

**GODSHILL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY  
26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017 AT GODSHILL SCHOOL AT 7.00PM.**

**MINUTES**

**1.MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETING.**

On the proposition of Mrs Banks, seconded by Mrs Rann, it was –

**RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 4th April 2016.

**2.MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**3.PRESENTATION OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31.3.2017.**

The Parish Clerk had circulated the Parish Council for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. There were no questions on the content of the accounts.

**4.REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

The Chairman, Alison Child, reported as follows –

This is my fourth Annual Parish Meeting as the Chairman of Godshill Parish Council and I again welcome all those present.

It has been a very successful year for the Parish Council and I am pleased to report on some positive outcomes for the Parish.

The Council continues to consider and make comment on all planning applications in the parish, and this is done by the Parish Clerk through the Isle of Wight Council website. The Parish Council website now contains agenda and minutes of all Council meetings and following a suggestion by a member of the public it is proposed to provide a link from this website to planning applications on that of the IW Council website.

Road Safety in the village has always been of concern to the Parish Council and I am pleased to report that following a somewhat lengthy process the implementation of a 20mph speed limit through the village is coming to fruition. I am sure that all residents will welcome this news.

The Parish Council set its budget and precept for the 2017 -18 financial year at its meeting on the 9th January 2017, the precept for the year being set at £32,040 an increase of £10,000 on the previous year. This substantial increase was necessary to cover running costs and necessary investment in the public conveniences. In recent times the Council has also taken on responsibility for the running costs at Central Mead and at the War Memorial site.

In order to ensure the future of the public conveniences the Parish Council agreed to enter a Tenancy at Will contract with the IWC and has subsequently agreed to acquire the freehold of the buildings and the surrounding grassed area. The conveyance of these assets is currently being undertaken.

Substantial investment was also made in the year in resurfacing the drive way at Bridgecourt Cemetery at a cost of £5,850. This followed a health & safety inspection by Councillors having regard to tree roots breaking up the path surface. I would record the Parish Councils thanks to J A Dempsey Limited for the prompt action in undertaking the work and for the standard of completed works. The opportunity was also taken to undertake further ground maintenance works to enhance the appearance of the cemetery. The Isle of Wight Council was no longer carrying out

maintenance work on the posts at Church Hill and it was felt that this was a health & safety concern in this much visited part of the village. The Parish Council therefore arranged and funded the necessary works which were completed to an excellent standard.

Sadly and for health & safety reasons it was necessary to dispose of the slide from the playing field at May Close. The playing field is in need of investment and the Parish Council will bring its attention to this in the current financial year and has donated £500 to the Natural Enterprise organisation for maintenance operations at Munsley Bog.

The Village Hall Management Committee had previously called a public meeting to discuss the future of the Village Hall and those present were unanimous in agreeing to the sale of the hall, with capital sums received being used to provide a replacement community facility. The Village Hall was sold at auction in February 2017 for a sum of £100,000 and the Committee is currently exploring the development of a replacement community facility with Central Mead as its preferred location. It is intended that consultation with the public with more detailed proposals will commence later in the year, when the outcome of proposed matched funding investigations are known.

The Parish Council intends to complete a review of the usage of Central Mead and the playing field and is hopeful that improvements could attract external funding and this will develop in the coming year I am hopeful that such developments and further activity will bring more public interest in the Parish Councils business and result in more members of the public attending meetings of the Parish Council.

A local resident Mr Cyril Stotesbury was awarded the Legion of Honour by French President Hollande, an award made to all veterans of the Normandy landings, A presentation ceremony was held in the village and I would again record the Councils congratulations to Mr Stotesbury

Finally I would like to express the Parish Council's thanks to Isle of Wight Councillor, Rodney Downer, whose who has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Godshill community and also to our Clerk, Gareth Hughes, for all the additional time he has spent on our behalf in recent months.

