

# MINUTES

10.10.2017

## GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Fell - Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Lintonbon - Vice-Chairman

Cllr O'Brien

Cllr Pomphrey

Cllr Williams

County Councillor Edward Heron

District Cllr Bill Dow

Mrs Bev Cornish - Clerk

Seven members of the public.

Cllr Lintonbon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr Boyd said he was concerned about the proposed plans put forward by the new owners of Sandy Balls to use the land adjacent to his property for the siting of lodges. He said that at the moment a planning condition only allowed use of the land for 8 months of the year but in the plans proposed, this would increase use to 12 months of the year. He said if the plans were to proceed, some form of compensation, such as additional screening, would be required to mitigate the impact of the additional months of use.

Ms Weiss expressed concern about speeding following the death of her third cat which had been killed on the Southampton Road. She said there was a need for a speed trap to deter drivers from driving above the speed limit.

**County Councillor Edward Heron:** Cllr Heron apologised that he was not able to attend as many meetings as previously due to the change in the size of his division. He gave a detailed report on current issues as follows:

- The NPA Partnership Speed Van was in frequent operation on the B3079 as it was a top priority route for speeding drivers and was successful in catching so many of them.
- The Commoners Defence Association had done a lot of work with Hampshire Police to progress the Average Speed Camera option and the Association has been given approval to carry out a technical study. This will be submitted for consideration by Hampshire County Council and others.
- Skanska had started its contract with the County Council but was currently clearing a backlog of difficult works left by AMEY who had completed all the easy jobs but had not completed the more difficult ones prior to the end of their contract. However, he asked that residents continue to report potholes through the Hampshire County Council reporting system.
- With regard to its budget for 2018/19 Hampshire County Council was having to plug a funding gap of £140 million. It was currently consulting on how this should be done with proposals to cut subsidies to community transport and closing some waste and household recycling centres, although Somerley was very unlikely to be selected to be closed.
- Cllr Heron said that the County Council had been taking monies out of the budget for 7 years and had tried to do it in ways which would not impact on residents. However, he said it was now in a position that the only way to reduce costs was to stop providing some services.

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

**Litter Warden:** Mrs Boyd said that she had nothing in particular to report other than the fact that there had been no change to the volume of rubbish collected in the litter bins.

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

**84.17 To resolve to elect a Chairman for the remainder of the civic year 2017/18:** Cllr Lintonbon proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Fell be elected as Chairman for the remainder of the civic year 2017/18. Cllr Fell subsequently signed is Acceptance of Office.

**85.17 Chairman's announcements:** Cllr Fell advised that Mr Colin Draper had resigned from the Council and he proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write a letter of thanks on behalf of all councillors for his valuable contribution to the Parish Council and his service to the community over many years.

**86.17 To receive apologies for absence:** The Clerk advised that no apologies had been received and the councillor vacancy was currently being advertised.

**87.17 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.

**88.17 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th September 2017:** Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**89.17 To resolve to note the 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 ('SLR') sign:** Following the meeting between Hampshire County Council and New Forest District Council, the cost of installing the poles will be £190 rather than £1100 and so it was well worth the Parish Council pursuing the excessive cost. The order has been placed and they will be installed in their locations in late November with the aim of the Speed Limit Repeaters signs being installed in early January once the traffic returns to normal. The Clerk has also requested that a Speed Indicator Device be added underneath the SLR so that it can gather data on the speed and types of vehicles using the road during the two weeks they are in situ.

**Public Session 31<sup>st</sup> July Meeting: Pinch Point:** There is no news on date for repairs to take place on the pinch point.

**75.17 Village Hall:** Follow a request by the Clerk to Cllr Bill Dow, he has kindly agreed to contribute £300 of his £600 annual grant towards the repairs to the Hall.

## **90.17 Planning and Tree Works Applications:**

### **Application No. CONS/17/0807**

**The House on the Hill, Blissford Road, Blissford - Fell 1 x Conifer tree Fell 1 x Silver Birch tree:** Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to leave the decision on this application to the Tree Officer.

### **Application No. CONS/17/0854**

**Wayside, Southampton Road, Godshill - Fell 1 x Oak tree:** Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to leave the decision on this application to the Tree Officer.

### **Application No. CONS/17/0907**

**Mayfield House, Blissford Road, Blissford - Prune 1 x Oak tree, Pollard 1 x Willow tree, Prune 3 x Silver Birch tree, Fell 2 x Silver Birch trees:** Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to leave the decision on this application to the Tree Officer.

