

MINUTES

10.01.2017

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 10th January 2017 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Draper - Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Fell

Cllr Lintonbon

Cllr Pomphrey

Cllr Thomas

Cllr Williams

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Five members of the public.

Public Session: Mr Graham Parker expressed his concern about the unsightly piles of soil which appear to have been dumped on the road at the entrances to Godshill Inclosure and elsewhere. He said that the action was ineffectual because cars, which would have parked previously on the road, were now parking on the verge beyond the entrance causing more damage. He also said that he thought the action was rather mean-spirited of the Forestry Commission.

Cllr Thomas said that this had been considered at the Western Escarpment Conservation Steering Group and it was part of a project to protect the verges. Work was agreed to reinstate the verges from Telegraph Hill to the entrance to Pound Bottom in Godshill parish but this was yet to be done.

Ms Tracy Cooper expressed concern about the restricted access through School Lane to her property as a result of a raised bed being built beyond the boundary and recently constructed brick wall of Lampton Lodge by the owner.

Cllr Williams said that she would carry out a site visit of School Lane and would speak to the owner of Lampton Lodge.

Litter Warden: Cllr Draper advised that Mrs Boyd had been unwell and was not able to attend the meeting. He wished her well on behalf of the Parish Council and said that Mr John Boyd was very kindly continuing to empty the litter bins and collect litter.

129.16 To receive apologies for absence: The Chairman advised that apologies had been received from Cllr Bill Dow and Cllr Edward Heron.

130.16 To resolve to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 13th December 2016: Cllr Lintonbon proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2016 be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

131.16 Declarations of Interest:

- a. **To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers:**

Cllr Draper declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in planning application 16/01003 and said he would not be voting when it was considered.

Cllr Williams declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in planning application

- b. **To consider any Dispensation Requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered:** No dispensation requests had been received.

132.16 To resolve to note Clerk's Report providing information on recent issues and work completed: Cllr Draper proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the following report be noted:

19.16: Pitts Wood Bridge: The Clerk had emailed Mr Bruce Rothnie at the Forestry Commission this time asking whether the Parish Council applying for a grant through the Small Grants Scheme at Hampshire County Council will assist with the funding of a project to install a footbridge. His response contained his sincere apologies for not responding sooner and said that he had asked Mr Richard Burke to respond to the Council on his behalf. This had not yet been received.

78.16: Summer Campsites: The Clerk had spoken to Lucy Cooper and had made her aware of the change of ownership of Sandy Balls. The Clerk will contact her again in February and she would be contacting Sandy Balls once the new owners had had some time to settle in. She also gleaned the following information from the conversation:

Sandy Balls: Lucy Cooper said that she had made Sandy Balls aware of the requirement not to use the Activities Field and Mere Hay but the 28 Day Use of the Activities Field would be back to zero again with the start of a new year.

Tom's Field: With regard to the additional days' use of Tom's Field, she said that the additional days listed did not constitute a 'material use' and it was not expedient to take any action. She said she would monitor the bookings and record the days for 2017 and they would not be able to apply for an extension of days for ten years and if they did, it may not be granted. However, she was aware that it was frustrating for the Council that no action could be taken.

108.16: Speed Limit Repeater sign: This was due to be deployed on 9th January for 4 weeks but there had been a technical issue regarding telegraph poles. The Clerk will arrange a site visit to determine a new location.

133.16 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

At this point in the meeting Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that standing orders be suspended and the meeting be opened to allow a member of the public to speak.

Mr John Freeman spoke in support of the application submitted by Mrs Joanna Freeman and responded to questions from Councillors. He explained the plans for the Barn and the demolition of the mobile home as well as giving information on the complex nature of the historic planning permissions for the Barn.

Application No. 16/01003 The Barn, Newgrounds, Godshill - Dwelling; demolition of existing barn; removal of existing mobile home: A detailed report was given by Cllr Fell in which he stated that it was an extremely complex case and suggested that the applicant seek legal advice. Following a further brief discussion, he proposed, Cllr Thomas seconded and it was RESOLVED, with one abstention from Cllr Draper, that Godshill Parish Council should recommend Option 5 – ‘Happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority’s Officers under their delegated powers’ as members were not able to investigate the full planning history of the site.

Application No. 16/01001 Armsley Lodge, Castle Hill, Godshill Wood - Single storey rear extension; relocation of porch; infill existing porch; cladding; 1no rooflight: Following a brief report from Cllr Draper, he proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for the application on the grounds that the proposed work would enhance the appearance and amenity of the property and the natural environment within the conservation area.

