

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

An Extraordinary meeting of the Council was held at 5.30pm on Monday 14th October 2024 in the School Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor's Child (Chairman), Breach, Button, Crane, Jackman and Snart.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk), Mr M Snow (Executive Headteacher), Mrs L Morgan-Huws (Deputy Headteacher) and sixty members of the public

MINUTES

167/24.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

168/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

169/24 SCHOOL PLACES CONSULTATION – to consider and approve a submission.

The Council suspended Standing Orders for this item in order to facilitate all present to participate in the discussion.

Mr Snow introduced the public consultation document as presented by the Isle of Wight Council (the Education Authority). The document provided proposals concerning the closure of six schools including Godshill Primary School. Mr Snow outlined a number of factors which would form the basis of the response to the proposals from the School Governing Body, these included the following matters –

- (i) Correctness of process being applied to the review.
- (ii) Impact on the local community and economy.
- (iii) Pledges previously made to families from Rookley and Chillerton.
- (iv) Transport costs and logistics regarding movement of pupils.
- (v) Pre school provision.
- (vi) Ofsted accreditation.
- (vii) Geographical position of Godshill School.

The importance of parents making individual submissions was emphasised by Mr Snow and Parish Council Chairman Alison Child. A draft submission on behalf of the Parish Council would be compiled by the Parish Clerk and circulated to Parish Councillor's for their input and approval.

All present expressed their deep concern regarding the proposed closure of Godshill Primary School and it was agreed that information to assist those wishing to make a submission would be placed on the Parish Council website. The deadline for submissions to the IW Council was 1st November 2024.

The meeting closed at 6.47pm.