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GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Cllr Fell - Chairman

Cllr Cakebread

Cllr Lintonbon - Vice-Chairman

Cllr O'Brien

Cllr Williams

County Councillor Edward Heron

District Cllr Bill Dow

Mrs Bev Cornish - Clerk

Nine members of the public.

Public Session: Mr Peter Stammers commented that he thought the proposal to install and defibrillator in the parish was a good idea and that the ideal location would be on the outside of the Village Hall.

Ms Claudia Weiss made reference to Minute 116.17 in which a member of the public was seeking information on the exact location of Godshill Wood Farm before Folds Farm was split to form with Godshill Wood Farm. She said the information was likely to be contained in a book entitled 'The Story of Godshill' which was written by the late Mrs Jean Cormack. Another member of the public advised that it was located in Woodgreen Road where the architects Pell Stephens are currently situated.

County Councillor Edward Heron: Cllr Heron gave a further detailed report on the County Council's budget. He said that there may be some misconceptions about the amount of savings to be made in 2018/19 and which services were to be affected by those savings. He said that at the last meeting he had attended he had advised that savings may need to be made on school crossing patrols and community transport. These were still being looked at closely but savings on these services were looking less likely. He said the County Council was talking to the Government about charging for using the household recycling centres, as it had been allowed to do some years ago. If it was able to do this, then the County Council would be able to invest more in public transport.

A member of the public asked Cllr Heron about the disposal of plasterboard and an increase in flytipping. Cllr Heron said that people who generally dispose of their rubbish at household recycling centres would not normally fly tip if a small payment was introduced for doing so. He cautioned the resident about using the Grab A Bag disposal process because if non-disposable material was mixed with it, such as asbestos, he would be liable for a high charge for its disposal.

Cllr Fell thanked Cllr Heron for his report.

District Councillor Bill Dow: Cllr Dow advised that with the reduction in senior officers at the Council, the Cabinet had been increased from six to eight members with the aim of them taking on management responsibilities in order to save costs.

Litter Warden: Cllr Williams advised that Mrs Boyd had sent her apologies due to illness.

119.17 To receive apologies for absence: The Clerk advised that one apology had been received from Cllr Pomphrey due to a personal family commitment. Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that this be noted.

120.17 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:

Cllr Lintonbon declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in Application No.17/00956 Heathcote, Woodgreen Road as it was his neighbour's property.

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.

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

122.17 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:

Public Session 31st July Meeting: Pinch Point: The pinch point has been repaired. Cllr Fell said that he had submitted a report to Hampshire Highways following an email from Mr Martin Thomas advising that the signage had not been reinstated in one direction so that drivers were made aware of the pinch point.

92.17: Village Hall Car Park Hedge: Cllr Fell advised that he and the Clerk had tried to dig the trench for the hedge but the task had been too difficult with only scalplings and hardcore to about 30 cm deep. He said he had sought a quote from Groundwise in Alderholt which came in at £416 (which was just over the £400 allocated by the Parish Council to the task) and included a mini digger and driver, the removal of the spoil and the supply and filling of 2 trenches with topsoil. Cllr Fell also said that the work would be carried out as soon as possible and then he and the Clerk would plant the native hedge.

123.17 In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders to consider a written proposal from Cllrs Cakebread, Fell, Lintonbon, O'Brien and Pomphrey to rescind the decision made by the Parish Council on Planning Application No. 17/00943 for 5 Avon View Cottages, Sandy Balls Estate at the meeting held on Tuesday 14th November 2017 and for the Parish Council to reconsider the application in the light of the report submitted by the Tree Officer: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that the decision taken at Minute 109.17 with regard to application no. 17/00943 be rescinded.

At this point in the meeting, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be opened so that members of the public could make statements on the planning applications.

124.17 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Mr Bigger spoke in support of his application for 5 Avon View Cottages and provided councillors with photographs of the decking and of views from the valley. He said he did not understand why the National Park Authority was considering an unsigned letter of objection to his application from a 'resident of Fordingbridge' which was effectively an anonymous letter and this had been uploaded to the planning portal on the NPA's website.

Mr Harrington spoke again in support of the application for 5 Avon View Cottages and said as a neighbour, he had no issue with the works which had been carried out.

Cllr Fell closed the meeting to members of the public.

