

# GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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**A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN GODSHILL METHODIST HALL AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2024.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors, Button, Child, Crane, Jackman and Snart.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** G Hughes (Clerk), and nine 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.**

Members of the public asked as to whether Island Roads had responded to comments regarding drainage in the Village and at Redhill Lane.

## MINUTES

### 19/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Bysouth and IW Councillor Suzie Ellis.

### 20/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

### 21/24 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024

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

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting be approved.

### 22/24 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

An e mail had been received advising of the hospitalisation of IW Councillor Suzie Ellis, and providing an alternative contact at County Hall during the period of her recovery.

**RESOLVED:** To send the Parish Councils best wishes to IW Councillor Suzie Ellis.

### 23/24 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Councillor Child and Councillor Jackman had met with officers of Community Action to discuss arrangements for the future operation of the Post Office & Store..Councillor Child had also attended Speedwatch training in respect of which she was a volunteer,

### 24/24 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Crane reported on rabbit holes at Central Mead. He had also Borrowed a tool to undertake the fitting of the replacement part for the see- saw at May Close.

Councillor Button enquired regarding the completion of equipment repairs at May Close.

Councillor Jackman on a meeting with Hants & IW Wildlife Trust regarding the management of Parish Council owned sites. She also spoke about the possibility of having a 'Warm Space: area at the Post Office & Store, a possible Youth Parliament in the Parish, and also on solar heating initiatives.

### 25/24 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that the warning sign for the fallen tree was to be fitted on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. He had purchased a speed camera and equipment to be

used by the Speedwatch Volunteers. The Clerk would arrange with Councillor Crane for the fitting of the see-saw part at May Close.

## **26/24 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL**

The following payments were approved –

TYPE	PAYEE	AMOUNT
		£
STO	G HUGHES – JANUARY SALARY	561.00
STO	ISLAND CLEANING SERVICES	464.92
DD	CPRE - SUBSCRIPTION - JAN	3.00
FPO	IWALC = SUBSCRIPTION	309.69
FPO	G HUGHES – EXPENSES	57.93
FPO	D McGEOCH – TREEWORCS	1,750.00
FPO	G HUGHES – SPEEDGUN	174.25
FPO	G HUGHES – BATTERY & CHARGER	63.99
FPO	GODSHILL METHODIST CHURCH	180.00
FPO	ANDREW SNART – PROT CLOTHING	31.92

## **27/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following application was considered –

Proposed single storey extensions and alterations including new cladding, detached double garage. Lower Dolcoppice Farm, Dolcoppice Lane, Godshill.

**RESOLVED:** To make no objection to the application subject to the conditions proposed by AONB being applied.

## **28/24 PLANNING DECISIONS**

The following planning decisions had been circulated –

1 23/02134/FUL/ Change of use from agricultural land to dog exercise paddock/agricultural use with car parking, access and landscaping.

Land off Bathingbourne Lane, Godshill. Granted

2, 23/0207/73/FUL/ Temporary residential use of Apple Tree Barn, Appletree Lane, Godshill. Refused

## **29/24 CORRESPONDENCE**

A communication from Captiva had been circulated, being a response to the matters raised at the January Parish Council meeting. It was noted that site workers were still using Yarborough Close to access the Lily Cross site.

## **30/24 SPEEDWATCH**

Councillor Snart gave an update on the induction and training for Speedwatch which was now up and running.

## **31/24 CENTRAL MEAD**

Councillor Child reported that Community Action had offered to assist with a new funding application in respect of the proposed Community Centre. The Clerk had registered the Childrens and Young Peoples Charity with HMRC as Gift Aid may be claimable on any donations made to investment projects

## **32/24 BURIAL FEES**

A copy of the current fees was circulated by the Clerk who advised that there had been no increase in fees since the 2021-22 financial year. After discussion it was –

**RESOLVED:** To increase fees on 1<sup>st</sup> April by the Annual CPI as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 but that the increase not be applied to fees relating to children.

**33/24 LAND RENTAL**

It was agreed to review the current rental for consideration at the March meeting.

**34/24 VENUE OF FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Having regard to increased number of parishioners attending Parish Council meetings and the anticipation of growing future attendance it was -

**RESOLVED:** To hold Parish Council meetings at Godshill School with effect from April 2024.

**35/24 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, in the public interest the public and press were excluded for the following item -

**36/24 PAY OF BURIAL GROUND CARETAKER**

**RESOLVED:** To award a pay increase from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 in accordance with the increase in the Annual CPI as at September 2023.

**37/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would take place in the Methodist Hall on Monday 4th March 2024 at 7.30pm.

**The meeting closed at 8.29pm**

**CHAIRMAN  
4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**