

MINUTES

09.02.2016

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 9th February 2016 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk
Seven members of the public.
District Cllr Dow
County Cllr Heron

177./15 Apologies: None.

178./15 Declarations of Interest: No declarations of interest were received.

179./15 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2015: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Thomas seconded and it was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

180./15 Matters arising from the Minutes:

171./15 New Website: The Chairman advised that the new website was now formally live and TLC Online was in the process of closing the old website. The Clerk had informed Google and New Forest District Council of the website change and as the old one is closed, the new website would be visible on Google. The Clerk had also informed all residents to whom she sends an agenda each month. There were also links on the website to information for Lyme Disease and Deer Incidents. The Chairman thanked the Clerk and Mr Paul Cornish for all the work they had done on the new website.

173./15 Village Hall Committee: Request for wooden barrier beside Cattle Grid: The Chairman advised that the Lengthsman had cleared the layby but was unable to construct the wooden barrier on his visit in January. However, the Clerk was liaising with Fordingbridge Town Council for the Lengthsman to do the work on a free day in the near future on which another parish council had no allocated work for him to do.

144./15 Sandy Balls: The Chairman advised that the Clerk had received a response from Hayley Quinn regarding documentation. She had said that she was happy to share any information requested by the Parish should it have anything specific it wished to discuss and review with Sandy Balls and that the Licence was within the public domain. Ms Quinn also thanked the Council for its recommendation that Sandy Balls make information on Lyme Disease available to its residents.

174./15 Correspondence: Clean for the Queen: The Chairman advised that the Clerk had contacted Mrs Boyd who had advised that 4-6th March was too early for the Annual Litter Pick and she was proposing to do it on either 3rd or 10th April.

155./15 Chapel Field Footpath: The Chairman advised that the Clerk had spoken to Mr John Cartwright, Senior Countryside Access Officer, who would write to the landowner with the details contained in her letter advising them of the risk of keeping animals in a field who were a

threat to the public using the footpath and the fact that following any future incident, they may be liable.

175./15 (a) Highway works: The Chairman advised that the Clerk had reported the potholes at the pinchpoint twice and the damage to the culvert in Newgrounds. Mr Bob Browne of Hampshire County Council had been on site to see the damage to the culvert within the highway beside Mossbank.

(b) Speed Indicator Device: The Chairman advised that the Clerk had chased up the SID only to find out from New Forest District Council that the police had refused a SID in the location of Southampton Road. The Chairman advised further that he had written to the officer stating that the speed limit was now 30 mph and asked that the police redo the assessment.

47./15 Internal Audit: The Chairman advised that the Half Year Internal Audit had been carried out on 20th January and no issues at all had been raised by the Internal Audit, Mr Tim Light of Fair Account.

158./15 Light Aircraft: Cllr Cakebread advised that she had tried to raise the issue at the last meeting of the North West Quadrant meeting. However, it was to be added to the next agenda. She asked the Parish Council should persist in ensuring that the tranquil areas of the park are restored to being tranquil rather than be overflown by pleasure craft. The Clerk was asked to alert the neighbouring parishes to the Council's concerns and to seek their support.

Cllr Heron reported that there had been an issue with overflying aircraft in the Avon Valley, particularly over the lakes. However, he said that there was a clear government directive which stated that economic growth would override all local designations and change was to be achieved through local voluntary agreements rather than through legislation.

181./15 To receive reports from C/Cllr Edward Heron and D/Cllr Bill Dow:

Cllr Heron reported on the recent Hampshire County Council budget discussions and confirmed that the County Council would receive £75 million less in funding than it was expecting to receive from central government so there would need to be significant changes made to services. He said that the County Council would be holding a series of consultations with residents in the next few months for changes to services in 2017/18 as all monies for services had been allocated for 2016/17. These were likely to be on school transport, bus services and on charges for the household waste recycling centres.