134.16 To consider an application Ref: LICPR/16/08084 from Cypress Log Cabins, Southampton Road, Godshill, for a Premises Licence (S17) under the Licensing Act 2003: To permit sales of alcohol on the premises, Monday to Sunday, 11:00hrs to 23:00hrs. Opening hours 00:00hrs to 00:00hrs: Cllr Draper informed councillors that he had received representations to the Parish Council from two sets of neighbours regarding the application. Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should raise objection to this application on the grounds of an infringement of one of the licensing objectives, that being ‘prevention of public nuisance’. The Clerk was also asked to advise the Licensing Authority that the Parish Council was concerned about a further increase to the noise and disturbance already generated from the property during the day and into the late evening which, when raised with the applicants by neighbours, has been frequently ignored. This property was located within a residential area and members wished to point out that there are two licensed premises within only a few hundred yards.

135.16 To consider a proposal from Cllr Fell to raise the Parish Council’s concerns with the Forestry Commission and New Forest National Park Authority about the detrimental effects on the verges of the recent ‘ditching works’ carried out to the parking areas adjacent to Godshill Inclosure in Woodgreen Drove: Following a brief report from Cllr Fell and taking account of the comments made during the public session, he proposed, Cllr Draper seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact the Forestry Commission to express the Parish Council’s concerns about the unsightly nature of the works and the fact that they were already proving to be ineffective.

136.16 To consider and resolve to agree on a response to the email and letter from the New Forest Association expressing a wish to work more closely with Godshill Parish Council during 2017 on issues concerning the protection of the New Forest: Following a suggestion from the Clerk, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Chairman be invited to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting of the Council in April so that councillors and residents could learn more about the work of the New Forest Association.

137.16 Finance and Policy:

a. To resolve to approve the payment of the Accounts: Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:

	£	Cheque No.
Fordingbridge & District Day Centre - Section 137 Payment	150.00	100500
New Forest Disability Info Service - Section 137 Payment	50.00	100501
Hants & IOW Air Ambulance - Section 137 Payment	150.00	100502
Fordingbridge Community First Responders – Section 137	150.00	100503
B Cornish – January Salary	313.40	100504
HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE for Oct, Nov, Dec	235.20	100505

b. To resolve to approve the Bank balances – Cheque and Reserve Accounts: Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was resolved that the following balances be approved:

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 10.01.17:

Current Account: £13,830.93 Deposit Account: £579.62

138.16 Outside Bodies and Representation:

NFNPA Development Control Committee: Cllr Cakebread gave a brief report on the recent meeting to determine the application for Paysanne, Godshill Wood. She said that the Committee had not been interested in taking into account any of the issues raised by the Parish Council and neighbours and the application was approved.

139.16 To resolve to note the Correspondence received: Cllr Draper proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted:

1. New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Ms Debbie Copping advising of the next NW Quadrant Meeting on 30 January 2017 at 7pm in Fordingbridge Town Hall.
2. New Forest National Park Authority – An email advising that the application for Highfield will be heard at the Development Control Committee on Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 9.30 pm at Lymington Town Hall.
3. Hampshire County Council – The December Access Hampshire Newsletter.
4. Mr Michael Lane, Police and Crime Commissioner – An email advising that he will be holding several conferences entitled *Rural Communities Matter* across the Hampshire Constabulary area. The aim is to give those who live and work in rural communities the opportunity to give their views on rural crime and to help set future rural priorities. These will eventually form part of a new and updated Rural Strategy. The nearest conference will be held at New Forest Outdoor Centre in Minstead, on 11 February 2017.
5. New Forest District Council – An email from Ms Donna Langfield providing details of the Chairman’s Ball at Hoburne Bashley on Saturday 11th February 2017.
6. New Forest Association of Local Councils – An email from Mr Graham Flexman attaching the Agenda for the meeting on Thursday 19th January 2017 at 7 pm at Appletree Court in Lyndhurst.

140.16 Any Other Business:

Sandy Balls Holiday Centre: The Clerk was asked to make contact with the new owners with a view to setting up a meeting and advising them of the Parish Council’s keenness to establish a good working relationship with them.

141.16 Next meeting: Cllr Draper confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 14th February 2017.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.58 pm.

Members of the Council considered the foregoing in the matters in consideration of their duties: Equal Opportunities, (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, and Human Rights.