

MINUTES

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GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 14th February 2017 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Lintonbon – Acting Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Fell

Cllr Pomphrey

Cllr Williams

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Ten members of the public.

Public Session:

Mr LeRiche said he had been unable to attend the last meeting and asked for the details of the Parish Council's response to his application for a Premises Licence. Cllr Lintonbon advised him that the resolution taken by the Parish Council was to object on the grounds of 'prevention of public nuisance' following concerns raised with the Parish Council by residents.

In response to Mr LeRiche's question about whether more than one neighbour had contacted the Parish Council and their names, the Clerk confirmed that more than one neighbour had raised concerns but she was unable to advise them of their names because it would be in contravention of the Data Protection Act and they had requested specifically that their names should not be disclosed.

Mr John Boyd spoke in strong objection to the Premises Licence and asked whether any councillor would be attending the forthcoming Hearing of the Licensing Sub-Committee at New Forest District Council. He said he had heard that Cypress Log Cabins was to become wedding reception venue.

Mr Le Riche confirmed that there were no plans for Cypress Log Cabins to become a wedding venue and would continue only to be available to a maximum of 8 guests and asked for his statement to be minuted by the Clerk.

A member of the public spoke in strong objection to the ditching works which had been carried out by the Forestry Commission.

Mr Hugh Edwards commented that the work done at Castle Hill had been very effective in stopping joy riders causing further damage to the verges. Mr Edwards also said that he was concerned by the positioning of large stones on a verge beside Atchin-Tan in Woodgreen Road which could cause damage to cars pulling in to allow larger on-coming vehicles to pass.

Ms Tracy Cooper asked whether any progress had been made with regard to the removal of the raised bed in School Lane. The Clerk advised that she had notified Ms Deborah Slade and Ms Lucie Cooper at the National Park Authority seeking clarification on whether the work carried out at Lampton Lodge had been compliant with the conditions set out in the Decision Notice for the two planning applications.

Signed by Chairman

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A member of the public raised the following concerns about Sandy Balls which made living nearby increasingly intolerable:

- The site is getting busier and busier and even in February there is an issue with parking when visitors arrive;
- Loud amplified music in the courtyard at 9 am on a Saturday morning and BBQs;
- Unacceptable lighting at the entrance and frequent banners which advertise gym membership and job vacancies;
- The state of Street Farm as a waste collecting site which as far as they could remember from more than 2 years ago, Sandy Balls was given 2 years to clear it.

County Cllr Edward Heron: Cllr Heron gave a brief report on recent issues and advised that Hampshire County Council's budget was likely to increase by 4.99% for 2018/19 to take account of the permitted increase of 3% for adult social care. He said the County Council had reduced its budget by £240 million over recent years and over the next 5 years a solution would need to be found for the funding of adult social care in the longer term.

Cllr Heron also raised the issue of recent Animal Deaths on the B3078 and said a point had been reached whereby it was time to consider Average Speed Cameras on the route from Cadnam to Godshill. He explained the process for seeking permission for them from the Secretary of State for Transport, explained that the cameras were now more sophisticated and available with solar power than when previously considered and asked that the Parish Council give him its formal view on their installation at its next meeting.

With regard to the ditching project, he said he had not seen the alterations himself but said that any accidents or damage caused by obstacles placed by residents within one metre of the highway would be the responsibility/liability of the resident.

With regard to disturbance by Sandy Balls, he asked that residents call the Environmental Health Officer at New Forest District Council and if they are not available, to leave a message on the answerphone. He said it was very important that any disturbance is recorded so that evidence can be built up for future action.

With regard to broadband, Cllr Heron said that BT had ploughed £8.5 million back into the Hampshire County Council broadband project and four new cabinets had been approved for installation across the New Forest by the Verderers. He said it may be more effective for Godshill to explore the new technology via 4G and 5G rather than through the DSLAMS as this would be more effective for the houses located further than one kilometre from the DSLAM at the Village Hall which would not get good superfast broadband at that distance.

Litter Warden: Mrs Boyd reported that Cllr Fell's signs saying 'there's no such thing as the dog poo fairy' had proved very effective with regard to the littering of dog poo bags and as a consequence the prevalence of dog poo bags in the litter collection had reduced by 70 percent. She also proposed that the Annual Litter Pick be carried out on Sunday 2nd April 2017 from 10 am.

142.16 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Lintonbon advised that apologies had been received from the Chairman of the Council, Cllr Draper, due to family illness, Cllr Thomas due to a hospital appointment and also from District Cllr Bill Dow due to illness.

143.16 To resolve to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2016: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2017 be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

144.16 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:**

No declarations of interest were received.

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

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

19.16 Pitts Wood Bridge: The Clerk has received an email from Richard Burke confirming that he will be responding to the Parish Council's letter once he has spoken to the Ecologist.

38.16: Internal Audit: Fair Account carried out the 3/4 year internal audit on 18th January 2017 and raised no issues.

108.16: Speed Limit Repeater sign: Swan Gan-Marsh at New Forest District Council had confirmed that separate poles would need to be installed and had sent a map asking for confirmation of the location of the poles.

February/Public Session:

Ditching Works: The Clerk has been in contact with the Clerk at Woodgreen Parish Council which has held a meeting with a Verderer and with the Forestry Commission and agreed the following actions:

- (a) to re-open the Godshill Pit car park early and will be monitoring its use;
- (b) to remove all the brick rubble unearthed by the new ditches in the Godshill Inclosure drove road;
- (c) to make pedestrian crossing points to the ditching around Woodgreen Common; and
- (d) will fill in the ditches at the pedestrian and equestrian entrance just above the cemetery in the Godshill Inclosure drove road as early as possible and the Parish Council will monitor that these proposals are carried out.

