

# **GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

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**A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN GODSHILL SCHOOL HALL AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2025.**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** G Hughes (Clerk) and five 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**

### **1/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

### **2/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

### **3/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER 2024.**

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

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2024.

### **4/25 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT**

It was noted that IW Councillor Suzie Ellis had resigned from her position as an IW Councillor with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. It was agreed to send thanks to former IW Councillor Suzie Ellis for all her work during her period of office, in particular for her recent work to prevent the proposed closure of Godshill School.

### **5/25 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Councillor Child reported on the decision to exclude Godshill School from the list of proposed school closures, this had been achieved by the involvement of the whole community working together. Thanks were expressed to all concerned, especially the school and former IW Councillor Susie Ellis. Councillor Child also reported on the engagement of a grant funding professional to undertake grant applications for funding of the proposed Community Hall at Central Mead.

### **6/25 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Jackman reported on Godshill Matters activity including the recent pub quiz and consultation with residents regarding their wishes for the forthcoming year.

Councillor Button reported on the dumping of rubbish on the footpath adjacent to her property on the Lily Cross site.

Councillor Snart reported that there had been no Speedwatch activity over the holiday period but PCSO Justin Keefe would be attending forthcoming activity which would display a police presence.

### **7/25 CLERKS REPORT**

All items to report were contained elsewhere on the agenda. The Clerk would present an Action List for future meetings/

## 8/25 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 - DECEMBER SALARY	585.75
STO	ISLAND CLEANING SERVICES – DEC	464.92
DD	CPRE – SUBSCRIPTION – DEC	3.00
STO	GODSHILL SCHOOL – HALL HIRE	20.00
FPO	FIT 4 LIFE – GRANT FUNDING	500.00
FPO	L JACKMAN – XMAS LIGHTS	142.90
FPO	G HUGHES – IT COSTS (ONE THIRD)	232.33
FPO	G HUGHES – INK	39.99
FPO	HMRC – TAX	502.66
FPO	BUSINESS STREAM – WATER SUPPLY	45.06

## 9/25 GODSHILL MATTERS

A report on recent and planned activity had been received and circulated to all Councillors. The Lantern Parade had been rearranged but may be affected by the current weather forecast.

## 10/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application was considered –

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

**RESOLVED:** To make no objection to the application.

## 11/25 PLANNING DECISIONS

No decisions had been received since the December meeting.

## 12/25 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was contained elsewhere on the agenda.

## 13/25 CENTRAL MEAD

Councillor Child reported on a forthcoming closure of contract meeting with Sovereign Playgrounds Limited which would involve the Parish Councils Architect Martin Hayles in order to resolve any outstanding matters. Sovereign would also attend to the piece of damaged audio equipment.

## 14/25 BUDGET 2025-26

The Clerk had circulated revised estimates for the current financial year and a draft budget for the 2025-26 financial year.

**RESOLVED:** That the draft budget be approved subject to the following amendments –

1. Removal of budget for All Saints, future contributions to be considered on received applications.
2. Increase of rental charge to Staples to £1,000 per annum.

The draft budget would be placed on the website for public comment together with a covering report. The final budget and precept for

2025-26 would form an agenda item for the February meeting.

**15/25 ENGLISH DEVOLUTION WHITE PAPER**

The Chairman introduced the Governments proposals for devolution, which involved the creation of a new strategic tier of local devolved governance. This was to be considered by the Isle of Wight Council on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January and would form an agenda item for the February Parish Council meeting.

**16/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly meeting would take place in Godshill Primary School Hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at 7.30pm.

**The meeting closed at 8.15pm**

**CHAIRMAN 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**