

MINUTES

08.03.2016

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 8th March 2016 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Draper - Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Fell

Cllr Lintonbon

Cllr Williams

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Nine members of the public.

County Cllr Heron

196./15 Apologies: Cllr Thomas and District Cllr Dow, both due to illness.

197./15 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Cakebread declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in planning application number 16/00034.

Cllr Draper declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Minutes 205./15 and 206./15 and did not speak or vote when they were discussed.

198./15 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th February 2016: Cllr Lintonbon proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

199./15 Matters arising from the Minutes:

175./15 Speed Indicator Device: . The Chairman reported that he had asked the officer at New Forest District Council to ask the Police to re-asses Southampton Road bearing in mind the speed limit had changed to 30 mph and when the last assessment was done the speed limit had been 40 mph. He had also asked that the Police identify a suitable alternative location for the SID if they did not give their approval to one being installed in the previously requested position in Southampton Road.

158./15 Light Aircraft: Cllr Draper reported that the Clerk had written to the clerks of neighbouring parishes. The Hyde clerk would be raising it with her parish on Wednesday 9th March. Cllr Cakebread advised that the New Forest Association was now interested in gathering data and would appreciate the support of volunteers who could offer their time to identify and log aircraft.

183./15 Public Forum: Sandy Balls: Cllr Draper reported that the Clerk had spoken to Ms Hayley Quinn regarding the fairy lights on caravans which affected the horses at the rear of Street Farmhouse. Following a request for further information, Cllr Williams had agreed to speak to the resident whose concerns had instigated the Clerk's call.

186./15 Planning policy and strategy training: Cllr Draper reported that the Clerk had written to and telephoned Mr Steve Avery. He had not responded but the parish had been circulated into an email advising of several training sessions being held on 12th April, 16th June 20th September and 13th December all from 2-4 pm at Lyndhurst Community Centre. Cllr Draper commented that he would prefer an officer to attend a future meeting as it was unlikely that all councillors would be able to attend an afternoon training session.

200./15 To receive reports from C/Cllr Edward Heron: Cllr Heron said he had nothing specific to report other than the fact that Hampshire County Council's council tax was to increase by 3.99% with 2% ring-fenced for social care. He also reported that the local government grant was to be reduced by £48 million for 2016/17 and whilst the County Council had reserves, these would be eaten up in one year to cover the shortfall. As a result, the County Council was reviewing its children services and waste services with some of the Children's Centres having to close and charges being made for certain types of waste.

Cllr Fell queried whether there would be an increase in fly tipping if the household waste centre opening hours were reduced. Cllr Heron said that they may for a month or two but most people who go to the household waste centres were not likely to fly tip their waste and return when it was open.

Cllr Draper raised the issue of broadband again. Following a brief discussion and confirmation from Cllr Heron that he had received no response to his emails to BT Openreach, Cllr Heron recommended, and the Clerk agreed, that the Council should write to inform Ofcom.

201./15 Litter Warden Update: Mrs Boyd advised that the Annual Litter Pick would be held on Sunday 10th April. She said she would be dropping leaflets through residents' doors and would send one to the Clerk so that it could be added to the Parish Council's website.

202./15 Public Forum:

A member of the public advised that Sandy Balls had erected a number of tall Safari type tents in Northfield. The Clerk agreed to call Sandy Balls to seek clarification on whether the tents required planning permission.

Cllr Draper proposed from the chair that the meeting should remain open to the public whilst the planning applications were being debated to enable the applicants to respond to questions from councillors.

203./15 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Application No. 16/00034

Land at Street Acre, Southampton Road, Godshill – Creation of manege:

Cllr Cakebread gave a detailed report on the planning application. Mr and Mrs Chamberlain responded to questions from members regarding the use of the manege which was to exercise and train their horses outside of full-time work hours with which they entered local competitions.

Ms Tracy Cooper spoke in strong objection to the application which activities she said would greatly impact on her parents' property due to the manege's proximity to it. She asked that it be sited closer to the applicants' property.

Following a brief discussion and guidance from Cllr Heron, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was resolved that Godshill Parish Council should accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers for this application.

The Clerk was also asked to advise the NFNPA that the Cooper family, who live at Breach Acre, and are the closest neighbours to Street Acre, raised their strong objection to the application at the Parish Council meeting due to its impact on the amenity of their property which would be 55 metres from the manege. In view of this, the Parish Council requests that conditions be placed on any approval as follows:

- that the manege is to be used only by the residents of the property and not for commercial purposes;
- that the manege is to be used only by horses residing at the property.

Application No. 16/00067

Blissford Gate, Blissford Road, Blissford - Single storey extensions; roof alterations including raising ridge height; external alterations:

Following a brief report from Cllr Fell, he proposed, Cllr Draper seconded and it was resolved to recommend permission for this application subject to satisfactory resolution of the outstanding issues regarding the floorspace limits and protected species. The grounds for approval are that the proposal would not affect the amenity of neighbouring properties and would enhance the Conservation Area.

