

# 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 3RD OCTOBER 2022.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Child, Button and Frost.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** G Hughes (Clerk) and seven members of the public.

**7.00pm to 7.30pm time allocated for residents of Godshill Parish to speak to the Council on Parish Council matters.**

A member of the public asked whether there had been any further news regarding the planning application for a housing development at Scotland Farm. The Chairman advised that a decision on the application had yet to be made.

A member of the public asked whether anything had been heard from Hampshire Constabulary regarding speeding matters that had been raised at the July meeting. No communication had been received, the Chairman would discuss with IW Councillor Suzie Ellis.

## MINUTES

### **153/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Frost and IW Councillor Suzie Ellis.

### **154/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **155/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022.**

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

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2022.

### **156/22 COOPTION OF TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Mr Keith Crane had asked to be considered for cooption to the Parish Council and interview in respect of which would be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### **157/22 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT**

No report had been received as Councillor Ellis was suffering from ill health, it was hoped that she would soon be fully recovered and able to resume her valued service to the local community.

### **158/22 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Chairman was pleased to report that Godshill had been recently announced as the Winner of the Best Kept Large Village Award as part of the Isle of Wight Best Kept Village Awards competition for 2022. She expressed thanks to all those persons and organisations whose hard work had contributed to this success and recognition of the village.

The award took place at a presentation on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at Whitwell Village Hall which included the award of a plaque and a cheque for £150 together with the Best Kept Large Village Shield.

### **159/22 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Button reported that she had undertaken site visits including May Close and Central Mead and there was nothing further to report at this time.

### **160/22 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk had received and circulated the annual report of the External Auditor on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). There were no actions required arising from the audit. Approval of the report would be an item for the November meeting.

The Clerk had reported to a supplier necessary maintenance work identified on an item of playground equipment. An installation guide detailing corrective action had been received and the Clerk had arranged for the item to be attended by a local trade person.

A communication from the IW Council had been circulated which asked local councils for details of any projects that they were undertaking to help local communities with increased heating and other associated costs.

### **161/22 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The following payments were approved –

<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
	<b>£</b>
G HUGHES SEPT SALARY	487.20
ISLAND CLEANING SERVICES – SEPT	557.90
CPRE – SUBSCRIPTION – SEPT	3.00
SIGNPOST EXPRESS – SIGNAGE	24.00
G HUGHES – EXPENSES	53.11
D McGEOCH - GRASSCUTTING	250.00
SSE – CENTRAL MEAD	200.90
S MILFORD – INTERNAL AUDIT	120.00
COUNTY CLEARANCE – RUBBISH REM	45.00
HMRC – TAX	392.40

### **162/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning application was considered –

1. Proposed commercial (B2) unit with parking, land adjacent Sandford Garage, Off Shanklin Road Sandford. Ref. No: 22/01621/FUL |
2. Use of Pool House as permanent residential, Spinneys Shanklin Road Godshill. Ref. No: 22/01524/FUL |

**RESOLVED:** To make no objection to the applications.

### **163/22 PLANNING DECISION**

The following decision had been taken and was noted –  
22/01186/FUL | Demolition of agricultural buildings; construction of new replacement agricultural storage and machinery barn; relocation of an agricultural storage barn | East View Farm Road Lane Godshill. Granted

#### **.164/22 .CENTRAL MEAD**

The Chairman advised that she had met with staff of Community Action who were to assist with the lottery bid for the proposed Community Hall. She had also been in communication with Captiva Homes regarding a contribution towards capital investment in the proposed project.

She also reported that ground conditions at both Central Mead and May Close were much improved from those prevailing during the summer heatwave.

#### **165/22 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

The Parish Council had previously asked the Clerk to report on current cleaning and maintenance costs and options for the future operation of such services. The Clerk had examined the current cost of cleaning and a proposal put forward by a local contractor for providing a service covering ongoing minor maintenance items and a call out service. A quotation had also been received in respect of this service provision by the supplier of the modular public convenience units. Enquiries had also been made regarding such service provision to other local councils that were providing a similar facility. Having regard to the costs and information received it was -

**RESOLVED:** That the current cleaning contract be continued and the offer of a maintenance service covering minor maintenance costs and a call out facility be accepted.

#### **166/22 RELOCATION OF BENCH**

The Clerk had asked Island Roads regarding any permission that was required for the bench to be relocated from the Post Office to the bus stop area in the High Street. Island Roads advised that their records detailed the bench as being owned by the IW Council who would therefore be consulted on any proposed relocation. The bench had in recent times received cleaning and maintenance work by the Parish Council and voluntary work by a local organisation. At the September meeting a member of the public had expressed the view that the bench should remain in its current location.

**RESOLVED:** To write to the IW Council regarding the future location of the bench and the responsibility for its cleaning and maintenance.

#### **167/12 ALL SAINTS – FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION**

Consideration was given towards an annual contribution to ground maintenance costs as made in recent years. It was also reported that the Church had been required to incur significant expenditure on treeworks in the current financial year. It was –

**RESOLVED:** To make a contribution of £300 to the annual maintenance costs and to consider a further contribution at the December meeting as part of the 2023-24 budget setting process.

#### **168 /22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would take place on Monday 7th November at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall.

**The meeting closed at 8.29pm**

