

# **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 7TH MARCH 2022.**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** G Hughes (Clerk) and six 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.**

It was advised that some residents had received a notice from Southern Water regarding the installation of new pipework in an area of the Parish.

A resident updated the Council (and asked for support of the Council) in his longstanding request to Island Roads to effect repairs to a blocked drain adjacent to his boundary with Central Mead. The Clerk had attended the offices of Island Roads to ask regarding the delay in works but had been unable to receive a satisfactory answer. The Clerk would seek the assistance of IW Councillor Suzie Ellis to help provide a response from Island Roads and the completion of necessary works that were first brought to their attention over six months previously.

A resident asked whether it was possible to restore the production of a village newsletter to keep residents better informed on local matters. This had been investigated previously but the cost had proved prohibitive. It was agreed that future minutes should be displayed in more locations. It was reported that certain residents were using the rear of the public conveniences rather than the refurbished public conveniences for which a small admission fee was payable.

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

### **38/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Donoclift and IW Councillor Suzie Ellis..

### **39/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None

### **40/21 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2022.**

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

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2022 be approved.

### **42/22 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Councillor Child clarified on the content of her meeting with Kate Collins regarding the Queens Green Canopy (the Clerk would correct minute 23/22 as previously presented).

The Chairman asked to have a notice placed on the website asking if local residents had any local photographic images of the Queens Coronation and celebrations that could be shared in the period up to the Jubilee celebrations.

### **43/22 CLERKS REPORT**

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

### **44/22 REPORT OF IW COUNCILLOR**

IW Councillor Suzie Ellis had circulated the following report –

February was another busy and enjoyable month, with many formal and informal meetings and a lot of work for residents on planning and enforcement issues. Informal meetings and briefings have included those on the environment and the biosphere - with particular regard to how biosphere status might benefit the Island's economy and the IWC climate strategy, a discussion about the flood survey and its implications, meetings with planning officers to talk about enforcement issues, a talk given by Hants and IW Wildlife Trust and an Arts Networking Event. Formal meetings I attended in February include Corporate Scrutiny, Cabinet, a meeting of the Councillor Development Group, and of course Full Council, where the budget for 2022/2023 was set. I have been very busy with ward work, and have had a number of meetings with residents to discuss various issues they have needed help with. On Chillerton and Rookley School you will all be aware that Cllr Andre has again deferred a decision in order that she can 'consider further information'. Whilst I am of course grateful that all options are being properly looked into, I do question why this was not done earlier, and am disappointed that the school and wider community are still having to suffer continued and prolonged uncertainty – a point I raised at Policy and Scrutiny Ctte for Childrens Services, Education and Skills last week when I put the following question to Cllr Andre:

"It is now almost a month since the deferral of the decision on the future of Chillerton and Rookley Primary School. It is vitally important that families and staff have an understanding of what is planned, and when, as soon as possible. As you are aware there are rising numbers of surplus places across the primary sector on the Island, and the Chillerton and Rookley decision will impact all primary schools, making the need for a decision even more urgent. Could you please give an update as to what action has been taken since the decision to defer on 10th February."

Her response was:

"Thank you for your question, Cllr Ellis. Yes I am only too well aware of the situation, I, at this current point in time, what I can tell you is there has been progress, it wouldn't be appropriate at this stage to actually go into specifics, but I'm sure you'll agree it's important we do due diligence to actually get all of the evidence we need to ensure we make the right recommendation, and the reason, as you're well aware, that I deferred is because there was information that I felt had not been fully researched and that's what we are doing now, so as soon as I'm in a position to give a timeline I will but the important thing is that we fully research. Thank you."

Speeding / traffic management issues. Further to my exchange with Donna Jones PCC's office, I received an email from Police Superintendent James Pegler, district commander for the IoW, an excerpt of which is below:

"Your question related to trying to put a financial amount to how much money is available for speed enforcement. I am keen to work within the Community Safety Partnership to understand and then address community concerns about road safety. I hope to meet Lewis Campbell (Road Safety Officer for IOW Council) soon to discuss how we move this work forwards together with other key partners like the Fire Service. I think we could be encouraging more Speedwatch schemes in the community to raise awareness of the issues for example.

In terms of policing options around speed enforcement the news last week that we will see some dedicated Roads Policing Officers is good news. I have to balance out how we use police resources and we have to be much better at telling the public when we do have officers giving out tickets for speeding. I am also able to bring officers from the rest of the force to the IOW to assist, including teams like the RPU Specials who are trained volunteers but can issue enforcement notices. You can see that with those sort of options it's hard to assign a specific financial value to speed enforcement.

I am confident that we can do better to show that we are listening to the concerns of the community and that as a police service we are responding. It will also be important for the public to understand the Community Safety Partnership response to road safety which I think at present is not part of the public debate/consciousness."

I hope from this email we can have a conversation and perhaps establish better links between policing and the communities – it may be useful, for example, if an officer were to attend a PC Meeting.

I have not so far managed to secure a date for a meeting to discuss RoW and their management policy – I have chased this and it remains high on my priority list. I understand Captiva are intending to submit their planning application for the Godshill site this month, and am meeting with them to discuss this later this week.

