

# GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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**A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT GODSHILL METHODIST HALL AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2020.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Banks, Button, Child (Chairman), Mansell and Thrower.  
**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** G Hughes (Clerk) IW Councillor Downer and three 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.**

Mr Hutt advised that UKOG had already spent considerable sums at the site near Roud and he had major concerns about the effect any project would have on the valley. Mr Mansell felt that AONB and UNESCO status would be a factor in favour of resistance to any proposal.

## MINUTES

### 1/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None.

### 2/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

### 3/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER 2019.

On the proposition of Mrs Banks, seconded by Mr Thrower it was -

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2019 be approved.

### 4/20 MATTERS ARISING

It was agreed that a public meeting would be called to discuss the IW Council Housing Strategy and the proposed planning applications from UKOG. The Chairman would contact Mr Bob Seeley to ascertain a date that he would be available to attend.

### 5/20 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

On the proposition of Mr Banks, seconded by Mr Thrower, the following cheque payments were approved –

CHEQUE NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT
0001461	HMRC – DECEMBER TAX	£107.20
0001462	G HUGHES – EXPENSES	53.51
0001463	PFK LITTLEJOHN – AUDIT FEE	240.00

### 6/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Other than the Parish Council application in respect of Central Mead, there were no further applications since the December meeting.

### 7/20 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions had been circulated –

- 1.19/01258/HOU | Conversion of outbuilding to form self-contained annexe | Bennett Stone Barn Newport Road Godshill. Refused
2. 19/01257/FUL | Alterations and conversion of storage building and stables and tack room to form a dwelling to include any necessary demolition and rebuilding

(Revised scheme) | Bennett Stone Barn Newport Road Godshill. Granted

**RESOLVED:** That the decisions be noted.

#### **8/20 CENTRAL MEAD**

The Chairman gave an update on the project in respect of which a planning application from the Parish Council was currently under consideration by the IW Council. Latest costings for the playground were currently being compiled by the project group and architect. It was agreed that no further action could be taken until the outcome of the planning application was determined.

#### **9/20 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

The Clerk advised that a survey by Danfo had demonstrated a significant footcount of users throughout the year would invite a member of Danfo to attend a future meeting to present their latest costed proposals.

#### **10/20 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

1. St John Ambulance.
2. South Wight Youth Theatre
3. Armed Forces Day.

**RESOLVED:** To make a financial donation of £50 to each request.

#### **11/20 COMMUNICATIONS POLICY**

Mr Mansell had circulated a document, which would be considered in detail at the February meeting, together with the use of social media.

#### **12/20 WEBSITE**

Mr Mansell had circulated a number of proposed format changes to the website. The Clerk advised that he considered the proposed changes would improve the presentation of the website content.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk arrange for the proposed changes to be effected.

#### **13/20 CEMETERY CHARGES**

**RESOLVED:** To increase charges for adults by 10%.

#### **14/20 LAND RENTAL – STAPLES**

The rental charge to Staples for the year commencing March 2020 was considered and it was –

**RESOLVED:** To set a rental of £500 for the year commencing March 2020.

#### **15/20 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2020-21**

The Clerk had circulated a detailed budget for 2020-21 to the December meeting. After discussion it was –

**RESOLVED:** That the budget be approved and the precept for the 2020-21 financial year be set at £40,700.

#### **16/20 CORRESPONDENCE**

E Mail correspondence had been circulated in respect of the following –

- (i) Island Housing Needs.
- (ii) South Wight Parish Forum.
- (iii) Environmental Sustainability Forum.

(iv) Notice of Election.

**17/20 REPORT OF IW COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Downer reported that resurfacing work at the car park had been deferred due to the inclement weather. Parking Bays would be reconfigured for easier parking. The plaque at Bow Bridge would be protected from the forthcoming bridgeworks. He had asked in the interest of local business if works could take place at night but there was a need for the temporary closure of the highway during the period of works. He also advised that the Southern Water works at Church Hill would be of short duration and that there would be no closure of the High Street

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

**18/20 QUESTIONS FROM CURRENT MEETING**

Mr Mansell suggested, and it was agreed, that the monthly news letter from Hampshire Police be placed on the website news section. He also advised that Father John was to take retirement and that February 23<sup>rd</sup> would be his last service.

**19/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm in Godshill Methodist Hall.

**20/20. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded for the following item and they are instructed to withdraw - in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act.

**21/20 BURIAL GROUND CARETAKER**

The Annual Pay increase to the Caretaker was approved.

**The meeting concluded at 8.38pm.**

**CHAIRMAN  
3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**