

# MINUTES

12.09.2017

## GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Fell - Acting Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Pomphrey

Cllr Williams

District Cllr Bill Dow

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Nineteen members of the public.

**67.17 In the absence of Cllrs Draper and Lintonbon to resolve to elect a Chairman for the meeting:** Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Fell be elected as Chairman for the meeting.

Cllr Fell welcomed everyone to the meeting and proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the meeting should remain open to enable any statements or comments to be made by members of the public and reports to be received from Cllr Dow and Mrs Sara Boyd.

Mr Carl Castledine, Managing Director of Away Resorts, gave a detailed statement on the exhibition held in the Village Hall during the day which set out his company's future plans for Sandy Balls. He said he wished to apologise for the previous approach taken by the company with regard to planning applications and concerns raised by residents, gave a brief summary of his background and experience and said he wished to work closely with the community and with the community of Sandy Balls itself in order to reach a good solution for the site. He also said that the exhibition had had a very good turnout and numerous comments had been received which he and his team would be collating and taking into account before submitting any further applications.

Cllr Fell thanked Mr Castledine for his statement and said that the Parish Council may not be able to consider and agree on its comments in detail at this meeting and may defer a formal response until the next meeting in October once all councillors had had the opportunity to consider the plans.

Mr John Fryer asked if the Council had considered the concerns he had raised about Pitts Wood and Ditch End Brook at the 31<sup>st</sup> July meeting of the Council and whether it was going to take any action.

Cllr Fell advised that it would be sensible for councillors to carry out a site visit before making any comment and said the Clerk would liaise with him with regard to arranging a suitable date.

Mr Graham Parker said that Woodgreen Road was unsuitable for cycling events and suggested that the Parish Council remind UK Cycling of that fact as there had been near misses between a driver and a cyclist and a pedestrian and a cyclist plus an accident on the road recently. He also said that he had seen an increase in camper vans camping overnight in the Forestry Commission car parks and wondered whether the Forest Keeper could increase their patrols.

A member of the public said that Woodgreen Drove had received further damage from drivers churning up and damaging the grass. He said this occurred mostly late at night. The Clerk said she would advise the police again to include the Drove in their evening patrols.

**District Councillor Bill Dow:** Cllr Dow advised that he had nothing to report.

**Litter Warden:** Mrs Boyd said that she had returned from holiday to a vast amount of rubbish but hoped that as the holiday season was coming to an end the amounts would reduce.

With no further questions, Cllr Fell advised that the meeting was now closed.

**68.17 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Fell advised that apologies had been received from Cllr Draper due to a personal commitment and Cllrs Lintonbon and O'Brien due to holiday commitments. Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apologies and the reasons for them be noted.

**69.17 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:**

The Clerk confirmed that she had received no requests for dispensations.

**70.17 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017:** Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Acting Chairman.

**71.17 To resolve to note Clerk's Report providing information on recent issues and work completed:** Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk's report be noted as follows:

**108.16: Speed Limit Repeater sign:** Mr Bob Brown has contacted the Clerk to advise that Hampshire County Council and New Forest District Council will liaise on this as the cost quoted by NFDC was high and Hampshire's new contractor should be able to install the posts for a lower price. Ms Mandy Ware, Traffic Management Officer at HCC will be meeting with Swan Gan-Marsh of NFDC this week to discuss this issue and will then provide the Clerk with a quote.

**Public Session 31<sup>st</sup> July Meeting: Pinch Point:** Amey were unable to schedule in the repair before their contract ceased. Bob Brown apologises that the work was not done but Skanska have the job booked on their system and he will let the Clerk have a date for when the work will be done as soon as it is known.

**72.17 To consider and resolve to agree on any feedback and comments to be submitted to the Directors of Away Resorts on their 'Exhibition of Future Ideas for Sandy Balls':** Following a brief discussion, Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that in order to give all councillors sufficient time to read the exhibition materials, a formal response should be considered and agreed at the October meeting of the Council. However, all councillors present agreed that they had found the contents of the exhibition and proposals contained in it encouraging and positive.

**73.17 To consider and resolve to agree on whether the Parish Council should be make a representation to the NFNPA's Development Control Committee which will consider planning application no. 17/00433 Sandy Balls Holiday Village, Southampton Road, Godshill - Demolition of farmhouse and 9 No. outbuildings; removal of existing car park (Application for Conservation Area Consent) at a meeting being held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017:** Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that no representation should be made in light of the proposals made in the Exhibition to turn the farmhouse into a Heritage/Craft Centre.

**74.17 To consider a request from Ms C Weiss to consider informally her proposal to divert footpaths 752 and 754 on the land she owns away from the middle of the fields they currently cross in order to restructure the layout of the grazing fields and to make it easier especially for dog owners and their animals to follow the footpaths correctly:** Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should support Ms Weiss's proposal to divert footpaths 752 and 754 on her land.

**75.17 Using the Parish Council's power under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, to consider a request from the Village Hall Committee to make a contribution towards the £650 cost of the removal of woodworm in the Hall's loft:** Following a brief discussion and guidance from Cllr Williams, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should make a contribution of £650 towards the removal of woodworm and that the money should be taken from the Parish Council's reserves.

**76.17 To resolve to approve and accept the External Auditor's Certificate for the Annual Return to 31st March 2017 and to note BDO LLP's comments:** The Clerk gave a brief explanation regarding the date for the commencement of the Exercise of Electors' Rights which should not start before the Annual Return has been approved by the Parish Council. Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should accept and approve the External Auditor's Certificate for the Annual Return to 31st March 2017 and note BDO LLP's comments.

