

# **GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

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**A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN GODSHILL METHODIST HALL AT 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2022.**

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

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

The Chairman expressed her regret that the meeting scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> February had to be cancelled due to illness and other apologies for absence that would have led to the meeting not having the sufficient quorum. The Clerk had placed a notice of cancellation on the door of the Methodist Hall on the afternoon of 7<sup>th</sup> February and this was acknowledged by a number of residents. A resident advised of a forthcoming Tea & Cake event to be held at All Saints on St George's Day commencing at 2pm.

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

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

### **20/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors Donoclift, Frost, Taylor and IW Councillor Suzie Ellis..

### **21/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None

### **22/21 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10TH JANUARY 2022.**

On the proposition of Councillor Button, seconded by Councillor Bysouth it was –

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022 be approved.

### **23/22 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Councillor Child advised on her assistance to an elderly resident on a planning matter. A site meeting had been held with Graham Biss of Natural Enterprise who were organising a programme of works to improve Munsley Bog and involving grant funding. A meeting had also been held with Kate Collins re Queens Green Canopy in respect of an event being staged at Central Mead Councillor Child expressed her thanks to IW Councillor Rodney Downer for his assistance during the period of illness of IW Councillor Suzie Ellis.

### **24/22 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk had nothing to report other than on items contained elsewhere on the agenda.

### **25/22 REPORT OF IW COUNCILLOR**

IW Councillor Report for Godshill Parish Council – February 2022.

Following on from the quiet of the Christmas period, January has kept me busy with ward work, particularly around planning enforcement and road safety issues, and I have attended meetings and training sessions both at County Hall and on-line, including Policy and Scrutiny for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration, Corporate Scrutiny and Cabinet, Fly tip and litter task and finish group – and a very interesting training session on counter terrorism!

Unfortunately, I was admitted to hospital on the 14th January where I stayed for one week, followed by a week's recovery at home.

The Officer's report following the consultation on the future of Chillerton and Rookley school has now been published, ahead of Cabinet meeting on 10th February when a decision on the outcome will be considered

On speeding / traffic management issues – there was discussion at the Neighbourhoods and Regen Policy and Scrutiny meeting of the speed limit review (Island wide speed survey) which is currently being undertaken, and the desperate need for enforcement of speed limits. I have asked if the IWC would consider a social media campaign around education on road safety, and Cllr Phil Jordan said it was something he thought we could take forward. Both councillors and Bob Seely have been lobbying Donna Jones, PCC, for a dedicated Road Police Unit to be reinstated on the Island – we have the highest rate of accidents and deaths on roads, outside of London, in the country – and the need for a dedicated unit cannot be stressed highly enough. I attended a briefing meeting on Saturday 29th Jan, at which Donna Jones PCC was present, and when asked Donna confirmed that she accepted the need for a dedicated RPU and is working hard to bring this to the Island as soon as possible.

I have had email exchanges and an in-person meeting with residents of Shanklin Road, Sandford, where the latest accident resulted in the knocking down of the wall outside of The Spinneys / The Pool House, Island Roads are clearing and surveying the gullies in that area, and I have asked them if they could approach the land owner of the fields higher up the hill towards Shanklin to discuss land drainage, as much surface water appears to come from these fields and travel down the hill, overwhelming the gullies and adding to the problems, particularly when the water turns to ice. (Island Roads have been running a 'Ditch It' campaign: "Landowners are again being advised of steps they should take to help reduce the risk of highway flooding this year" (leaflet attached)).

I have also approached Cllr Jordan to ask for a targeted survey in that area with a view to reducing the (currently 40 mph) speed limit and possibly introducing other traffic calming matters.

I have a meeting on Monday (7th Feb) with James Brewer, Senior Planning Officer, to discuss the findings of the flood surveys, the resulting reports– which are almost completed, and a separate project with the Environment Agency that will aim to provide grant funding for flood resilience measures for properties not covered by the reports and any of the recommendations within them.

We will also discuss the housing needs survey, which is currently underway and will be published in the first half of 2022 in support of the next version of the Island Planning Strategy.

