

# **GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 3RD APRIL 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Button, Child (Chairman), Crane, Frost, Bysouth

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** B Jacobs (acting Clerk), 6 members of the public

### **7.30pm to 8.00pm time allocated for residents of Godshill Parish to speak to the Council on Parish Council matters.**

A member of the public spoke about planning application 23/00385/FUL, Proposed wind turbine on 18m tower Knightsbridge Farm. He explained that this was a small unit, which, together with solar panels, would make his farm less dependent on mains services. Cllr Bysouth expressed concern about its proximity to a nearby reservoir, and Cllr Button commented about the demise of another small turbine in West Wight some time ago.

### **51/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from IWC Cllr Ellis

### **52/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

### **53/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2023**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2023

### **54/23 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The following report had been submitted by email, and the Clerk read it out:  
*March has been a fairly quiet month and I have little to report other than that I have continued to work primarily on resident enquiries relating to the commencement of the Captiva works at Lily Cross, I hope that I have been able to help address concerns, and to facilitate conversation with Captiva where it has been appropriate.*

*More widely within the ward as a whole work has primarily centred around planning and flooding issues. Planning in general, and enforcement in particular, continues to have it's difficulties with the department being under a lot of strain, and progress can at times be slow. The appointment of a dedicated Drainage and Flood Risk Management Officer (Neil Youngs) has seen a much faster response to reported flooding issues, and I have been pleased to accompany Mr Youngs to visit many residents who have got in touch with me regarding sometimes longstanding problems – including Redhill Lane.*

*I have helped residents with accessing cost of living help, which continues to affect so many of us, and written to our MP in support of providing free school meals to ALL primary school children – I firmly believe that healthy, free meals at school will help enable all children to have the same opportunities to learn and thrive, regardless of household income.*

### **55/23 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Cllrs Child & Button inspected the public toilets and were dissatisfied with the cleaning, feeling that the contractors allocated too little time to maintaining the facility. There was also an ongoing problem with users deliberately leaving the doors locked open.

The Captiva work was under way and Cllr Child proposed inviting them to present an update to a future meeting.

### **56/23 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

The standard of grasscutting now appears to be satisfactory, but it will be monitored. Cllr Button reported that Captiva had sited its generator near to local properties, but had promised to relocate it.

It was reported that the rubbish by the bins at the cemetery had gone.

### **57/23 CLERKS REPORT**

1. Locking of Public Conveniences – see e mail from Jon Gilbey (circulated).
2. Cleaning of Public Conveniences – Cleaner has been advised re acceptable standards.
3. Grounds Maintenance works – three quotations circulated together with correspondence re future maintenance of Church Hill.
4. Eddie Read is responsible for bin emptying and disposal of rubbish (usually by burning) at Bridgecourt Cemetery. Spoke with Eddie Read re volume of rubbish, three burials in February just prior to site visit would have contributed to accumulation. Also weather and wind direction not conducive to bonfires at this time.
5. Nigel Watson has been instructed re door repair at Chapel. Noticeboard repair at Post Office and removal of noticeboard at car park. He hopes to complete before departing for Ukraine on 18th April.
6. I went to fit handles on equipment at May Close, correct handles but nothing to secure them with. Contacted Playdale who will send fitments, should arrive before I return.
7. Moving and Cleaning of benches – E mail from Island Roads circulated.
8. Post Office – E Mail from Mike Bulpitt circulated.
9. Central Mead & May Close – Trustee meetings to take place on my return. Suggest Monday 17th April.

## **58/23 FINANCE- ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The following payments were approved:

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
		£
STO	G HUGHES MAR SALARY	524.00
STO	ISLAND CLEANING SERVICES – MAR	464.92
STO	CPRE – SUBSCRIPTION – MAR	3.00
FPO	IW COUNCIL – CEMETERY RATES	773.45
FPO	G HUGHES - EXPENSES	28.67

## **59/23 PLANNING**

The following planning applications were considered:

23/00308/HOU: Proposed single storey extension and replacement outbuilding | Newbarn Farm Stenbury Whitwell Road Whitwell

It was felt that more information from AONB, RSPB, etc was necessary before any comment could be made, and a special meeting would be called if necessary

23/00385/FU: Proposed wind turbine on 18m tower Knightsbridge Farm

Whitwell Road Godshill: In spite of assurances from the landowner, Cllr Child was unhappy about the impact on local wildlife, and suggested holding a meeting when further clarification on this issue becomes available

## **60/2023 PLANNING DECISIONS**

The following decision was noted:

Proposed 2 detached outbuildings to form workshop and guest bedroom; alterations to vehicular access Webster Cottages School Road Godshill. Refused

## **71/23 KINGS CORONATION**

Cllr Child reported that there had been little response from the local community and suggested the installation of a memorial bench, and undertook to investigate the planting of commemoration trees. She further suggested a site visit and inviting ideas via the Council website.

## **72/23 BURIAL FEES**

It was RESOLVED to accept the proposed burial fees as submitted.

## **73/23 LAND RENTAL**

It was proposed to put out the question of allotments to consultation.

It was RESOLVED to accept a 10% increase in land rental.

### **74/23 LITTERPICK**

It was agreed that there was an unacceptable amount of litter in the village, and Cllr Frost suggested organizing a litterpick before any Coronation trees were planted.

Cllr Button commented about preparations for the Best Kept Village Competition.

It was suggested putting out an invitation on the Council website to participate in a litterpick.

### **75/23 CENTRAL MEAD**

It was reported that rabbit holes were a serious problem, and also that was a rubbish problem in this area.

### **76/23 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2023-24**

It was RESOLVED to remain with the existing contractor, Douglas McGeoch.

### **77/23 LOCATION AND CLEANING OF BENCHES**

No action was proposed, as Councillors will continue to clean the benches when necessary, although it was acknowledged that Island Roads should be responsible for this.

### **78/23 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

No update was presented on this issue

### **79/23 POST OFFICE STORE**

No update was presented on this issue. It was noted that Godshill PC had subsidised this business by £4K last year, and agreed to a further £5K in the current year.

### **80/23 DATE AND TIME OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The dates of 3/5/23 and 15/5/23 were considered, and these will be discussed with the Clerk.

### **81/23 DATE AND TIME OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

This will follow the Annual Parish Meeting

**CHAIRMAN**