**77.17 To resolve to approve the following payment:**  
£120.00 - BDO LLP – External Audit of Annual Return to 31st March 2017

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that it be approved.

**78.17 Finance and Policy:**

**a. To resolve to approve the payment of the Accounts:**

	£	Cheque No.
BDO LLP	120.00	100527
B Cornish - September Salary	316.51	100528

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that they be approved.

**b. To resolve to approve the Bank balances – Cheque and Reserve Accounts:**

Current Account: £15,381.15 Deposit Account: £579.82  
Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that they be approved.

## **79.17 Outside Bodies and Representation:**

**NW Quadrant Meeting:** Cllr Cakebread gave a very detailed report on a recent meeting at which the following matters were discussed:

1. *Green Halo Partnership:* With the aim of creating a partnership and bring together businesses, universities, communities, etc. to ensure the environment in and around the National Park flourishes as an integral part of the wider area's thriving economy and society.
2. *Local Plan Update:* The revision of the Core Strategy in accordance with housing needs with particular emphasis on keeping new housing to the size of 100 sqm and 3-bed. Very few sites are available because Natural England wants no new build near protected areas. The development at Fawley could meet most of the need but this would involve enlarging the main road to it which would involve taking a section of the forest.
3. *Building design and Conservation:* A new officer, Pauline Megson, gave details of the issues she was focussing eg: repair rather than replace, protect unlisted buildings of local interest, local distinctiveness, boundary treatment very important, verge damage
4. A report from Steve Avery which advised that the new Senior Planning Officer was Natalie Walker and the planning tour for this year for National Park Authority members was the North West Quadrant.
5. *New Forest Rangers:* Parishes were asked whether they could make a contribution towards the funding of the New Forest Rangers.

In consideration of Cllr Cakebread's proposals set out below:

1. The listing of Moorlands Cottage in view of its setting within the Conservation Area.
2. The restoration and maintenance of important verges across the parish.

Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should make enquiries regarding the listing of Moorlands Cottage and that a record be made of the important verges across the parish. The Clerk was also asked to clarify whether the Parish Council had the power to make a contribution towards the New Forest Rangers.

**Village Hall Committee:** Cllr Williams gave a detailed report on a recent meeting at which the numerous events organised to boost the income for the hall had been discussed as well as the applications for grant funding.

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

1. Hampshire County Council
  - i. An email and two newsletters on highways issues as well as advising of the change of term contractor for Highways from Amey to Skanska. The changeover will inevitably lead to some disruption to the service during this initial period of transition, and asks for patience and understanding at this time. HCC will of course endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum wherever practicably possible.
  - ii. National Highway and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey - Member Consultation The independent company, 'measure 2 improve', which oversees the NHT Public Satisfaction survey, has offered to undertake an additional survey with Parish Councils. It is felt that benchmarking Parish Council perception will provide officers with a greater understanding of the needs and priorities for highway maintenance and the highway service in Hampshire. This survey complements the National Public Satisfaction Survey and although it asks similar questions to the Public Satisfaction Survey, the Parish Councils survey is a shorter version.

2. Hampshire Association of Local Councils:
  - i. A copy of The Voice of the Councillor 2017 which is an independent view of the role of the councillor produced by De Montford University;
  - ii. A report on Precepts for 2017/18 across Hampshire.
  - iii. A copy of the September newsletter.
3. Seven Residents - Emails and copy emails to the Environmental Health Officer at New forest District Council regarding the noise at Sandy Balls on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July.
4. New Forest District Council - An email from Ms Christa Ferguson advising that the minor variation in the licence for Sandy Balls has been granted and advising that should any licensable activities permitted by the premises licence impact on the licensing objectives various actions may be considered, including a review of the licence should a Responsible Authority or Other Person apply. In addition statutory noise nuisance can be addressed by the Environmental Health Department through existing procedures.
5. Friends of the New Forest Association - An email advising of the National Parks Societies Conference which the NFA is hosting this year at Balmer Lawn Hotel, Brockenhurst. The theme is 'Our National Parks Under Pressure' and is being held from Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th October.
6. Freshwater Habitats - An email invitation to attend a New Forest Wildlife Forum event 'Working Together for Water and Wildlife' on 28th September for at Brockenhurst Village Hall This event will celebrate the outstanding freshwater plants and animals of the New Forest, and showcase the great work the New Forest Catchment Partnership have been doing to protect it.
7. Fordingbridge Town Council - An email advising that the Parish Lengthsman will be visiting Godshill on Monday 18th September and request for a list of jobs.
8. Ringwood and Fordingbridge Footpath Society - The September edition of Waymark.
9. New Forest Association of Local Councils - Details of the New Forest 100 Sportive on 15-16th September which will pass through Godshill

### **81.17 Any Other Business:**

**Sportive on 16/17 September:** Cllrs Cakebread and Fell reported on discussion they had had with the organiser of UK Cycling Events with regard to the use of Blissford Road which everyone considered to be extremely dangerous. Further discussions resulted in consideration of an alternative route through Fordingbridge with a feed station being located in Godshill but this was yet to be agreed.

**Speed Limit on Woodgreen Road:** Cllr Cakebread asked if the 40 mph sign at 'the splash' could be reduced to 30 mph and that an item to discuss it be added to the next agenda.

**28 Day Camping Sites:** Cllr Cakebread asked if an item could be added to the next agenda which was to consider whether the number of sites given over to 28 day camping could be restricted as there were now seven sites which have increased traffic and the number of people in the village during the summer months.

**82.17 Next meeting:** Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00 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.*