Following a question from Cllr Draper regarding any progress on chasing up the broadband issue, Cllr Heron said he had not received responses to his emails to BT and wondered whether the next step was to write to Mr Desmond Swayne MP. He also reported that the patience of the government with BT Openreach had been tested and the awarding of the contract for the last 5 percent of properties and premises without superfast broadband had been taken off the table and the government was looking at alternative ways of providing the service.

Cllr Lintonbon advised that he was being charged for fibre to his house which was evidence to show that the cabinet beside the Village Hall had been fibre enabled.

Cllr Dow said he had nothing to report.

182./15 Litter Warden Update: In Mrs Boyd's absence, no report was received.

183./15 Public Forum:

Cllr Williams raised a concern on behalf of residents living in Street Farmhouse regarding the trespass by holidaymakers from Sandy Balls onto their land to see their horses. They were also concerned by fairy lights attached to the exterior of caravans within Sandy Balls which had

caused distress to their horses. The Clerk was asked to contact Sandy Balls to alert them to the concerns and to ask them address them.

184./15 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Application No. 16/00038

Lodgemoor, Southampton Road, Godshill – Single storey extensions – 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 proposed design would enhance the impact of the property on the character and appearance of the conservation area and there would be no impact on the amenities of the neighbouring properties.

Application No CONS/16/0069

Wayside, Southampton Road, Godshill - Prune 4 x Oak trees – Following a brief report from Cllr Thomas, he proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was resolved that the Parish Council should raise no objection to the application.

185./15 To consider and resolve to approve a response to the NFNPA Safety Advisory Group consultation on the Red Skye Cycle Tours Spring Sportive 2016 on 24 April 2016:

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Cakebread second and it was resolved that the Parish Council would not comment on the consultation.

186./15 To consider a proposal from Cllr Fell to invite an officer from the New Forest National Park Authority to provide the Parish Council with guidance on planning policy and strategy: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Draper seconded at it was resolved that the Clerk should write to Mr Steve Avery to advise him that the Parish Council wishes to invite an officer to attend a future meeting.

187./15 To consider a proposal from Cllr Cakebread for the Clerk to write to owners of identified overgrown hedges which affect access to footpaths and highways in advance of the bird nesting season: Following a brief discussion, the Clerk was asked to write to Blissford Pool to request that they cut back their long hedge which impacted on vehicles driving in Blissford Road.

188./15 To consider the written response from Ms Lucie Cooper following Cllr Cakebread and the Clerk's meeting with her in November regarding the issues raised about the compliance of Sandy Balls Holiday Centre and to resolve to agree on any further actions to be taken: A lengthy discussion was held on the issues on which Cllr Cakebread felt the Enforcement Officer had not provided a satisfactory response in view of the concerns raised by residents, particularly the use of Cornfield, the use of the Activities Field and the use of Mere Hay. She also said that the Farmhouse was being used by Sandy Balls but this property was restricted to residential use.

Following advice from Cllr Heron, the Clerk agreed to draft a further letter in response.

189./15 To resolve to approve the following payment:

£100 – Fair Account for Internal Audit services.

£250 – Mrs Sara Boyd for her services as the Parish Litter Warden.

£30 – Advanced monies to the Clerk, Mrs B Cornish, for Village Hall heating via a meter.

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

190./15 In compliance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, to consider and resolve to approve that Godshill Parish Council should 'opt in' to the Sector Led Body for audit procurement from 2017: Following an explanation given by the Clerk, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was resolved that the Parish Council should 'opt in' to the Sector Led Body.

191./15 Finance & Policy:

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

| | £ | Cheque No. |
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| Fair Account - Internal Audit services | 100.00 | 100459 |
| Mrs Sara Boyd - Parish Litter Warden payment | 250.00 | 100460 |
| B Cornish – Village Hall Heating | 30.00 | 100461 |
| B Cornish – February Salary | 310.33 | 100457 |

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 09.02.16:

Current Account: £13,494.06 Deposit Account: £579.13

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

192./15 Outside Bodies And Representation:

North West Quadrant: Cllr Cakebread gave a detailed report on a recent meeting at which there had been discussions on the Local Plan Review, new cycle routes and the issue of lobbying Highways England to provide a sign on the M27 at Cadnam to notify HGV drivers of the 7.5 tonne zone. She also said that the NPA would be holding a workshop in July on habitat protection whilst building or extending houses.