Application No. 17/00943

5 Avon View Cottages, Sandy Balls Estate, Southampton Road, Godshill - Retention of rear raised decking and handrail: Following a lengthy discussion and consideration of comments made by the applicant and by the Tree Officer, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

Application No. 17/00956

Heathcote, Woodgreen Road, Godshill - Detached garage with office/study over:

Following a brief report from Cllr Fell, he proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers:

- It would have minimal impact on the Conservation Area;
- It would not impact adversely on the amenity of the neighbouring properties; and
- It was of good design and, due to the varying levels of the site, would be subservient rather than dominant to the bungalow.

Application No. 17/00958

Lampton Lodge, Southampton Road, Godshill - Detached garage/log store:

Following a brief report from Cllr Cakebread and taking note of the comments made by the Conservation Officer, she proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for this application on the grounds that the garage was of good design and would not impact on the amenity of the neighbouring property or on the Conservation Area.

Application No. 17/00974

Fernlea Farm, Newgrounds, Godshill - Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for continued occupancy of dwelling in breach of Condition 3 of planning permission NFDC/85/29220: Following a brief report from Cllr Fell, he proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers as members were neither able to verify the evidence provided in the application nor provide any further information.

Application No. CONS/17/1086

Braeside, Newgrounds, Godshill - Coppice 1 x Ash tree Prune 1 x Oak tree: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on this application be left to the Tree Officer.

Application No. CONS/17/1142

Badgers Holt, Southampton Road, Godshill - Pollard 1 x Oak tree: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on this application be left to the Tree Officer.

125.17 Premises Licence Application under the Licensing Act 2003: Grant of Premises Licence (S17) Ref: LICPR/17/07339, Godshill Village Hall, Woodgreen Road, Godshill SP6 2LP:

The details of the application for a premises licence are as follows:

Grant of a premises licence to plays, films (indoors) Monday to Thursday and Sunday, 09:30hrs to 22:30hrs, Friday and Saturday, 09:30hrs to 23:00hrs, indoor sporting events, Monday to Sunday, 09:00hrs to 22:30hrs. Live music, Recorded Music (indoors) 09:00hrs to 23:00hrs, Monday to Sunday and New Year's Eve until 00:30hrs.

Performance of Dance (indoors), Monday to Thursday, 09:00hrs to 22:30hrs, 09:00hrs to 23:00hrs Friday to Sunday. Anything similar, (indoors), 09:00hrs to 22:30hrs, Monday to Thursday, 09:00hrs to 23:00hrs, Friday to Sunday. Sale of alcohol on the premises, 18:30hrs to 22:30hrs, Monday to Thursday, 18:30hrs to 23:00hrs, Friday to Sunday. Opening hours, Monday to Wednesday, 09:00hrs to 23:00hrs, 09:00hrs to 23:30hrs, Thursday to Sunday. New Year's Eve until 01:00hrs (music to cease at 00:30hrs).

Following a brief discussion and clarification that obtaining a permanent premises licence would obviate the need for users to apply for numerous Temporary Event Notices, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should raise no objection to the application.

126.17 To consider and resolve to agree on any further actions to be taken following the responses from residents expressing interest in the Parish Council's proposal to pursue the possibility of funding through the Hampshire County Council Community Match Funding Scheme and the BT Community Fund Partnership: Following Cllr Lintonbon's brief report that only 25 residences had responded to the Parish Council's article in the recent newsletter, he proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that the item and a decision be deferred to the next meeting. The Clerk agreed to create a small flyer, which repeated the information from the newsletter, for distribution by councillors to any residents they were to meet over the Christmas holidays.

127.17 To consider a proposal from Cllr Fell to invite an officer from Hampshire Highways to a future meeting to discuss the concerns raised by residents about the position and frequent damage to the pinch points and speeding in general through the village: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that an invitation be issued for an highways officer to attend a future meeting.

128.17 To consider a proposal from Cllr Fell to record Moorland Cottage formally with the New Forest National Park Authority as a building of historic interest which contributes to the local distinctiveness of Godshill as a village: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that Moorland Cottage be recorded formally as a building of historic interest which contributes to the local distinctiveness of Godshill as a village.

129.17 To resolve to approve the following payments:

£91.18 - Viking - For printer cartridges.

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that it be approved.

130.17 To consider a proposal from Cllr Pomphrey to investigate the costs, process, potential location and sources of funding for the installation of a defibrillator for the parish:

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Pomphrey's proposal be approved.

