

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Button, Child (Chairman) Mansell, Nigh and Thrower.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: G Hughes (Clerk), IW Councillor Downer, and two 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.

There were no questions from members of the public.

MINUTES

139/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Banks.

140/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

141/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2ND NOVEMBER 2020.

On the proposition of Mrs Button, seconded by Mr Mansell, it was -

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2020 be approved.

142/20 CLERKS REPORT

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

143/20 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Councillor Child gave an update on the Hub for providing support to vulnerable persons. She had attended a meeting of the South Wight Health Forum and would circulate the minutes once available, there was particular concern over mental health issues arising from the pandemic. She had laid a wreath at the Memorial Garden on Remembrance Sunday and it had been brought to her attention that there was a loose stone in the Garden wall that needed attention, the stone represented no immediate danger and quotes would be asked for securing it. She also advised that the overhanging tree branch in the cemetery had been cut back and its chippings could be used for the plant beds at the chapel. It was planned to hold the first meeting of the new Parish Plan Committee at Bridgecourt Manor in the week commencing 14th December.

144/20 FINANCE – PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

CHEQUE NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT
		£
001522	RAY FARROW – COSTS	31.20
001523	IC-UC – ZOOM MEETINGS	43.17
001524	E READ – CEMETERY & PUB CONVS	324.65
001525	G HUGHES – EXPENSES	8.57

RESOLVED: That the payments be approved.

145/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered –

1. Condition compliance application on 20/00813/FUL relating to 3 (construction traffic management plan), 4 (highway safety), 6 (archaeology), 8 (method statement), 9 (landscaping) and 10 (nutrients) Land Off Church Hill Godshill. Ref. No: 20/01980/DIS |
2. Proposed double garage for Plot 4, Land Off Church Hill Godshill. Ref. No: 20/01947/FUL
3. Proposed single storey rear extension and alterations (revised scheme) Belle Vie Redhill Lane Wroxall. Ref. No: 20/01867/HOU

RESOLVED: To make no comment on application 1 above and to make no objection to application's 2 & 3 above.

Councillor Mansell reported on apparent leakage of light through the skylights of two new dwellings at Church Hill. As this was in a dark sky designated area the Clerk would advise planning of the situation. The Clerk advised of two new pending planning applications at Daffodil Valley House, Redhill Lane and at East View Farm, Roud.

146/20 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions had been circulated –

1. Agricultural Prior Notification to construct a new vehicular access off Dolcoppice Lane Appletree Farm Appleford Lane Godshill. Granted
2. Variation of conditions 2 and 8 on P/00983/18 to revise/refine the interior layout and exterior elevations and materials; and refine/revise footprint Land Off Church Hill Godshill. Granted

RESOLVED: That the decisions be noted. .

147/20 CENTRAL MEAD

The Clerk reported on a meeting that he and the Chairman had held with Martin Hales (Architect) and a representative from IW Cricket. Sport England were still objecting to the planning application. Discussion was taking place regarding usage for junior cricket only. Mr Hayles had advised that he expected the new planning application to be submitted in February.

148/20 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Clerk advised that he had given Danfo (through Jon Gilby) instruction to commence with the public convenience refurbishment project. He had also completed a borrowing application to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for a 15 year fixed interest loan of £50,000. He confirmed that the loan repayments could be contained within existing budgets and would have no impact on the precept.

149/20 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2021-22

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget for the 2021-22 and revised estimates for the current financial year.

RESOLVED: That the budget and precept for 2021-22 be considered at the January 2021 meeting.

150/20 RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk had circulated an updated risk assessment and this was noted.

151/20 CORRESPONDENCE

All received correspondence had been circulated by e mail and there were no matters arising from the correspondence.

152/20 REPORT OF IW COUNCILLOR

Potholes at Scotland Corner were to be filled, Island Roads would adopt when up to standard. A rattling drain cover at Millbank Farm had been reported. Roadworks had taken place at Bathingbourne, Lessland and Sheepwash Lane. He had asked for a non slip stretch of bridleway near Bridgecourt and West Street potholes to be put into work programmes.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

153/20 QUESTIONS FROM CURRENT MEETING

Councillor Button asked regarding the annual payment to Natural Enterprise re Munsley Bog. It was advised that payment was being withheld pending a site meeting, which had yet to be arranged. Councillor Mansell asked about dog bin provision in the village, it was agreed that this would form an agenda item for the January meeting. Mrs Nigh advised that Niton & Whitwell Parish Council placed doggybags at locations in the parish for dog walkers to use.

154/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 4th January 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

155/20 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The members of the public were instructed to withdraw – in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act.

156/20 POST OFFICE/VILLAGE SHOP

The Chairman and IW Councillor Downer had met with Michael Bulpitt, Chief Executive of IW Community Action who were the umbrella organisation for the Post Office/Village Shop. Prior to Covid 19 the store had seen annual operating losses of £10,000 a year and this was unsustainable moving forward. During lockdown this situation had been improved through greater usage and the range of provisions had improved. It was felt though that as the covid situation eased, that customers would revert to using supermarkets and losses would return. The current lease on the property was also to end next summer and it was anticipated that an increase in rent was likely which would further worsen the financial situation. Councillor Mansell advised that to move the Post Office to another location would bring a charge of £18,000 from the Post Office.

It was advised that Godshill Post Office was a Main Post Office and three other post offices at other locations were dependant on its ongoing operation. The importance of the Post Office and Village Shop to the community had been highlighted during lockdown. The possibility of asking the landlord to keep the rent at the same level was an action that could be supported by the Parish Council. It was agreed to seek a further meeting with Mr Bulpitt to explore all options that could result in the continuation of the Post Office and the services it provides.

The meeting concluded at 8.28pm.

CHAIRMAN

4TH JANUARY 2021