Application No. 16/00085

Highfield, Blissford Road, Blissford – Completion of building to provide residential accommodation:

Cllr Draper gave a brief report on the background to and details of the planning application which he said was against policy. He said Ms Birch looked after her 15 year old severely disabled son.

Ms Birch responded to questions from members and from Cllr Heron. She said that she received no support from Social Services and just had to get on with it. Following a request from Cllr Heron for her contact details so that he could take her case up with officers, she agreed that the Clerk could send them to him. A member of the public said that she should make contact with Hampshire County Council to have an assessment of her needs carried out.

Ms Birch also said that although she could manage her son by herself and he had only been looked after by family, sometimes she had to go out so it would be really good to have her daughter on site.

Following questions from Cllr Cakebread regarding the previous application submitted in 2012 and the need for a three bedroom dwelling, Ms Birch said that her other daughter, who also lived on site, had never been in a position to help with care as she was at college and subsequently at work, so any statement to the effect that she would help with any care was completely misleading. Ms Birch also said that the building replaced an old derelict building which was more permanent as it was made of concrete and was used previously as a vegetable store.

Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was resolved, with two abstentions from Cllrs Cakebread and Fell, that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for this application, aware that it is contrary to planning policy, on the following grounds:

- Members considered that this was a special case in view of the exceptional circumstances;
- the applicant's statement at the meeting that she received no support from the Council to assist her in the care of her severely disabled son for whom she has to provide 24 hour care and therefore requires her daughter's assistance as an additional carer;
- the applicant has advised that the building replaces a previous permanent building now removed from the site.
- the site is hidden from view.

Application No. CONS/16/0161

Mayfield House, Blissford Road, Blissford - Fell 2 x Oak trees Fell 2 x Sycamore trees.

Following a brief report from Cllr Williams, she proposed, Cllr Draper seconded and it was resolved that no objection be raised to the application.

204./15 To consider and resolve to approve a response to the NFNPA Safety Advisory Group consultation on the Wiggle New Forest Spring Sportive on 9th and 10th April 2016 starting at the Somerley Estate:

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was resolved that the Parish Council should submit a comment stating that more temporary toilets should be provided at the refreshment stops.

205./15 To resolve to approve the following payments:

£164.72 – Mrs B Cornish – For annual Home working allowance, Phone, Broadband, website fees for 1&1, postage and travel to Winchester & two NFALC meetings at Lyndhurst & Hythe.
£15.00 – Cllr Draper – For refreshments for the December meeting.
£100.43 – Viking for ink cartridges and stationery.
£206.00 - Godshill Village Hall – Annual Hire costs

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

206./15 Finance & Policy:

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

	£	Cheque No.
B Cornish - Expenses	164.72	100463
Cllr Draper – Expenses	15.00	100464
Viking - Stationery including Ink cartridges	100.43	100465
Godshill Village Hall - Annual Hall hire	206.00	100466
B Cornish – March Salary	310.33	100467

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 08.03.16:

Current Account: £12,122.53 Deposit Account: £579.13

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

207./15 To consider and resolve to approve Fair Account as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for 2016/17:

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

208./15 Outside Bodies And Representation:

Western Escarpment Conservation Area Steering Group: In Cllr Thomas's absence, this report was deferred to the next meeting.

New Forest Consultative Panel: Cllr Cakebread advised that she had been unable to attend and so would circulate the minutes once they had been received.

Village Hall Committee: Cllr Williams said that she did not have anything in particular to report other than the fact that the ceiling of the hall was being painted over the course of the next week.

209./15 Correspondence.

1. Hampshire & IOW Air Ambulance and New Forest Disability – Letters of thanks for the Parish Council's grants.
2. Community First New Forest – A letter advising of the work it does and the growing crisis of homelessness as well as their need for volunteer hosts.
3. Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society – March edition of Waymark.
4. Fordingbridge Town Council – A confirmation from Mrs Debbie Vine, Deputy Town Clerk that the Parish Council's account had been charged £75 for the work done by the Lengthsman to the layby beside the Fighting Cocks.
5. New Forest District Council – An email from Ms Donna Langfield advising of the Chairman's Charity Dinner Dance on Saturday 2nd April 2016 at the Balmer Lawn Hotel, Brockenhurst.
6. Rotary Club of Fordingbridge – An email from Mrs Sue Herd advising of this year's Citizen of the Year 2016 and asking that parishes nominate an appropriate resident.
7. New Forest District Council – An email from Ms Melanie Stephens advising of Hampshire County Council's consultation document "Shaping Hampshire" which deals with proposals for developing a new Family Support Service. It is available at: <http://documents.hants.gov.uk/corporate/childrensconsultationdocument.pdf>. The deadline for a response is 3 May 2016.

210./15 Any Other Business:

Newsletter: The Clerk advised that she would be compiling a newsletter for approval at the next meeting for distribution with the Village Hall Newsletter in mid-April and asked members to contact her if they had any suggestions for articles to be included.

100th Birthday: Following a report from Cllr Draper that the parish's oldest resident would be celebrating her 100th Birthday on Monday 4th April 2016, the Clerk agreed to deliver a card and letter with good wishes from the Council to Mrs Nora May.

211./15 Next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th April 2016.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.12 pm.