

MINUTES

11.04.2017

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 11th April 2017 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Draper - Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Fell

Cllr Lintonbon

Cllr Pomphrey

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Twelve members of the public.

Public Session:

Eight members of the public advised the Parish Council and spoke in strong objection to the excessive amount of noise and disturbance caused by an outdoor music event held at Sandy Balls on Saturday 8th April. The view was that there were no senior staff present to be able to deal with their complaints and insufficient action was taken by junior staff who were not able to deal professionally and appropriately with residents' concerns.

Several members of the public had reported the disturbance to Environmental Health at New Forest District Council and one member of the public said that the Parish Council should put in place a robust plan to hold the management to account in taking action and dealing promptly and appropriately with issues raised by residents.

The Chairman advised that the Clerk also had raised the issue with New Forest District Council and he had raised the matter with Mr Michael Paul, the representative of Away Resorts which he and the Clerk had met at their recent meeting.

Cllr Bill Dow: Cllr Dow said he had nothing to report.

Litter Warden: Mrs Boyd said that 22 residents had helped with the Annual Litter Pick and fewer bags had been collected as the litter was reduced when compared to last year. Cllr Draper thanked Mrs Boyd for organising the event which he said was always well supported by residents.

172.16 To receive apologies for absence: The Clerk reported that an apology had been received from County Cllr Edward Heron following the birth of his baby daughter. In his absence, Cllr Draper offered Cllr Heron and his wife many congratulations on behalf of the Council.

173.16 To resolve to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2017: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2017 be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

174.16 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.

175.16 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 has not received any further update from Richard Burke regarding the installation of a bridge and has chased him for a response.

155.16 Parish Vacancy: The Clerk has received confirmation that no election was requested so the Parish Council could proceed to advertise the vacancy for co-option.

176.16 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Application No. CONS/17/0229- Blue Ridge, Broadhill Lane, Blissford - Prune 1 x Oak tree: Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the decision be left to the Tree Officer.

177.16 To consider and resolve to approve Fair Account as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for 2017/18: Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that Fair Account be appointed for 2017/18.

At this point in the meeting Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that standing orders be suspended and the meeting be opened for members of the public to speak.

Several residents expressed their strong concern about the work being carried out to the trees on the site of Paysanne which had not yet received permission from the National Park Authority.

Cllr Cakebread advised that she had raised the matter with Mr Paul Hocking of the National Park Authority who had advised that he would investigate the matter. She also said that Mr Nik Gruber, the Tree Officer, had clearly changed his mind from the first application for Paysanne, which was to insist on the retention and protection of the trees, and the second and she had tried to ascertain the reason for it but his reports had been removed from the NPA's website.

178.16 To receive a report from Cllr Cakebread following reports from residents of unpermitted work being carried out to several trees at Paysanne, Godshill Wood and to resolve to agree on any further action to be taken: Following a brief discussion, Cllr Draper proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Council should await a response from Mr Hocking before taking any further action.

179.16 To resolve to approve the following payments:

£221.00 - Godshill Village Hall - For Hall hire from April 2016 to March 2017.

£214.00 – Hampshire Association of Local Councils – For annual subscription.

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

180.16 Finance and Policy:

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

	£	Cheque No.
Godshill Village Hall – for Hall hire	210.00	100513
Hampshire Assoc of Local Councils – Annual subscription	214.00	100514
B Cornish – April salary	313.40	100515
HM Revenue & Customs – Clerk’s PAYE	235.00	100516

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

Current Account: £11,451.69 Deposit Account: £579.62

181.16 Outside Bodies and Representation:

Meeting to consider planning matters: Cllr Cakebread gave a report on a recent meeting with Mr Steve Avery of the National Park which she had attended with the Clerk at the invitation of Hyde Parish Council. She said the principal areas for discussion were approved designs which were regarded as out of keeping to the area in which they were located and she said she had raised the matter of the lack of enforcement of the landscape conditions in the Decision Notices for planning applications.

NW Quadrant Meeting: Cllr Cakebread gave a detailed report on a recent meeting which she had attended with Cllr Pomphrey at which there had been an interest talk on trees, the work of the Forest Rangers and their help with the National Citizenship Scheme and in training staff at holiday parks to pass on to visitors.

Meeting with Representative of Away Resorts at Sandy Balls: Cllr Draper gave a report on a recent meeting with Mr Michael Paul, a long term consultant to Away Resorts, who had given him a summary of the rationale for purchasing the site, which was to bring their other sites up the standard of Sandy Balls, and the matters which they were already starting to address such as the parking and queuing during changeover days. He advised that they planned to make some improvements in the longer term, one of which was to remove the existing staff car park and to replace it with lodges but he said the Parish Council would be advised in advance of any planning application being submitted.

Western Escarpment Conservation Area Steering Group: Cllr Draper proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

182.16 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. Village Hall Committee – A letter from Mrs Alison Ayling attaching the Village Hall Accounts and requesting that the Parish Council considers assisting the running of the Hall with an annual maintenance grant.
2. Freshwater Habitats – An email from Ms Hannah Working enclosing the latest edition of Water News - New Forest Catchment Partnership Newsletter.
3. New Forest Association of Local Councils – An email from Mr Graham Flexman enclosing the Agenda for the General Meeting being held at Lyndhurst on Thursday 20th April at 7 pm.
4. New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Ms Sarah Kelly enclosing a revised 'Features of local distinctiveness monitoring form' for completion by parishes.
5. New Forest National Park Authority – An email from Ms Naomi Stone enclosing the presentation from the Planning Enforcement Workshop held on 22nd March 2017.
6. Fordingbridge Town Council – An email from the Town Clerk advising of future Parish Lengthsman visits. Godshill's next visit is on 26th June.
7. Paysanne Tree Works Application – Several copy letters sent by residents setting out their response to the application.
8. Mrs Anne Thomas – An email advising of excessive noise from an outdoor event at Sandy Balls which exceeded all acceptable noise levels.

183.16 Any Other Business: Cllr Pomphrey advised that the fence post beside the telephone box had broken. The Clerk advised that she would report it to Hampshire Highways.

184.16 Next meeting: Cllr Draper confirmed the date of the next meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Council, as Tuesday 9th May 2017.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.43 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.