

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN GODSHILL SCHOOL HALL AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2025.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: G Hughes (Clerk) and four 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.

MINUTES

17/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

18/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

19/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6TH JANUARY 2025.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2025.

20/25 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Councillor Child reported on the process of election of a new IW Councillor for Godshill, if the forthcoming May elections were to be deferred then a byse election would be called to fill the current vacancy. She also gave an update on the proposals to set up a Youth Council, Councilor Breach would lead on this subject and the group would be known as ‘the Hive’

21/25 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Jackman reported on her work and grant towards a ‘food forest’ at Central Mead to include the planting of fruit trees, plans detailing her proposals would be circulated. She had been liasing with IW & Hants Wildlife Trust and Wroxall Parish Council regarding the initiatives. She had also commenced tapestry planting at the Memorial Garden.

Councillor Breach confirmed her involvement with ‘the Hive’ and with work towards securing a community pantry.

Councillor Crane reported that the fencing panels and drums had yet to be removed from Central Mead, Councillor Child would contact Kevin Rann.

Councillor Button reported on the damaged wall outside the Post Office, the Clerk would contact the IW Council and Island Roads.

Councillor Snart reported that Speedwatch was about to recommence following the holiday period. He also reported on increased dog fouling and it was agreed to obtain and place more signage to assist prevention, Councillor Jackman advised of the actions of the Tidy Britain Campaign.

22/25 CLERKS REPORT & ACTION LIST

The following action list was received and agreed -

- 1 Public Conveniences – roof replacement.
2. May Close Playground – refurbishment of playground equipment.

3. Website renewal.
4. Central Mead – Tree Planting & signage re Playpark.
5. Memorial Garden – Tapestry Planting & Signage.
6. Cemetery – repairs to Chapel.
7. Grant Funding for Community Centre.
8. CCTV at Public Conveniences and at Central Mead.
9. Noticeboard renewal.
10. Food Pantry and Cost of Living Event.
11. Central Mead – staging of events.
12. Invite Island Roads to a future meeting.

The following actions were approved –

1. Replacement of public convenience roof to be awarded to N Brayley, to include the necessary works to the flat roof over the former disabled public convenience.
2. Councillor Jackman and the Clerk to progress website replacement and involve all Councillors in the process.
3. Refurbishment of May Close, Repairs to Cemetery and Signage Matters - Clerk to arrange.
4. Councillor Child would ask Mr Hayward to advise on the repair/replacement of the noticeboard. The noticeboard outside the post office entrance belongs to the Post Office.
5. CCTV – the Clerk to follow up with potential supplier as previously contacted.
6. Planned Events for Central Mead - applications needed to be submitted to the Clerk.
7. Island Roads be invited to be guest speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting.
8. Councillor Jackman to progress the ‘Food Forest’. A further meeting would be sought with Community Action concerning facilities in the Community Shop.

23/25 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

On the proposition of Councillor Button, seconded by Councillor Snart, the following payments were approved –

TYPE	PAYEE	AMOUNT £
STO	G HUGHES - JANUARY - SALARY	585.75
STO	ISLAND CLEANING SERVICES – JAN	464.92
DD	CPRE – SUBSCRIPTION – JAN	3.00
STO	GODSHILL SCHOOL – HALL HIRE	20.00
FPO	G HUGHES – STATIONARY & FILES	17.95
FPO	D McGEOCH – GRASSCUTTING	588.00
FPO	D McGEOCH – TREEWORCS	600.00

24/25 GODSHILL MATTERS

A report on recent and planned activity had been received and circulated to all Councillors. Godshill Matters had requested an update on plans to facilitate a Community Pantry, the former disabled public convenience had been previously identified as a possible site for such. It was agreed that the refurbishment of the former disabled public convenience was integral to the proposed replacement roof project for the converted public conveniences.

25/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application was considered –

Variation of condition 2 on APP/P2114/W/17/3180453 (P/01259/16) to make an amendment to the approved stables building. Land To The North Of Roud Accessed Off Whitwell Road Whitwell. Ref. No: 25/00110/RVC

RESOLVED: To make no objection to the application.

26/25 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decision was noted –

Demolition of conservatory; Proposed single storey extension on side elevation East View Farm House Roud Lane Godshill. Ref. No: 24/01808/HOU |
Granted.

27/25 CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Child had received a communication from the former owners of Appletree Barns regarding the cutting down of an oak tree by the new owners. No action was within the remit of the Parish Council.

28/25 BURIAL FEES

RESOLVED: To increase burial fees (excluding Childrens) by 2.4% with effect from 1st April 2025 in line with the CPI as at September 2024.

29/25 WHITE PAPER ON DEVOLUTION

A decision on the timing of the next IW Council and Parish & Town Council Elections had yet to be confirmed

30/25 SCHOOL CLOSURE CONSULTATION

The following comments as submitted by the Clerk were approved –
'Godshill Parish Council (PC) considers the methodology used to determine school closures to be flawed, and is particularly concerned about the closure of schools which currently provide specialist facilities and of schools in rural areas where disruption to pupils and family's would be most felt. While recognising that there is a need for a closure programme, the Parish Council would prefer a phased programme of closures with, for example, three schools identified in the first phase, with the consequences of these closures being thoroughly reviewed before any further closures are identified and implemented. Closure on the scale currently proposed is seen as being contrary to the well being and education of pupils concerned'.

31/25 BUDGET 2025-26

The Clerk had circulated revised estimates for the current financial year and a draft budget for the 2025-26 financial year. The draft budget had been displayed on the website and there had been no public comment on its content.

RESOLVED: That the draft budget as presented be approved to include a precept of £47,640 for the 2025-26 financial year.

The agreed precept of £47,640 would result in a Band D Council Tax of £78.30 for the 2025-26 financial year, the same amount as for the current 2024-25 financial year.

32/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting would take place in Godshill Primary School Hall on Monday 3rd March 2025 at 7.30pm.

33/25 .EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Representatives of the Press and any Broadcast Media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the Public Interest because of the Confidential nature of the Business to be transacted.

34/25. CEMETERY CARETAKER - PAY REVIEW

RESOLVED: To increase payments by 2.4% with effect from 1st April 2025, in line with the September 2024 CPI.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

CHAIRMAN 3rd March 2025