

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN GODSHILL METHODIST HALL AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: G Hughes (Clerk), and fourteen 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 flooding that had been experienced and drains that required clearing in the village centre and Church Hill, the Clerk would contact Island Roads.

It was reported that the School had received a good Ofsted rating, and it was agreed to pass on the congratulations of the Parish Council for such a good achievement.

A resident expressed support for the increased financial contribution for the Post Office & Shop. The Clerk would contact Island Roads regarding comments on the replacement bus shelter at the school. Having regard to increased members of the public attending meeting, it was agreed that the future venue would form an agenda item for the February meeting.

MINUTES

1/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Bysouth and IW Councillor Suzie Ellis.

2/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3/24 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 4TH & 20TH DECEMBER 2023.

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings be approved.

4/24 COOPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

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

RESOLVED: That Mr Andrew Snart be coopted as a member of Godshill Parish Council.

5/24 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

No report had been received since the December meeting.

6/24 CHAIRMANS REPORT

There had been no meetings to report on since the December meeting, other than items that are reported elsewhere on the agenda. She and Councillor Jackman were to meet with Community Action regarding the Post Office & Store operation and feedback from the public consultation.

7/24 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Jackman reported on flooding, (particularly in West Street) and on concerns raised by residents with Captiva, the Clerk would contact Iain Delaney. She advised on a forthcoming meeting to be held in the Taverners on the 15th February to promote Community Planning and ‘Godshill Rethink’. A sum of £100 was approved to cover incidental expenses such as leaflets.

Councillor Crane advised on the post and sign at Central Mead and the need for a list of approved contractors to prevent future delays in works being completed. Councillor Button reported on waste that had blown onto a footpath from the Lily Cross site. Ske also asked regarding outstanding work to play equipment at May Close, the Clerk would liaise with Councillor Crane.

8/24 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk had circulated the following report –

1. New gatepost installed at Central Mead.
2. Cooption of Parish Councillor is an Agenda item.
3. New signage has been placed at Munsley Bog by Natural Enterprise.
4. Order placed for agreed tree works at Central Mead.
5. Central Mead Memorial Bench siting – Order placed and work to be undertaken next week. Contractor currently has Covid.

9/24 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

The following payments were approved –

TYPE	PAYEE	AMOUNT
		£
STO	G HUGHES DECEMBER SALARY	561.00
STO	ISLAND CLEANING SERVICES – DEC	464.92
DD	CPRE – SUBSCRIPTION – DEC	3.00
FPO	D McGEOCH – GRASSCUTTING	588.00
FPO	SSE – SUPPLY CENTRAL MEAD	256.01
FPO	SSE – SUPPLY PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	254.81
FPO	BUSINESS STREAM – SUPPLY	141.53
FPO	THOMPSONS – CHRISTMAS TREE	100.00
FPO	NDLE – CHRISTMAS TREE & LIGHTING	1,032.00
FPO	JWB HOMES & GARDEN – POST RENEWAL	260.00

10/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered –

1. Change of use from agricultural land to dog exercise paddock/agricultural use with car parking, access and landscaping Part OS Parcel 6315 Land Off Bathingbourne Lane Godshill.
2. Change of use of 1.62 hectares (4 acres) of agricultural land for a secure dog walking field with associated fencing and parking | Land At Fairfields Park Farm Shinybricks Lane Godshill

RESOLVED: To make no objection to the applications subject to the car parking areas being of a hardstanding material.

11/24 PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk reported that he application for an extension to a barn at Knightsbridge Farm had been refused.

12/24 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence is contained elsewhere in the minutes.

13/24 SPEEDWATCH

An update on the proposed scheme was received including costs of associated equipment and clothing. Councillor Snart would liaise with the Clerk regarding the making of associated payments.

14/24 CENTRAL MEAD

The new gate post had been installed and a replacement safety sign was required for

the fallen tree. Inclement weather had delayed the siting of the Memorial Bench. A contractor had been instructed to undertake agreed treeworks during January.

15/24 MUNSLEY BOG

Councillor Child reported on the opening ceremony for the new Boardwalk which had been well attended and featured in the Isle of Wight County Press.

16/24 INVASIVE SPECIES

This item was deferred to the February meeting.

17/24 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2024-25

The Clerk had circulated a Budget Report and a detailed Budget paper for the current and 2024-25 financial years. The budget for 2024-25 included a £7,000 provision for a contribution to the Post Office & Store and an ongoing provision for a contribution to ground maintenance costs at All Saints Church.

RESOLVED: That the detailed budget and a precept for 2024-25 of £47,300 be approved.

18/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place in the Methodist Hall on Monday 5th February 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.42pm

**CHAIRMAN
5TH FEBRUARY 2024**