.

175./15 Any Other Business:

Highway works: The Clerk was asked to report damage to the culvert within the highway beside Mossbank in Newgrounds and to chase up the installation of the Speed Indicator Device with New Forest District Council.

176./15 Next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th February 2016.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.