

# 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 4TH JULY 2022.**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** G Hughes (Clerk), IW Councillor Suzie Ellis and eighteen 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.**

The Clerk advised that Natural Enterprise were unable to be attendance at this evenings meeting to give a presentation on invasive species.

Comment was again made regarding overgrown grass at Yarborough Close, the Clerk would write to the owner of the unkept area of overgrown grass.

A new resident of the Parish asked for Councillors to introduce themselves, the Councillors present and the Clerk introduced themselves to those present.

A resident spoke regarding speeding traffic and poor visibility on the bend on Newport Road adjacent to the entry to the former Allendale Riding Stables..

## **MINUTES**

### **118/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

### **119/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **120/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 –**

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

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### **121/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

On the proposition of Councillor Bysouth, seconded by Councillor Frost, it was -

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022/

### **122/22 PRESENTATION FROM HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY**

Inspector Matt Gooding attended to give a presentation on the current policing strategy, in particular with regard to speed control. The approach was to be multi agency to include the IW Council, Schools and the Fire Service. It was important for the public to report instances of speeding and dangerous driving in order that action could be taken (this can be done online). He advised on the potential for Community Speedwatch and that he had seen no real evidence of abuse being received by persons partaking in such a scheme.

The strategy was to be managed as to maximise the resources available, to be proactive rather than reactive and make the most of the media to assist in driving down anti social behaviour by drivers and also assist visitors to the Island. The new Police Road Unit would be instrumental in achieving these objectives.

It was noted that a police surgery was no longer being held in the village, the nearest location for such being Rookley, the possible reinstatement of such would be examined

and considered.

The Parish Council and public expressed their thanks to Inspector Gooding for his attendance and very informative presentation. It was agreed to ask a representative of Island Roads to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

### **123/22 COOPTION OF TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS**

The Clerk reported that there had been no request for an election to fill the two existing vacant positions of Parish Councillor. He had therefore placed a notice inviting applications from those members of the public who wished to seek cooption. The closing date for applications was 18<sup>th</sup> July 2-22/

### **124/22 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Chairman had attended an IWALC Planning meeting and advised on the need to update the Parish Council Parish Plan in step with the current update on the IW Council Plan and also to undertake an updated Housing Needs Survey.

### **125/22 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

IW Councillor Suzie Ellis had circulated her report (detailed below) and it was also highlighted that there was currently a need for new school governors across the island

‘June was a busy month which saw some wonderful Jubilee Celebrations locally, the hugely successful Scarecrow Festival, Arreton Open Gardens, The County Show, Round the Island, The Great British Menu visiting the Isle of Wight, The Isle of Wight Festival - and many more events. It is wonderful to see people getting together and enjoying themselves after the restrictions of the past couple of years.

I have been busy working with colleagues on many urgent issues, particularly how we can develop the Draft Island Plan, and how to address the housing crisis. I am particularly keen to see the Council implement its decision to commission, develop and build modular homes, and will be visiting Inspiration Fabrication in Sandford with Bob Seely MP later this week. Inspiration Fabrication is a local company that is currently manufacturing modular buildings, and has put in an expression of interest to IWC to build these homes – I am very keen to see them succeed - supporting our local rural economy and providing skilled jobs for Islanders whilst helping to tackle the housing crisis we are experiencing. Ward work this past month has again mainly been focussed on planning applications and planning enforcement, and I have met with a number of residents to discuss their concerns.

There have been a few enquiries regarding traffic issues, and I am pleased to be working with the IW Police to start to address these.

I have this morning been to look around the Captiva site at Rookley to see how they are getting on, and was particularly pleased to see their affordable housing offer which is currently being offered to people with a connection to Rookley Parish.

With regards to the Captiva planning application for Scotland Farm, I understand they have been working with Island Roads to overcome their objections, and it looks likely that a Zebra crossing will be put in at Newport Road as opposed to the junction, which I believe had caused concern. This will mean that the application will be re-advertised, with an opportunity for further comment.

This month's attendance at Council meetings has included Appointments and Employment Committee, Councillor Development Group, Councillor Briefings, the Environment and Sustainability Forum and a number of informal meetings and webinars.

Can I remind everyone that I post regular updates and share local information on my facebook page, including Traffic Notices and Planning App

## **126/22 CLERKS REPORT**

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

## **127/22 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The following payments were approved –

ISLAND TREE SERVICES – JANUARY	220.00
ISLAND TREE SERVICES – APRIL	455.00
ISLAND TREE SERVICES - MAY	575.00
G HUGHES – RE R&R CONTAINERS	330.00
NATURAL ENTERPRISE – MUNSLEY BOG	500.00
BUSINESS STREAM – WATER AT PC	149.95
HMRC – 1ST QTR TAX	338.40
SSE – CENTRAL MEAD	117.28
SSE – PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	287.77
G HUGHES – SALARY	487.20
ISLAND CLEANING SERVICES	557.90
CPRE – SUBSCRIPTION	3.00
COMPANY B – UK = JUBILEE EVENT	300.00

It was also agreed to make a payment of £250 to the Choir who had performed at the Platinum jubilee event.

## **128/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning application was considered –

Alterations and conversion of 4 agricultural buildings to form 4 residential properties Land Adjacent Millers Bungalow Whitwell Road Godshill. Ref. No: 22/01001/3QPA |

**RESOLVED:** To support the comments of Island Roads

## **129/22 PLANNING DECISIONS**

The following decision was noted -

1.2/00732/HOU | Proposed single storey rear extension | Spinneys Shanklin Road Godshill. Granted

## **130/22 CENTRAL MEAD**

Councillor Child advised that Community Action were giving advice on a revised lottery application following the need to cut back on costs which had escalated since the original proposals had been approved.

## **131/22 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

It had been previously agreed to have a sign on the public conveniences containing a telephone contact in circumstances of the malfunction of the units. Danfo offered a cleaning and maintenance service but the Clerk reported that a number of other Parish & Town Councils were engaging Jon Gilbey to provide this service with the Clerk as the named contact. It was agreed to examine the costings of both options before making a final decision. The Clerk would be the contact person in the interim period.

## **132/22 INVASIVE SPECIES**

This item was deferred pending a presentation from Natural Enterprise.

## **133/22 RELOCATION OF BENCH**

It had been previously agreed to relocate the bench currently outside the Post Office and it was confirmed that the new location would be on the High Street adjacent

to the bench currently at that location.

**134/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**The meeting closed at 8.48pm**

**CHAIRMAN**

**5TH SEPTEMBER 2022**