The Forestry Commission are also looking at making some improvements in access to the main cycle track which runs from the Godshill Inclosure drove road to the keeper's cottage for horse riders, pedestrians and car owners and will report back to the council.

The Verge restoration works have also been completed from Telegraph Hill to Pound Bottom which have been planned for over a year.

School Lane: Following a meeting with Cllr Williams and the owner of Lampton Lodge, the Clerk passed the issue to Deborah Slade at New Forest NPA to establish whether the required plan for the landscaping and wall had been submitted as required by planning condition in the Decision Notice for the planning application.

136.16: New Forest Association invitation to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting: The Chairman, Mr Ward, was unavailable for the evening of 25th April but the Vice-Chair, Gale Gould, is delighted to attend to give a presentation on the Association.

140.16: Sandy Balls: The Clerk has been in touch with the PA to the Managing Director, Mr Carl Castledine, and he is very happy to meet with representatives of the Parish Council. She will call to arrange a meeting for when he is next in Godshill.

146.16 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Application No. CONS/17/0082 – Lane End Farmhouse, Purlieu Lane, Godshill – Prune 3 x Oak Trees: Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that the decision be left to the Tree Officer.

147.16 To consider and resolve to approve a statement to be made at the forthcoming hearing being conducted by the New Forest District Council’s Sub-Committee on Licensing to consider the 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 22:00hrs: Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Cakebread would check whether she was available to attend to speak on behalf of the Council and, if she was not, then the Clerk would send a letter repeating the concerns raised in the Council’s previous submission to the consultation.

148.16 To consider a request from Ms Gilly Jones, commoner, to raise no objection to the installation of Speed Limit Repeater signs on Roger Penny Way at no cost to the Parish Council for the purpose of reducing animal deaths: Following a brief discussion, Cllr Lintonbon proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that no objection be raised.

149.16 To resolve to approve the following payments:
£140 – Fair Account - three quarter year Internal Audit.
£375 – Mrs S Boyd - payment for her role as Litter Warden.

Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that the payments be approved.

150.16 Finance and Policy:

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

	£	Cheque No.
Fair Account - Internal Audit	140.00	100506
Mrs S Boyd - Litter Warden payment	375.00	100507
B Cornish – February Salary	313.60	100508

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

Current Account: £13,002.33 Deposit Account: £579.62

151.16 Outside Bodies and Representation:

NW Quadrant Meeting: Cllr Cakebread gave a detailed report on a recent meeting which she had attended with Cllr Pomphrey. She said that there had been a briefing on cycling by Mr Mark Holroyd and she advised that UK Cycling Events had been bought by Cycling Weekly, although Mr Martin Barden would still be running the events. She also said that there would be a discussion on drones at the next meeting as their use over and on crown land was illegal.

Superfast Broadband: Cllr Lintonbon provided the following update:

- The installation of a new cabinet by OpenReach would cost in the region of £18K.
- With 50 lines in the cabinet it would mean that each household would pay £360 each. If only 25 lines were used then it would cost each household £720.
- Of the remaining 30 phone lines not getting more than 8Mb, those more than 2 kilometres from a cabinet at the Village Hall, would not benefit from a speed increase if the cabinet was converted to fibre due to the distance. However, they would get a more reliable connection.
- It might be possible to reduce the cost based on taking the connection from the fibre enabled cabinet in Godshill rather than going back to Fordingbridge but OpenReach would not accept this when the question was raised.

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that before any further action was taken the Clerk should contact Sir Desmond Swayne MP to ask whether he has made any progress with BT following the Parish Council's correspondence with him of last summer.

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

1. Letters of thanks for Parish Council grants from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, Fordingbridge and District Day Centre and the New Forest Disability Information Service.
2. New Forest National Park Authority– An email from Ms Debbie Copping advising of a Planning Workshop on Enforcement will be held on 22 March 2017 at Lyndhurst Community Centre from 2pm to 4pm.
3. Mr Mark Bentinck – An email advising that he has written to the Forestry Commission requesting the restoration of the bridge at Pitts Wood and enclosing a copy of a response from Mr Gary North stating 'there are no plans to replace this culvert or provide a bridge as this was part of the stream restoration programme in that area. We would only provide this if there was an operational need for access but there isn't as there is access through Pitts Wood on the lower perimeter track to gain access to the same area'.
4. New Forest District Council – An email from Mr Paul Weston, Licensing Officer, advising that there will be a Licensing Panel Hearing on the Cypress Log Cabins application at 10 am on Thursday 23rd February at Lyndhurst.
5. Forestry Commission – An email from Ms Esta Mion advising that the Forestry Commission understands and respects the decision taken by the HLS Board on the Latchmore application it will now reflect on the impact of the decision on the threatened wetlands at Latchmore Brook and how it, along with other public bodies, will further our duty to enhance the special features of this nationally important Site of Special Scientific Interest and to meet Government targets for improvement of biodiversity.
6. New Forest Association of Local Councils – An email advising of a report on the cycling charter submitted to the NFNPA Full Council.
7. Hampshire Association of Local Councils – An email from Ms Susan Ramage advising of the Annual Conference on 22nd March at St Mary's Stadium, Southampton.
8. New Forest District Council – An email from Mr James Knight, Civil Contingencies and CCTV Manager Resources advising of Community Emergencies Workshop being held on 9th March 2017 at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst.

153.16 Any Other Business: No issues were raised.

154.16 Next meeting: Cllr Lintonbon confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 14th March 2017.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55 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.