

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 6TH JULY 2020.

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

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

7.30pm to 8.00pm time allocated for residents of Godshill Parish to speak to the Council on Parish Council matters.

No invitations to attend had been requested by the public.

MINUTES

54/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Banks

55/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Councillor Mansell declared a personal interest in the planning application for Tottle Bottom Farm below..

56/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3RD MARCH 2020.

On the proposition of Mrs Button, seconded by Miss Nigh it was -

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2020 be approved.

57/20 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that he would circulate by e mail a list of all cheque payments that had been made since 'lockdown'.

58/20 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Councillor Child reported on the work of the Volunteer Hub which had been supporting vulnerable people in the Parish during the 'lockdown' period. This support had included shopping and the delivery of prescriptions. Over 50 people had been supported by a group of over 20 volunteers. Councillor Child also expressed her thanks to IW Councillor Downer and local organisations that had assisted the Volunteer Hub.

It was noted that the majority of local business premises remained closed at the current time and that the Methodist Church had advised that it would not be open until September. Councillor's Child and Button had taken time to clean the benches in the village.

59/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered –

1. Removal of condition 6 on P/01176/98 to allow the property to be used as residential accommodation. Stag Cottage Sainham Farm Sheepwash Lane Godshill. Ref. No: 20/00886/RVC.
2. Proposed new dwelling, with parking and garden, Land Off Church Hill Godshill. Ref. No: 20/00813/FUL |
3. Proposed change of use of land for keeping of horses; proposed sand school with associated soft landscaping; barn. Briars Barn Roud Road Godshill. Ref. No: 20/00807/FUL |

4. Proposed alterations and conversion of barn into holiday accommodation to include replacement raised roof, single storey front extension and parking Open for comment icon Tottle Bottom Farm High Street Godshill.

- RESOLVED:**
1. To make no objection to applications 1 & 3 above.
 2. To confirm the comments previously submitted re application 4 above.
 3. To object to application 2 above on the following grounds –
 - (i) It represented further encroachment onto greenfield land.
 - (ii) There was no justifiable need for further property on the site.
 - (iii) The building was out of character with the area.
 - (iv) The application was development by ‘stealth’ further to the original application which had been refused.

60/20 PLANNING DECISIONS

- 1.20/00639/HOU | Proposed two storey rear extension and internal alterations | Station House, West Street, Godshill. Approved.
- 2.20/00585/HOU | Use of garden store/office as ancillary accommodation | Bank Cottage Church Hill Godshill. Approved
- 3.20/00430/HOU | Proposed single storey extension on north east elevation to form orangery | Bramble Cottage Church Hill Godshill. Refused

RESOLVED: That the decisions be noted.

61/20 CENTRAL MEAD

Councillor Child reported on a conversation that she had with Martin Hayles, Architect, who had advised that Planning had now indicated in writing that they were supportive of the planning application. Mr Hayles would write to Councillor Child detailing the comments of Planning.

62/20 CORONAVIRUS

This item had been discussed under the Chairmans Report above.

63/20 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR (AGAR)

The AGAR Report of the Internal Auditor had been signed by the Internal Auditor and circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Report of the Internal Auditor be approved.

64/12 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR)

The Clerk had circulated completed Sections 1 & 2 of the AGAR.

RESOLVED: (i) That Section 1, the Annual Governance Statement be approved.
(ii) That Section 2, the Accounting Statements be approved.

65/12 WEBSITE ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Mansell gave a short presentation on a potential new website, which he believed to be an improvement on the current website and which could be achieved at a lower cost.. The Chairman thanked Councillor Mansell for his presentation and it was agreed that it would be looked at in more detail at a future informal Zoom meeting.

66/20 CORRESPONDENCE

Communication had been received around the ‘Fracking’ planning application in Arreton. IW Councillor Downer was to attend a meeting concerning this issue.

67/20 REPORT OF IW COUNCILLOR

Since my last report we the country has had to deal with a crisis not seen in generations, an invisible foe. I would like to express my thanks to all volunteers, Parish Council Chairman Alison Child for coordinating the volunteers, and the village shop for sterling work keeping the village supplied.

Many thanks also to residents looking after neighbours and vulnerable residents. Now hopefully we can see light at the end of the tunnel and return to some sense of normality although maintaining social distancing and regular hand washing.

The section of road between Merryl Lane and Roud Road has had potholes filled in despite being informed that it was going to be resurfaced last year , I will keep making representations.

The car park was resurfaced and after making representations the works were carried out at night.

There was an accident in Sandford and residents were concerned with this matter as it was in the area that had been spoken about before. I have again spoken with Island Roads safety officer. This area has been placed on the safety and highways improvement register.

Wightfibre have been working in the village and I will find out when the pavements will be resurfaced after their work.

It seems a while ago now since the works took place at Bow bridge.

Following on from being informed that the works were to be carried out I made representations to Island Roads and Southern Vectis for a shuttle bus to provide service for Godshill residents. This was supplied and seemed to work well keeping the village serviced.

The Boundary Commission proposals for Isle of Wight Council ward changes passed through Parliament. This means that Godshill will become part of a new ward Central Rural and Wroxall will be part of Wroxall, Lowtherville and Bonchurch.

Father John Ryder. I was pleased to ring in a quarter peal for Father John and wish them well in Ipswich.

More complaints had been made about speeding in the 20mph limit and I am investigating with potential for a Speed Watch volunteer service,

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

68/20 QUESTIONS FROM CURRENT MEETING

Councillor Button advised that the Scout Hut may be available for meetings to be held using social distancing. She would enquire about holding the August meeting at that venue.

69/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 3rd August 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom. Should it be agreed to hold the meeting at any other Venue, the Clerk would advise.

The meeting concluded at 8.15.

CHAIRMAN

3RD AUGUST 2020