I have spoken with Cllr Jonathan Bacon about RoW and how their management policy fits in with the need to be more sensitive to biodiversity within the network, and he was very keen to take this forward, and a meeting is being scheduled with himself, Natasha Dix (Strategic Manager - Contracts, Waste and Environment) to discuss Rights of Ways policy on the mowing of footpaths / bridleways – particularly in regard to the Climate and Environment Strategy, and the undertaking to consider the effect of all council decision on the Biosphere. I will report back when this meeting has taken place.

I have also secured a commitment from Cllr Bacon to go forward withan 'Any bin will do' public education / media campaign to remind the public that they can put dog poo in any bin – and you may have seen that we issued a joint press release on this.

## **26/22 REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLOR'S**

There were no reports other than that of Councillor Bysouth on the Quuens Platinum Jubilee later on the Agenda

## **27/22 FINANCE – PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

<b>CHEQUE NO</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
001614	EDDIE READ – CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	130.00
001615	NATURAL ENTERPRISE – CONTRIBUTIONS	1,000.00

001616	GODSHILL METHODIST CHURCH – HIRE	140.00
001617	N WATSON – BENCH REPAIR & REFURB	180.00
001618	R & R CONTAINERS – PORTALOO’S	444.00
001619	G HUGHES – EXPENSES	30.42
001620	D McGEOCH = GRASSCUTTING	220.00

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

## **28/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications have been submitted to the IW Council –

1.Change of use from agricultural to equine use, new access and stables including the demolition of two structures (revised scheme).

OS Parcels 1973 And 2363 Redhill Lane Wroxall.Ref. No: 22/00252/FUL |

2.Proposed detached garage (revised scheme) Open for comment icon

The Mount Shanklin Road Godshill.Ref. No: 22/00249/HOU.

3.Proposed 1st floor extension with balcony. Silverleys High Street Godshill Ref. No: 22/00231/HOU |

4.Alterations and conversion of barn to form residential dwelling; parking  
The Barn Froghill Farm Shanklin Road Godshill

It was agreed to defer comment on items 1 & 2 above pending further investigation and information. Applications 3 & 4 have subsequently been placed on the IW Council website.

## **29/22 PLANNING DECISIONS**

There had been no decisions to report since the last meeting.

## **30/22 CENTRAL MEAD**

The Chairman reported on the ownership of part of the wooded area by the Childrens and Young Persons Charity. The area was somewhat overgrown and in need of tree and land management. News on the proposed Community Hall was awaited by the Village Hall Charity and a legal agreement would need to be drafted regarding the proposed site at Central Mead.

## **31/22 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES UPDATE**

The public conveniences were now taking income in the form of 20p per visit. The Clerk would arrange for collection and banking of monies. A Rota and training for all associated activity will be available to Councillors wishing to assist. A resident had contacted the Clerk to advise that her RADAR key was unable to give her access to the disabled convenience, Mr Gilbey would examine the operation of the door.

## **32/22 QUEENS 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORONATION**

Councillor Bysouth gave an update on the proposed event. Letters had gone out seeking sponsorship and a donation of £500 had been received from a local business. Contact had also been with the School and with a local business regarding the provision of fireworks. The meeting thanked Councillor Bysouth for her continued activity in preparing for the proposed event.

## **33/22 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2022-23**

An updated draft budget had been circulated by the Clerk. Advice had been received that the requested contribution to the Post Office in the current financial year was £2,700. The Clerk had been advised by a recommended roofer that the roof of the public conveniences was in need of major renewal, a report and quotation for necessary work would be forthcoming. It was agreed to seek two further quotations. After due consideration of the draft budget it was –

**RESOLVED:** To approve the budget and set a precept of £42,926 for the 2022-23 financial year.

**34/22 CORRESPONDENCE**

.Correspondence had been received from a Sandford resident relating to speeding traffic and a recent accident at Sandford, Councillor Child would raise speeding and highway safety with IW Councillor Suzie Ellis.

Councillor Donoclift had received and circulated an e mail from an anonymous local resident regarding the cancelled meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> February.

**36/22 QUESTIONS FROM CURRENT MEETING**

There were no questions arising from the meeting.

**37/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.30pm.

**The meeting concluded at 8.31pm.**

**CHAIRMAN**

**7TH MARCH 2022**