Cllr Suzie Ellis

IW Councillor for Central Rural

#### **45/22 REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLOR'S**

Councillor Taylor reported on the work being coordinated at Koala Cottage in support of collections for delivery to the people of Ukraine, the necessary registration for the collection had been obtained. The Chairman gave her thanks and support to all concerned with this humanitarian work in this difficult and traumatic time for the people of Ukraine. .

Councillor Donoclift had circulated the following report –

Apologies for absence due to work commitments.

A declaration of interest as the owner of Planning application 22/00231/HOU (Silverleys, High Street, Godshill)

Notes and Comments from Previous meeting minutes:

Reference item 30/22 Central Mead.

Comment from Chair regarding the overgrown nature of part of the wooded area owned by The Children's and Young Persons Charity.

If additional grounds maintenance is required for this work (Council responsibility) then the cost should be shared between the Parish council and the Charity who actually own the land?

Reference 31/22 Public Conveniences

1. Discussion held with Mr & Mrs Toms of Totland regarding New toilet payment method.

Neither of them had 20p coins and they wondered if a contactless card pad was going to be installed?

2. Similar conversation with another couple, (not local)

On both occasions I informed them that the situation with payment methods was being monitored and would be acted on accordingly. (Might need to consider a contactless card pad before the summer?)

Obviously the public convenience roof is of concern, shame it wasn't dealt with at the time of the upgrade work and included in the original survey / quote work (as mentioned at previous meetings)?

It's fortunate that we are, hopefully, moving into months of better weather, where the roof condition will not be such a concern.

Other actions since last meeting.

1. Discussion with one of the local businesses regarding an application for an alcohol licence. (Ongoing with progress being made)

2. Discussion with one of the local businesses regarding an application for a music licence. (Ongoing with progress being made)

3. Discussion held with local resident regarding speeding through Godshill village.

Speeding is always a consistent theme of complaint from residents.

As per Cllr Suzie Ellis's report 25/22 at the last parish meeting, I reassured the local resident that speeding remains at the top of the councils' priorities and very positive steps have been made with the re instatement of dedicated Police Traffic officers to the Island.

4. Request for Ukrainian Appeal work in Godshill to be posted on the Parish website – Done, many thanks. Well done to Koala Cottage for organising this.

#### **46/22 FINANCE – PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

<b>CHEQUE NO</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
		<b>£</b>
001620	G HUGHES – SALARY REV APR – JAN	276.00
001621	D McGEOCH = GRASSCUTTING	220.00
001622	G HUGHES – NATIONAL PAY AWARD	94.75

001623	HMRC – TAX	362.09
001624	IWALC – SUBSCRIPTION	295.69
001625	G HUGHES – SALARY REV FEB & MAR	55.20
001626	E READ – GRASSCUTTING	130.00

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

#### **47/22 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) 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. Ref. No: 22/00171/FUL |

**RESOLVED:** 1. To object to application 1 above and support the comments of Island Roads.  
2. To make no objection to applications 2,3 and 4 above.

#### **48/22 PLANNING DECISIONS**

The following planning decisions were noted -

1. 21/02551/HOU | Alterations and conversion of garage to disabled ground floor bedroom to include changing of flat roof to pitched (revised plan) | 12 School Crescent Godshill. Granted
2. 21/02518/HOU | Proposed single storey extension to kitchen and side garage extension (revised scheme) (revised plan) | The Haddin Shanklin Road Godshil. Granted

#### **49/22 CENTRAL MEAD**

Councillor Child advised that tenders for the proposed Community Hall and Playground had been received. The fundraising Committee of the Village Hall charity and the Playground Charity were both in discussion with the National Lottery regarding funding which had seen a delay in allocating monies as a consequence of Covid 19.

#### **50/22 PUBLIC COVENIENCES UPDATE**

It was reported that some residents had wished to use the conveniences but had been unable to access due to the admission fee. It was also advised that the Old Smithy had reported an increase in usage of their facility. It was agreed that the Clerk would approach a Danfo representative regarding the introduction of a card system at the earliest opportunit for taking payments.The Clerk had commenced coin collection and it was agreed that the Chairman and Councillor Button would also assist in the collection of monies.

#### **51/22 QUEENS 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORONATION**

Councillor Bysouth gave an update on planned events and associated sponsorship/donations She had also produced a notice including a programme of events.The Chairman thanked Councillor Bysouth for her continued work in organising the event..

#### **52/22 CLERKS IT REQUIREMENTS**

The Clerk had circulated to all Councillors a report on IT requirements. His contract provided for a monthly allowance or a contribution to periodic costs incurred. It had been a number of years since any purchase costs had been incurred and previously they had been shared with the Clerk and two other local councils..

**RESOLVED:** That a contribution of £190 be made towards costs incurred.

#### **53/22 CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was contained elsewhere on the agenda..

#### **54/22 QUESTIONS FROM CURRENT MEETING**

There were no questions arising from the meeting.

#### **55/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 4th April 2022 at 7.30pm.

**The meeting concluded at 8.39pm.**

**CHAIRMAN**

**4TH APRIL 2022**