At this point in the meeting, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be opened to enable members of the public to provide comments on the Exhibition.

**91.17 To consider and resolve to agree a formal response to be submitted to the Directors of Away Resorts on the 'Exhibition of Future Ideas for Sandy Balls' held on Tuesday 12th September:** Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write a letter to Mr Castledine which included the following comments:

- The Parish Council was encouraged by and supportive of the aspirations set out in the Exhibition and councillors acknowledged the improvements made by the company in its communications with the community both inside and outside Sandy Balls.
- Councillors were supportive of the proposed plans which were of benefit to the community but which were not designed to produce profit, such as:
  - the recognition of the need to enhance the biodiversity of the site and the protection of rare species and of the trees within the site.
  - the plans to retain the heritage and to provide experiences which were more appropriate to the site located within a National Park as well as to provide an outlet to enable local craftspeople to promote their crafts.
- Councillors expressed concerns and would ask for more detailed information on the plans to change the use of the fields currently used for camping for the siting of lodges with year-round use and how this would impact on the neighbouring residential properties.
- Councillors wished to ask whether Away Resorts had any short or long term plans for Arniss Farm and Street Farm which were not included in the plans.

Cllr Fell closed the meeting to the public.

**92.17 To resolve to purchase a selection of native hedging plants from Landford Trees plus planting materials and planting sleeves up to the value of £400 for the purpose of planting up the northern boundary of the Village Hall Car Park in accordance with the New Forest National Park Authority's Native Species Hedgerow Planting Guide:** Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that the purchase be approved and that the Clerk should liaise with the Parish Lengthsman and Cllr Fell to ensure that the hedge was planted during the hedge planting season from November.

**93.17 To resolve to approve and authorise two additional signatories to be added to the Bank Mandate for the Parish Council's Bank Account:** Cllr Lintonbon proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllrs Fell and Pomphrey be added as signatories to the Parish Council's Bank Account.

**94.17 To resolve to approve new Parish Council representatives for:**

- 1. The NFNPA's Western Escarpment Steering Group.**
- 2. The New Forest Consultative Panel.**
- 3. Sandy Balls Holiday Park.**

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Pomphrey be approved as the Council's representative for the Sandy Balls Holiday Park and that the Clerk should seek the availability of all councillors for the meetings of the two other organisations so that a councillor was able to be present.

**95.17 To consider a request from the New Forest National Park Authority for Godshill Parish Council to provide a financial contribution towards the funding of the New Forest Rangers:** Following a discussion and guidance from the Clerk that the Parish Council's power under section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972 'Power to encourage visitors and provide conference and other facilities' could be used to fund the contribution, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that more information be sought by Cllr Cakebread at next meeting of the North West Quadrant, particularly on the amount of the contribution being requested and the number of other Parish and Town Councils which have agreed to make a contribution.

**96.17 To consider a proposal from Cllr Cakebread to request that the Speed Limit on Woodgreen Road be reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph:** Following a brief discussion, Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should establish the details of the Traffic Regulation Order and whether it stated correctly the location of the signs as clearly they were positioned in the wrong place.

**97.17 To consider a proposal from Cllr Cakebread to limit the number of 28 day camping sites within the parish:** Cllr Cakebread gave a brief report from expressing concern about the seven 28 day campsites which were available to visitors over the summer months with the resultant impact of large volumes of people and cars causing congestion in the village, particularly in Woodgreen Road. Following a brief discussion, Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write a letter to Mr Steve Avery at the New Forest National Park Authority to ask whether the Authority could make an Article 4 Direction to restrict the permitted development rights for 28 day campsites in Godshill.

**98.17 To consider and resolve to agree on a response to the National Highway and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey which has been drafted specifically for a response by Town and Parish Councils:** Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the completion of the survey be delegated to the Clerk.

**99.17 To resolve to approve the following payments:**

- £41.94 - 1&1 Internet Ltd - for 6 months of web hosting.
- £16.79 - 1&1 Internet Ltd - for Renewal of website domain name.
- £40.00 - B Cornish - for Village Hall heating at meetings.

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

### **100.17 Finance and Policy:**

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

	<b>£</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>
Godshill Village Hall - Woodworm Removal	120.00	100529
B Cornish - Expenses for heating & website	100.67	100530
B Cornish - October Salary	316.71	100531
HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for July August Sept	237.40	100532

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

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

##### **Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 10.10.17:**

Current Account: £18,336.16 Deposit Account: £579.82

The Clerk advised that the second tranche of the precept of £5,260 had been received.

