

# 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 5TH JULY 2021.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Button, Child (Chairman), Donoclift Nigh and Taylor.

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

**7.30pm to 8.00pm time allocated for residents of Godshill Parish to speak to the Council on Parish Council matters.**

Councillor Taylor enquired as to whether any communication had been sent to Staples regarding the impact of the storm which had caused significant damage to local property (as discussed at the June meeting). The Clerk advised that he had written to Staples and had received a prompt response, Staples would appear from that response to not be the owner of the site from where the storm damage originated. The Clerk had received a site map from Staples and would seek clarification on ownership.

## MINUTES

### 113/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None

### 114/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

### 115/21 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 be approved.

### 116/21 COOPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

This item had been deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

### 117/21 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman gave an update on the Volunteer Hub and on Central Mead. She also advised on communications she had received regarding activity at Lavenders Farm. A Village Hall Fund Raising Committee had been set up and it was intended to hold a car boot sale in August. The Chairman advised that any Councillor could join the Committee, should they so wish..

### 118/21 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that at the request of an All Saints Church representative, he had advised the Community Police of the presence of a vagrant around the church site. This had involved the lighting of candles and there was concern regarding a fire risk. It was agreed that the presence required sensitivity and the involvement of those professional services that could assist the individual concerned.

There was nothing further to report that was not contained elsewhere on the agenda.

### 119/21 FINANCE – PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

CHEQUE NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT
		£
001565	HMRC – TAX	112.80
001566	D McGEOCH - GRASSCUTTING	500.00

001567	E READ – CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	259.00
001568	G HUGHES – EXPENSES	27.12
001569	PAT BUTTON – EXPENSES	15.49

**RESOLVED:** That the payments be approved.

#### **120/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were considered –

- (i). Proposed change of use from agricultural to mixed use equine stabling and dog care to include sand school, stable block, hay store and parking.  
Part OS Parcel 6020 Off Chequers Inn Road Rookley. Ref. No: 21/01236/FUL
- (ii) Proposed extension at first floor level on rear elevation., 4 Park Farm Cottages Shanklin Road Godshill. Ref. No: 21/01182/HOU |
- (iii) Demolition of lean to; Conversion and extension of barn to create a dwelling with integral annexe (amendments to approved scheme P/01107/18).  
East View Farm Roud, Lane Godshill. Ref. No: 21/01074/FUL |

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

#### **121/21 PLANNING DECISION**

The following decision had been circulated –

21/00900/HOU | Proposed porch | Butterflies Church Hill Godshill. Granted

#### **122/21 CENTRAL MEAD**

The Chairman advised that Martin Hayles, Architect, was obtaining pricings on the necessary works to satisfy conditions applying to the planning permission.

She also reported on an approach from Wight Eagles Ladies Football Club regarding the possible use of Central Mead for training and for matches. She and the Clerk had met on site with representatives of the football club to discuss their requirements and explore how they could possibly fit in with the proposed development of the site. The Clerk would send Wight Eagles a copy of the approved development plans for information. It was noted that the Club was not requiring an immediate agreement but asking consideration for the use of Central Mead for training for a few of its junior members

#### **123/21 PUBLIC COVENIENCES UPDATE**

The Clerk reported that the Wallgate unit in the Ladies was still not functioning, and having regard to the apparent breakdown of the islandwide maintenance contract with Wallgate, a local qualified contractor had been instructed to provide a price for the repair of the existing unit. A blockage had also occurred in the Gents urinal and this would be attended to by the cleaning contractor.

#### **124/21 COACH PARKING IN THE VILLAGE**

There was nothing further to report at this time.

#### **125/21 CONSIDERATION OF ROSPA REPORT ON MAY CLOSE PLAYGROUND**

The report had been considered in detail in the period since the June meeting. The item for removal had been taped off by Councillor Button and the Clerk had contacted a contractor regarding its removal. It was agreed that the Clerk would prepare a plan for undertaking all other recommended works.

#### **126/21 LOCATION OF BINS AT CAR PARK**

The situation had now been resolved and a replacement for a damaged bin had been received from Island Roads. Misuse of the bins and dumping had been occurring which would attract vermin, a notice regarding such would be placed on the website

and on the noticeboard.

### **127/21 BORROWING APPROVAL - TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF APPROVAL**

The Clerk confirmed that borrowing approval for £50,000 in respect of the Danfo refurbishment had been received from the Department of Housing, Communities and Local Government. The associated loan application to the Public Works Loan Board (PWLb) would be made once refurbishment had commenced.

**RESOLVED:** That the receipt of the borrowing approval be noted

### **128/21 SPEEDING AND HIGHWAY SAFETY**

A discussion took place on the continued speeding through the village and the lack of any enforcement action. The Clerk reported that a previous meeting hosted by the Council (and involving Highways, Island Roads, Godshill School and local business owners) had come up with some ideas for improving highway safety throughout the village. It was agreed that the notes from that meeting form an agenda item for the next meeting.

### **129/21 QUEENS 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HER CORONATION**

The intention of the Parish Council to promote a community celebration had been placed on the website but no comments or contact had yet to be received. The Chairman would contact other local organisations regarding participation.