131.17 Finance and Policy:

a. Precept 2018/19 - To consider and resolve to approve the draft budget and precept submitted by the Clerk and to consider any projects for the 2018/19 financial year:

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Linton seconded and it was RESOLVED that a Precept of £10,373 for 2018/19 be approved which was a decrease of 0.66% on 2017/18.

b. To consider and resolve to approve the allocated reserves of the Parish Council:

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Linton seconded and it was RESOLVED that the existing reserves remain unchanged as follows

Continuation of Footpath project	£2,000.00
NFDC Grant from Speedwatch	£600.00
Contribution to SpeedWatch Scheme	£500.00
Election Expenses build up (2015/16/17)	£1,417.00

It was further RESOLVED that the Parish Council should match fund the grants offered of £1500 and £300 respectively towards the repairs to the Village Hall from Cllrs Heron and Dow using its power under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Parish Council will also consider whether to allocate further reserves to a permanent Speed Limit Repeater sign once the trial has taken place in January 2018.

c. To consider requests for grants under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

from: Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Linton seconded and it was resolved that the following amounts be approved:

• Fordingbridge & District Day Centre	£75
• Rae Stratton Lunch Club/Day Care	£75
• New Forest Disability Information Service	£50

It was further resolved that the following amounts be approved for an additional two organisations as follows:

• Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance	£150
• Fordingbridge Community First Responders	£150

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d. To resolve to approve the payment of the Accounts:

	£	Cheque No.
Viking	91.18	100536
B Cornish - December Salary	316.51	100538

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

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

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 12.12.17:

Current Account: £17,183.78 Deposit Account: £579.91

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

132.17 Outside Bodies and Representation:

Village Hall Committee: Cllr Williams gave a detailed report on a recent meeting at which the events held over the last few months had been discussed. She said that the Fashion Show had raised £850, the Pudding Club £210.50 and in its first few weeks the Table Tennis Club had raised £184.57 and was proving to be very successful. She also said that another quiz night was planned for the spring and the Committee was trying to encourage more members to join the 100 Club. The cost of the repairs to the roof was nearly £7,000 so it was hoped that the grants from CSG and Cllrs Dow and Heron would help with the funding of them.

133.17 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
 - An email from the Countryside Access Team providing the priority cutting list for 2018 together with a map of the reallocated areas following the reduction in Countryside Access Area Teams within Hampshire County Councils Countryside Service from 4 to 3.
2. New Forest District Council
 - An email enclosing the papers for the Paris Council Precept for 2018/19.
3. New Forest National Park Authority
 - An email from Lucy Saunders advising that a Tree Preservation Order has been issued for the trees in the Avon Valley Woodland.
4. - An email advising of a meeting of the National Park Authority on 14th December at 10 am at Lyndhurst.
5. Smaller Authorities Audit Appoints – An email advising of the appointment of PKF Littlejohn LLP as the Parish Council's External Auditor for the five financial years from 2017/18 to 2021/22
6. Hampshire Police & Crime Panel – A letter from the Chairman inviting members to provide written evidence to the Panel's forthcoming proactive scrutiny session, which will focus on cyber-enabled fraud. The deadline for comments is the 13th December 2017.
7. Highways England – An email advising of the A31 Ringwood improvements scheme Preferred Route Announcement: Of those who responded to the consultation questionnaire, 70% supported the proposed option (Option 1) and 75% understood the justification for rejecting Options 2 and 3. Given the results of the consultation, we will proceed to the next stage to develop the preferred route (Option 1).
8. Mr Martin Thomas – An email requesting that the Parish Council considers moving the pinch point beside Sandy Balls to a safer location in view of so many collisions and damage.

9. Department for Transport – An email advising that an employee of Martek Aviation UAS has made an enquiry to the department requesting a name-list of the stakeholders and organisations who took part in Government’s consultation on drones. This email is to inform the Parish Council that the DfT will disclose its name only.
10. Fordingbridge and Ringwood Footpath Society – A copy of the December edition of Waymark.

134.17 Any Other Business:

Footpath 766: Cllr Fell advised said that he had spoken again to Alistair Cutts about rectifying the stile and taking the padlock off the kissing gate as this had still not been done. Mr Cutts had made him aware of correspondence with the Countryside Access Service and it appears that they were asking him to do the same following reports from users of the footpath.

Godshill Wood Car Park: Cllr Lintonbon expressed concern about the state of the Godshill Wood car park which he said was almost unusable due to potholes.

135.17 Next meeting: Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 9th January 2018.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.19 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.