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

### **101.17 Outside Bodies and Representation:**

**Broadband** Cllr Lintonbon gave a brief report on the current status of superfast broadband in the village. He said there were still 50 houses without a good connection, of those 20 have a faster speed but this is a reduced connection to superfast broadband after 6 pm each day. He said the previously quoted cost of upgrading was £18,000 which would be shared by those 50 dwellings. However, about 15 of those may be wasting their money because they were located in Godshill Wood where any upgrade in performance would be considerably reduced.

Cllr Lintonbon further advised that he had been in regular contact with County Cllr Heron and with Hampshire County Council with regard to finding out whether 'Fibre to the Premises' (FTTP) was an option for Godshill, as this was being installed at Mockbeggar and Cllr Heron was currently investigating this on behalf of the Parish Council. FTTP would provide a better performance for those houses which were located over 2 kilometres from a cabinet.

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Lintonbon proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should seek the views of residents in a Newsletter to be distributed after the next meeting.

**Pitts Wood and Ditchend Brook:** Cllr Fell gave a brief report on a recent site visit with Mr John Fryer who had said that the sites were better than when he had first visited them. Following brief guidance from Cllr Fell, he proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Forestry Commission and Natural England to seek their views on whether the wetland restoration works had met their criteria for success and whether any further works were planned.

**September 16/17 Sportive:** Cllr Cakebread advised that the recent Sportive had been much improved. This was partly due to the new organiser, Ms Jo Pickering, who had clearly listened to the concerns raised by parishes, particularly about the dangers of using Blissford Road. She said that following her suggestion, the route was changed to include a feed station on Ms Weiss's land in Godshill rather than Hyde Memoria Hall. There had been no problems within

the site during the event and for any future use Ms Pickering has promised to rectify the inconvenience outside it which was caused by poor marshalling on the Sunday.

The positive outcome was that better consideration was shown across the open Forest, with riders mostly riding single file to allow overtaking and she had witnessed a marked improvement in behaviour through Godshill, with courtesy from both cyclists and motorists. She said she had also been deluged with messages of relief from residents in Hyde. Further work needed to be done on riders wearing rear numbers but Neal Martin of Burley Parish Council would be pursuing this with UKCE.

**102.17 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. New Forest National Park Authority:
  - i. An email enclosing the notes of the Western Escarpment Steering Group held on 11th September.
  - ii. An email regarding the New Forest National Park Authority and the New Forest Centre's Conference on the New Forest's History and Archaeology on 27/28th October. It will have a range of speakers including members of local history and archaeology groups covering an eclectic mix of subjects.
  - iii. Notification of a meeting of the New Forest National Park Authority on 12<sup>th</sup> October at Lymington Town Hall at 10 am.
  - iv. An email advising of the next NW Quadrant meeting which will be held on 23 October at Fordingbridge Town Hall
2. New Forest District Council
  - i. Notification of Temporary Events Notice for the Village Hall for a fundraising evening on 15th November from 18.00 – 22.30 hours.
  - ii. An email advising that this year's free parking will be provided on Saturday 2nd December to help promote Small Business Saturday and there will also be an additional two days as the council for the first time this year wishes to further support local business by suspending parking charges on the last weekend before Christmas which will be on 23rd And 24th December.
  - iii. An email from Lucy Buis enclosing the Housing Strategy. The Housing Strategy sets out the council's proposed approach to pro-actively addressing all types of housing need in the district for the five years from 2018 to 2023. It aims to ensure appropriate housing is accessible to the whole of the community, and will help shape housing policies within the emerging Local Plans for the district.
3. Hampshire Association of Local Councils - October Newsletter.
4. Hyde Parish Council – An email from the Clerk thanking Cllr Cakebread for her work in diverting the route of the Sportive on 16/17<sup>th</sup> September.
5. New Forest Association of Local Councils – Agenda for the meeting being held at Lyndhurst on 18th October at 7 pm.
6. Rotary Club of Fordingbridge - a flyer for the Club's '6th Grand Quiz Night' on Friday 17th November 7-00pm for prompt 7-30pm start

### **103.17 Any Other Business:**

**Green Halo Project:** Cllr Cakebread advised that she would be seeking more information on the Green Halo project at the next meeting of the North West Quadrant.

**104.17 Next meeting:** Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

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With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.01 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.*