### **130/21 CORRESPONDENCE**

A factually incorrect letter had been published in the IW County Press relating to the funding of the proposed Playground and Community Centre projects. The Chairman and Clerk would write in response to the County Press. IW Councillor Suzie Ellis had circulated her report as follows -

The period since the election has been incredibly busy with many induction sessions, meetings, and briefings for all newly elected members. Much of this has had to be online due to continuing restrictions, and I applaud the IWC Officers ability to deliver such a wealth of information in often challenging circumstances – I have certainly learned a lot and feel that I have hit the ground running!

There was some confusion at Full Council over committee appointments, and currently I have been appointed to the Audit Committee and have been elected to The Corporate Parenting Board. Changes will be made at the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 21 July, and whilst I will remain on the CPB, my committee memberships will change and I will come off Audit Committee and will join Policy and Scrutiny for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration and Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills. I will also be a substitute for Pensions and Planning and have completed the additional training needed to sit on the Planning Committee.

I have been appointed to the Shadow Cabinet as Conservative Spokesperson for Environment, Heritage and Waste management, and as such will be in regular touch with officers on matters and issues relating to this portfolio and have been asked to join the task and finish group on Fly Tipping.

I have been busy with ward work and helping residents on issues around the ferries and availability for NHS patients, planning, planning enforcement, housing, fly tipping, unkempt verges, bins, speeding and parking.

I have kept up to date with the Chillerton and Rookley School consultation, speaking both with members of the SOS group, the Governing Body and Officers. You will have seen that the school will re-open in September, and Cllr Debbie Andre, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills, will make her decision once she has received the Officer's report covering all the options available.

I have met with a resident and Cllr Claire Critchison to discuss retrospective planning and planning enforcement issues and we hope to work together on this going forward.

I have a meeting next week with planning officers to discuss the UKOG application to drill at Arreton, to ensure I am fully up to speed with all details of this. I have also drafted my comment to object to their application to the Environment Agency for an environmental permit, and will be submitting this by the 9th July deadline.

Many residents have raised concerns with me about large tractors travelling to and from the Anaerobic Digester Plant in Arreton down lanes for which they are too wide. I have spoken with the local police who suggest reporting specific incidents to them via their website but do stress that tractors are exempt from width restrictions when directly accessing their land. I have also spoken with Neville Peachey, works manager at the AD plant, who has confirmed that the original planning conditions specified certain routes for the farms involved at the time. The other (two) farmers that supply the AD plant currently do not have agreed routes, and are asked to take the quickest legal route available, Mr Peachey has stressed that if they do not do this – ie they go down a 6' 6" in a too wide tractor – they are breaking the law, and this should be reported to the police via their website. Rude or unthoughtful driving can be reported to Mr Peachey directly, with a registration number, date and time, and he will investigate and deal with it. Email is [neville.peachey@wfenergy.co.uk](mailto:neville.peachey@wfenergy.co.uk)

20 mph Speed Limit in Godshill – I have had a conversation with Mike Thornton, PCSO for Godshill, who has confirmed that the speed limit through the village is one of a number on the Island that are not enforceable. I asked the previous cabinet member for Infrastructure and Transport about the 20mph limit and speeding issues, and he told me that the last administration implemented the current 20mph speed limit at the request of the Parish Council despite the police's objection that it was not needed, at the time, the average daytime speeds through Godshill varied between 15-24 mph. The 20mph has made little difference to those average speeds.

Touching on this, and further to receiving Cllr Carl Donoclift's email on traffic lights for the village, I have made initial enquiries, and understand that to impose one way traffic via traffic lights will require evidence of need – ie has there been a higher level of accidents than normal?

Bear in mind that this system will incur a backlog of waiting vehicles in both directions, with associated pollution issues, is that what residents want? Would the parish council be prepared to contribute to the cost?

Bins – I believe all bins are now back where they should be! Going forward I would suggest that issues such as these are reported to Island Roads on their website, or by using 'Fix My Street'.

Captiva Homes have been in touch with me regarding progress of their development at Rookley, and to let me know that they have secured a site in Godshill for land off West Street and Yarborough Close. They say: "The site already has planning permission for a large residential care facility, but it is our intention to resubmit an application to change this to much needed open market and affordable homes for Islanders. We plan to reach out to Gareth Hughes at the Godshill Parish Council directly to schedule an appropriate time in the coming weeks to share our plans and listen to their feedback" but, as local Ward Councillor, we wanted to share this news with you first." I have arranged to meet with them at their Ryde Development on the 15th July to discuss both sites.

Cllr Suzie Ellis  
Elected Member for Central Rural

Astrid Bysouth felt that Planning Application (i) above, regarding a change of use, would provide another facility for housing dogs, for which there were already two other establishments in a close vicinity. This would bring excessive noise to local residents.

Rowena Troop asked whether the public could be deployed in the use of speed cameras to prevent speeding. The Clerk advised that the Isle of Wight Council had a considerable sum in its 2021-22 capital programme for the purchase of mobile speed cameras. However as there was now a newly formed Council at County Hall there may be some uncertainty on the implementation of the current capital programme detail.

#### **132/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 6th September 2021 at 7.30pm.

**The meeting concluded at 8.38pm.**

**CHAIRMAN**

**6TH SEPTEMBER 2021**