

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN GODSHILL METHODIST HALL AT 7.50PM ON WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 2023.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: G Hughes (Clerk), and seven member of the public.

7.50pm to 8.05pm time allocated for residents of Godshill Parish to speak to the Council on Parish Council matters.

A member of the public reported on a drainage problem with a storm drain near Webster Cottage, Island Roads would be contacted.

A question was asked regarding the situation with the Post Office and its future funding from the Parish Council. Councillor Child gave an update and advised that continued funding had been provided in the budget for 2023/4 but future funding levels would be a matter for public consultation.

MINUTES

55/23 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On the proposition of Councillor Button, seconded by Councillor Bysouth, it was –

RESOLVED: That Councillor Child be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

56/23 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

On the proposition of Councillor Button, seconded by Councillor Child, it was –

RESOLVED: That Councillor Bysouth be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

57/23 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED: That Councillor Child be elected to represent the Parish Council, other Councillors to deputise as agreed throughout the year.

58/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from IW Councillor Suzie Ellis. Councillor Child reported that due to personal commitments Councillor Frost had given her written resignation from the Parish Council. The Clerk would advise Electoral Services that a casual vacancy had arisen.

RESOLVED: To pass the thanks of the Parish Council to former Councillor Frost for her years of valued service to the Parish Council and local community.

59/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

60/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3RD APRIL 2023

On the proposition of Councillor Bysouth, seconded by Councillor Button, it was –

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April be approved.

61/23 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

A written report had been received by IW Councillor Suzie Ellis, as follows –

This month has involved ongoing communication with residents regarding the Captiva works at Lily Cross, and meetings and telephone and email communications to do with planning applications, the majority of which have been concerning the application for a Wind Turbine at Knightsbridge Farm -23/00385/FUL. I met with the applicant on site to discuss this application, and have also spoken with the AONB and IWC planning officers to gain a better understanding of the detail. The application is at a very early stage with more reports expected – I will continue to monitor this application and look forward to continuing the conversations with residents as to the pros and cons! More widely within the ward as a whole work has primarily centred around ongoing flooding issues and I am in conversation with Southern Water regarding it's somewhat overwhelmed infrastructure and, with the help of Neil Youngs, various landowners and Island Roads to try and tackle a number of ongoing issues. I have met with Cllr Jordan (Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport) regarding the very welcome £2.14m grant towards improvements to the A3056, and asked whether we could also have some improvements in Godshill – namely can the 20 mph limit be extended towards Rookley, ideally to encompass the Zebra crossing which is being put in as part of the Captiva development. We also discussed the possibility of adding more railings outside Godshill Primary School to try and help improve safety around school drop off and collection times, and he has agreed to approach Southern Vectis to see if something can be done to avoid the two buses which arrive on opposite sides of the road outside the school at the same time as each other in the mornings, which make it very dangerous for parents and children crossing. I am looking forward to welcoming Year 5 of Godshill and Chillerton and Rookley School to County Hall on the 3rd May for a visit to learn about how the IWC works and to have a look around, and will be going into the school to help support Sats the following week.

62/23 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Councillor Child reported on the recent meeting to discuss planning applications, an objection had been made to the application for a Wind Turbine at Knightsbridge Farm. She also reported on her attendance at a recent AONB meeting and a meeting with Susan Gearing a resident of Church Hill regarding future maintenance of Church Hill Bank. It was agreed to ask IW Councillor Suzie Ellis if she could assist in getting Island Roads to address the pothole and parking situations in Church Hill.

63/23 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Button gave a detailed update on matters raised during the recent site visits. The Clerk advised that he had now received replacement parts and fittings for the playground equipment at May Closes and that a ROSPA inspection would take place in May.

Councillor Crane reported of an occasion that someone had camped in Central Mead.

64/23 CLERKS REPORT

All items were contained elsewhere on the agenda.

65/23 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

The following payments were approved –

TYPE	PAYEE	AMOUNT £
STO	G HUGHES APR SALARY	524.00
STO	ISLAND CLEANING SERVICES – APR	464.92
STO	CPRE – SUBSCRIPTION – APR	3.00
FPO	PWLB = LOAN REPAYMENT	1,941.65
FPO	IWALC – SUBSCRIPTION	305.95
FPO	E READ = PETROL	55.00
FPO	BUSINESS STREAM – WATER	3.88
FPO	BHIB – INSURANCE	818.25

66/23 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

RESOLVED: To receive and accept the report of the Internal Auditor.

67/23 FINAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23

RESOLVED: That the Final Accounts for the 2022-23 financial year be approved.

68.23 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

69/23 ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

RESOLVED: That the Annual Accounting Statements be approved.

70/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There had been no planning applications received since the last meeting.

71/23 PLANNING DECISIONS

No decisions had been received since the last meeting.

72/23 CENTRAL MEAD

Councillor Child gave a brief update and reported that the Lottery had advised that it would be six months before the application in respect of the Community Hall could be considered and that revised funding criteria would be in place. Community Action IW were continuing to give advise on funding opportunities. A new resident had also offered his services to assist with the proposed Playground project.

73/23 NATURAL ENTERPRISE

The annual contribution of £500 for the upkeep of Munsley Bog had been approved as part of the budget for the 2023-24 financial year. A further £500 was approved as a matched funding contribution to a Boardwalk renewal project should one proceed. More information would be sought regarding current works on invasive species.

74 /23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place in the Methodist Hall on Monday 5th June 2023 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

CHAIRMAN

5TH JUNE 2023