## **5.REPORT BY THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

The Isle of Wight Council Councillor Rodney Downer representative reported as follows – During the past year I have attended all Full Council meetings except two, and have sat on the Scrutiny Committee, Health and Adult Social Care sub committee and the Children's Committee. I have attended all Parish Council meetings and have had regular updates from the Police. Highways. I have reported many potholes and met on regular occasions the District Steward from Island Roads. Also I contacted Island Roads on behalf of a resident in Worsley Road when flooding occurred. Flooding at Scotland Corner has been a problem and I met with residents and Island Roads on site about this problem. The hedges in the car park need cutting again and I have spoken to Island Roads about this.

The twenty four hour sign for the car park has still not been done and I had a meeting with Parking Services about this. Also there is the matter of the recycling bins being moved to one side to make room for a disabled parking bay. This is going to be looked at and I will keep the Parish Council informed of progress.

The wall near the shop has still not been finished in a satisfactory manner and I have again made representations, it was supposed to have been made good just after Easter.

The abandoned car in the car park is soon to be dealt with and hopefully the twenty four hour sign will make a difference.

Twenty mile per hour speed limit. Hopefully progress is being made on this, as it has taken years of making representations and meetings to get this far. The public consultation has now come to an end and I would like to express my thanks to the Parish Council and residents for their support with

this very important matter. Hopefully the result will be positive and lead to the limit being put in place.

After the second lot of plans was produced cutting out most of the proposed areas for limit I spoke to the Council about why it had been reduced after residents concerns.

Last summer I also attended a meeting of the Sunshine Club to update them on the situation with the proposed twenty mph limit.

When Redhill Lane was resurfaced I visited residents where Island Roads had put tarmac over kerbstones thus making the road too high and likely to cause flooding into the entrance of the property. After making many representations on the residents behalf the entrance was made good. There have been many problems with parking especially in School Crescent at the beginning and end of school day. I met with residents but little can be done because there are no restrictions there. The problem is made worse by pavement parking.

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Parking services have had a greater presence at my request for parking on yellow lines because it is frustrating for residents, it is unfortunately a problem everywhere.

School. I have had meetings with the Headteacher and was pleased to attend the Summer Fayre At the introduction of the new waste contract I assisted residents with obtaining bins or gull sacks by speaking directly to the waste team. The route and time of the dustcart for Church Hill was altered causing pick up to be late making it not look good when visitors were taking photographs. After making representations the situation is now back to the normal time.

Toilets. I arranged meetings for the Parish Council when the Isle of Wight Council was asking Parish Councils to take over public conveniences. At the request of the Parish Council I arranged a further meeting in the Village Hall with an officer for clarification with matters regarding the toilets.

Planning. I made a request for the application for Nostalgia Toy Museum to be heard by the Planning Committee. This was due to concerns of residents. Unfortunately the request was denied.

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Mr Cyril Stotesbury it was very pleasing to attend the ceremony at the Scout Hut when Mr Cyril Stotesbury was presented with the Legion d'honneur medal many congratulations. There were many residents present at this event.

Rural GP practices. When this matter came to the fore I spoke to one of the Godshill GPS. I also gave the address of the CCG to residents so they could write in and express their concerns. There was a meeting held at Chale to inform people of the proposed changes.

This was attended by many residents and I went along the Chairman and Vice Chairman Godshill Parish Council also were present.

At the Carol Service I read a lesson. Church bell ringing. It has been humbling to take part in half muffled quarter peals for soldiers from Godshill who did not return from the First World War. This is the end of my annual report. I will continue to do my best for the residents and Godshill Parish Council

## **6.GENERAL QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mrs Child suggested that Community Action IW be contacted re concern on the opening hours of the Village Store.

Mr Mansell raised the possibility of forming a team to engage in traffic monitoring and asked if the Parish Council could provide a future update on progress with the objectives as contained in the Parish Plan

**The meeting closed at 7.28pm.**