

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN GODSHILL METHODIST HALL AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors, Button, Bysouth, Child, Crane and Jackman.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: G Hughes (Clerk), and eight members of the public.

7.30pm to 7.45pm time allocated for residents of Godshill Parish to speak to the Council on Parish Council matters.

A resident reported on the large vehicle that had mounted the pavement in trying to access Lily Cross via Yarborough Close. The Clerk had advised Iain Delaney of Captiva Homes, Mr Delaney had provided a courteous response regarding previous matters that the public had drawn to the attention of the Parish Council. It was reported that the rubbish on site had been cleared, the Clerk was to ask Captiva as to what arrangements were to be put in place during the temporary road closure at the location of West Street.

MINUTES

121/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

IW Councillor Suzie Ellis.

122/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

123/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER 2023.

On the proposition of Councillor Button, seconded by Councillor Crane it was -

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting be approved.

124/23 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

No report had been received but the Clerk had received an e mail from IW Councillor Suzie Ellis advising that continued ill health was affecting her ability to attend meetings.

125/23 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Councillor Child reported on letters from Captiva Homes in respect of matters affecting residents close to the Lily Cross development. She had also received a communication from Susan Geary regarding works being undertaken at Church Hill Bank. She also reported her attendance at the Harvest Festival service, the AGM of CPRE and the Best Kept Village Awards event.

126/23 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Jackman had produced a comprehensive report on Net -Zero, which would be an agenda item for the November meeting.

Councillor Crane reported that the rotten gate post at Central Mead had yet to be attended to and that the warning sign on the fallen beech tree had been removed. He also requested that the poor attendance record of IW Councillor Ellis be minuted. Councillor Button advised on works that had been undertaken at Munsley Bog and also asked regarding the progress with replacing the handle on the small see.saw at May Close Playground.

The Bus Shelter outside the school had been damaged resulting in users being

exposed to wet weather, the Clerk would contact Island Roads.

127/23 CLERKS REPORT

A communication had been received from Graham Biss of Natural Enterprise advising of works to commence at Munsley Bog, Mr Biss was keen to involve the school and other local volunteers in planned works. Communication had been received from a family who wished to place a memorial bench on Central Mead for a deceased relative who had been a regular visitor to Godshill. The Clerk and Chairman would meet on site with the donor to agree the location.

128/23 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

The following payments were approved –

TYPE	PAYEE	AMOUNT
		£
STO	G HUGHES SEPTEMBER SALARY	524.00
STO	ISLAND CLEANING SERVICES – SEPT	464.92
STO	CPRE – SUBSCRIPTION – SEPT	3.00
FPO	BDO LLP – AUDIT FEE	378/00
FPO	ALL SAINTS – CONTRIBUTION	300.00
FPO	BUSINESS STREAM – WATER	232.55
FPO	D McGEOCH – GROUND MAINTENANCE	882.00
FPO	D McGEOCH – TREE CUTTING C MEAD	350.00

129/23 PLANNING APPLICATION

The following planning application had been received and approved –
5 Day Notice See tree report for proposed works.
Tottle Bottom Farm High Street Godshill

130/23 PLANNING DECISIONS

No further decisions had been reported since the September meeting.

131/23 CENTRAL MEAD

There was nothing further to report to the meeting.

132/23 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

The Clerk had circulated the report of the External Auditor and there were no matters arising from the audit.

RESOLVED: That the report of the External Auditor be noted and approved.

133/23 POST OFFICE FUTURE FUNDING REQUEST

A request had been made by Community Action for an increase in financial contribution in respect of the 2024- 25 financial year. The current financial year had an approved contribution of £5,000, the request for the next financial year was for a contribution of £7,000. The current contribution added £8.47 per annum to a Band D Council Tax, this would increase to £11.86 with a contribution of £7,000. It was noted that the Post Office operation was dependant on the funding of four Local Councils, of which Godshill was the lead Post Office. After due consideration it was

RESOLVED: To undertake a public consultation exercise in respect of any future funding, the Chairman would advise Community Action

134/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place in the Methodist Hall on Monday 6th November 2023 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

CHAIRMAN 6TH NOVEMBER 2023