

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN GODSHILL METHODIST HALL AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2023.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: G Hughes (Clerk), IW Councillor Suzie Ellis and nine members of the public.

7.40pm to 7.45pm time allocated for residents of Godshill Parish to speak to the Council on Parish Council matters.

A resident asked as to whether anything further had been heard on the outcome of the planning application in respect of the proposed Captiva development at Scotland Farm. IW Councillor Suzie Ellis advised that she understood that the outcome was to be approval and this would be announced in the next few days. Two residents asked if anything further had been done in respect of speeding traffic, in particular at Sandford, IW Councillor Suzie Ellis advised that she understood that the provision of a local Speedwatch was being investigated by GRABA. A resident advised of works that were needed at Minsley Bog, the Clerk would contact Natural Enterprise who undertook maintenance work on the site.

MINUTES

14/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

15/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

16/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2023.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2023.

17/23 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

IW Councillor Suzie Ellis had circulated her report by e mail, as follows –

Ward work during January has seen the continuance of working to progress planning enquiries and enforcement, including site visits and meetings with applicants, residents and planning officers. Our planning department continues to be under significant pressure, and this has inevitably led to delays and difficulties.

I have been responding to a number of enquiries regarding to flooding and drainage issues, working closely with the IWC's newly appointed Drainage and Flood Risk Management Officer to liaise with landowners regarding their responsibilities under the land drainage act – including looking into ongoing problems reported by residents in Redhill Lane. Of particular note is the success we have had in this regard in Arreton, which suffered significant flood and mud damage in the summer. The landowners have now put measures in place on the land on the community side of the village, and to date this appears to be working well – despite the recent heavy rains there has been no further run off from these fields. Going forwards we will be working with landowners to address a problem with a drainage ditch on the other side of the village. A drop in style meeting was held at Arreton Community Centre with IWC officers and myself present to discuss flooding and flood prevention, and this was a very successful event. I have been contacted by residents in regards to traffic issues outside

of the primary school, and am working with the school and PCSO to try and address these – Mr Snow has sent text messages to parents telling them to stop parking on the yellow lines, and this has been reinforced with a note in the latest newsletter. Justin Keefe has been present at drop off and collection times, and I will be going along myself to help with traffic management over the next couple of weeks. Hopefully the zebra crossing which will be put in as part of the Captiva development will help a little, but I will be looking into what other safety measures can be put in place. (The planning decision for the Scotland Farm development is due to be issued either Monday 6th or Tuesday 7th of February.) During the month I have attended meetings of Full Council and the Appeals Committee in January, councillor development group and councillor briefings – including a session on the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework).

I visited Wight Building Materials with Cllr Bacon to officially open their new filter press, which will dramatically reduce the amount of water and land used in the processing of aggregate materials at St George's Down where WBM have been quarrying for the past 80 years – although I understand there has been a quarry at this site since the Romans!

I accompanied Donna Jones, PCC to a meeting with Community Action Isle of Wight to hear about their great work with youth teams, and am attending one of the 'Eyes Wide' sessions they are running on Tuesday 7th Feb to gain a better understanding of county lines, Child Criminal Exploitation and knife crime. We were also given a briefing on the Ukrainian refugees that we are currently hosting.

18/23 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Councillor Child advised that all her items were contained elsewhere on the Agenda.

19/23 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Frost reported on Scotland Farm activity and the lighting at the bus shelter which she had reported to Southern Vectis.

20/23 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk confirmed that he had been in contact with a resident of Newport Road, who had a long standing drainage problem in the garden of his property. The problem had now been addressed by Island Roads.

The Clerk reported on the Christmas tree which had again been kindly donated by a local resident. The tree had been sited at the Olive Garden and illuminated by GRABA.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and GRABA and Danny at the Olive Garden be thanked for their work and siting of the Christmas Tree.

21/23 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following payments were approved

PAYEE	AMOUNT
	£
G HUGHES JAN SALARY	524.00
ISLAND CLEANING SERVICES – JAN	464.92
CPRE – SUBSCRIPTION – JAN	3.00
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	60.00
E READ – CEMETERY MOWING	133.00
G HUGHES – EXPENSES	31.04
HMRC – MONTH 11	131.00

23/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered –

1. Demolition of conservatory; proposed replacement conservatory. Sandford House Shanklin Road Godshill. Ref. No: 23/00121/HOU |
2. Proposed single storey side extension. Fairview School Road Godshill .Ref. No: 23/00120/HOU
3. Proposed detached outbuildings to form workshop and guest bedroom; alterations to vehicular access, Webster Cottages School Road Godshill. Ref. No: 23/00133/HOU
4. Proposed new agricultural barn; retention of yard, hardstanding and bunds. Clover Farm Bagwich Lane Godshill. Ref. No: 23/00024/FUL

RESOLVED: (i) To make no objection to applications 1 & 2 above but to consider further at the March meeting.
(ii) To make no objection to application 3 above subject to the conditions put forward by Island Roads.
(iii) To make no objection to application 4 above subject to a condition being applied that it be retained at all times solely for agricultural use.

24/23 PLANNING DECISION

The following decision had been made –

Conversion of storage building/workshop into a unit of self-contained holiday accommodation (revised scheme) Lower Yard Farm Newport Road Godshill.

APPROVED

25/23 .CENTRAL MEAD

The Clerk advised of treeworks that were necessary to three pine trees, a quote regarding felling works had previously been received. Having regard to the cost involved it was agreed to seek two further quotations.

26/23 CHURCH HILL BANK – MAINTENANCE

A resident of Church Hill had offered to undertake future maintenance of the bank and its fencing. It was agreed to accept the offer subject to the completion of any legal agreements that may be necessary.

27/23 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO ALL SAINTS CHURCH

A request had been made from All Saints for a financial contribution to necessary tree works. After due consideration it was –

RESOLVED: To make a contribution of £600.

28/23 LOCATION AND CLEANING OF BENCHES

It had been previously agreed to relocate the bench from outside the Post Office subject to the necessary approval of the IW Council. Island Roads had previously confirmed that they were responsible for its cleaning and maintenance. Nothing further had been heard regarding the proposed relocation of the bench but a second bench had now been placed on the grass outside the Post Office. The Clerk had written to Island Roads seeking advice on what was happening and on why the arrival of the second bench.

29/23 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The Clerk reported that the urgent work to a piece of equipment (as identified in the ROSPA report) had been completed. He also reported that he had ordered new handle stops from Playdale for two items of equipment.

30/23 POST OFFICE & STORE

An e mail from Community Action had been circulated advising on the current financial situation at the Post Office. A meeting would be held with all affected Parish Councils and it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would attend.

31/23 FRIENDS OF GODSHILL SCHOOL (FROGS) – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION.

A request had been received from FROGS who were undertaking a fund raising exercise to provide finance for the refurbishment of the Early Years playground. While recognising the good works of FROGS the Parish Council noted that the IW Council was the Education Authority and ought to be the principal source of assistance. The Parish Council did also assist the school through the useage of Central Mead, the upkeep of which was funded annually by the Parish Council. It was therefore agreed to not make a contribution to the current fund raising activity.

32/23 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2023-24

A budget paper had been circulated prior to the January meeting, consideration of which was deferred to the February meeting when the taxbase for 2023-24 would have become available.

RESOLVED: That the budget as presented be approved and the precept for 2023-24 be set at £45,072 representing a 5% increase in precept and a Band D Council Tax of £76.33.

33 /23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

CHAIRMAN

6H MARCH 2023