New Forest Association of Local Councils: The Clerk gave a brief report on a recent meeting at which there had been a presentation on the Local Plan review for New Forest District which advised that District would need to provide around 12,000 by 2036, up from 2,800 in the current plan. She said there had also been a discussion on Neighbourhood Planning and a briefing from the new Chief Executive of the District Council, Bob Jackson, on the financial challenges ahead and notification of the senior officers who had recently left the District Council.

Broadband: Cllr Lintonbon gave a detailed report on the progress of the installation of superfast broadband for the remaining properties in the parish. He said Hyde PC had been backing a private initiative to implement superfast broadband across Hyde, Frogham, North Gorley and Blistford Hill part of Godshill. Their strategy was not to give the individual area costs which would have meant a low charge for some areas and higher for others. Instead they gave a group cost and asked for pledges to spread this across all properties which would have been in the region of £380 per house. They did not manage to get pledges to that value so were looking at ways to raise additional funds. In the meantime, under the HCC/BDUK, [Hampshire County Council/Broadband Delivery UK] delivery, OpenReach was to take fibre to North Gorley which takes 3 groups out of the Hyde scheme. As these were amongst the easier to provide for, he believed the cost of the remaining residents would increase, making the funding task harder. He said Hyde was currently looking at its options.

He explained the problems which the Parish Council would encounter if it tried to replicate Hyde's plans especially as 20 lines in the cabinet beside the Village Hall had already been enabled by OpenReach connecting them to the fibre enabled cabinet near Sandy Balls. He said

the best action for Godshill Parish Council was to continue to put pressure on Hampshire County Council to upgrade the village in its entirety under their existing broadband upgrade but so far the County Council had not committed anything as the upgrade was covered by Sandy Balls.

193./15 Correspondence.

1. New Forest District Council – An email from Carol Toms advising that A Plant Lux have requested a temporary road closure at Woodgreen Road (the length of C211 Woodgreen Road near Fordingbridge between its junction with C71 Woodgreen Road Woodgreen and its junction with B3078 Southampton Road, Fordingbridge), from Monday 18th April 2016 for a likely maximum duration of two weeks, between 0930hrs and 1530hrs on each day, in order to carry out B.T. Openreach works to an overhead structure.
2. New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Ms Lisa Crouch advising that the next meeting of the Western Escarpment Steering Group will be on Monday 7th March at 7 pm.
3. New Forest National Park Authority – An email advising that the next meeting of the Consultative Panel will be held on Thursday 3 March at 7.30pm in Lyndhurst Community Centre.
4. Ms Angela Peters – An email advising of her new role as Restoration of Lost Landscapes Officer. She is now delivering two of the new Heritage Lottery Funded Landscape partnership projects, namely Better Boundaries and Nature's Stepping Stones which run for three years. Fordingbridge District & Day Centre – An email from Mrs Maureen Houghton expressing thanks on behalf of the Day Centre for the grant given by the Parish Council.
5. Forestry Commission – An email from Mr John Stride, Planning & Environment Manager, advising of New Forest Inclosures – Forest Design Plan 2016 – Consultation Event on Tuesday 22nd March 2016 at a New Forest hotel venue to be confirmed.
6. An invitation to attend a County Service to Celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday On Sunday 24 April 2016 at 3.30pm in Winchester Cathedral and afterwards to a reception in the Inner Close.

194./15 Any Other Business:

Burley Parish Council Freedom of Information Letter re: Harvestslade Bottom Wetland Restoration Works: Cllr Draper advised that he had circulated the letter for members to consider in advance of the Parish Council's consideration of the imminent planning application for Latchmore.

195./15 Next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March 2016.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.08 pm.