

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT GODSHILL METHODIST HALL AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2020.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: G Hughes (Clerk) IW Councillor Downer and five 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 Paul Evans gave an update on the proposed drilling operations at Arreton and off the Whitwell Road in Godshill. He also presented leaflets and posters from Frackfree Isle of Wight.

MINUTES

37/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Mansell

38/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

39/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2020.

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

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

40/20 BYE ELECTION/ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Miss Yasmin Nigh had been duly elected at the Bye Election held on 6th February 2020 and signed the Acceptance of Office form.

41/20 ELECTION MATERIAL

The Clerk reported that it had been brought to his attention, that an electoral offence may have been committed at the recent Bye Election, contrary to the Representation of the People Act 1983. Having read the guidance issued by The Electoral Commission he was of the view that an offence may have been committed and as this could represent an unlawful act it may be a matter to be declared to the Police Authority. In the circumstances that the apparent offence had no effect on the outcome of the ballot, it was agreed that no further action would be taken but the matter be one of record and be an area for scrutiny at future electoral ballots.

42/20 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that the Bank Mandate Change Form, most recently submitted for the third time in December, had once again been returned requesting further changes, but this time with an additional form. The December submission had been completed by the Clerk and a Manager at the Newport Branch of Lloyds Bank, but had once again been rejected by the Regional Business Office.

43/20 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Councillor Child reported that she had attended a farewell event for Father John. She had also attended the funeral of former Parish Councillor Dr Norman Beisley, who had given public service through the Parish Council. It was agreed to place a tree or shrub in the Memorial Ground in memory of Dr Beisley.

44/20 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

CHEQUE NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT
0001475	HMRC – FEBRUARY TAX	£138.40
0001476	G HUGHES – EXPENSES	£37.05
0001477	IW COUNCIL – ELECTION COSTS	£1,450.92
0001478	ISLAND ROADS – BIN EMPTYING	£88.20
0001479	M GEE & SON	£642.00
0001480	IWALC – SUBSCRIPTION	£281.73
0001481	ALISON CHILD – COST OF FLOWERS	£25.00

45/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered –

1. Agricultural Prior Notification for storage barn, Sunnyside Farm Whitwell Road Godshill. Ref. No: 20/00196/6PA |
2. Retention of hydrotherapy pool, The Haddin Shanklin Road Godshill. Ref. No: 20/00175/HOU. |
3. Proposed alterations and conversion of storage building/workshop into unit of self-contained holiday accommodation Lower Yard Farm Newport Road Godshill. Ref. No 20/00154/FUL

RESOLVED: To make no objection to the applications.

46/20 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions had been circulated –

1. 19/01657/HOU | Proposed porch, car port and conversion of garage/workshop to living accommodation | The Old Mill Shanklin Road Godshill. Granted
2. 19/01535/FUL | Demolition of storage building, proposed 2 holiday units | Loves Farm House Sheepwash Lane Godshill. Granted

RESOLVED: That the decisions be noted.

47/20 CENTRAL MEAD

There was nothing further to report at this time, the planning application could not be determined until the conclusion of responding to questions from Sport England. All other outstanding reports and surveys had been completed and supplied to the Clerk by the Architect.

48/20 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Concern was expressed that there had been no progress with proposed public Convenience refurbishment or the introduction of a new facility such as the one provided by Danfo. Mrs Button was aware that developments were now taking place at a number of other Parish & Town Councils. The Clerk would investigate developments in other areas and a meeting would be convened solely to discuss options and representatives of other Councils would be invited to attend and speak of their own experiences.

49/20 TREE HAZARD AT NEWPORT ROAD PROPERTY

The Clerk reported that a resident whose property bordered Central Mead, had contacted him regarding an overhanging tree in Central Mead which was a threat to his green house, in particular with the recent heavy winds. The Clerk had met on site with the resident and could confirm the danger to his property, anticipated necessary treeworks were not expected to be of significant cost.

RESOLVED: The Clerk arrange for the completion of treecutting works.

50/20 CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. IWALC – Questions & Answers Session with Bob Seely, Saturday 28th March 10-12am at Quay Arts Centre.
2. Elections Office – Declaration of Result.
3. Elections Office – Electoral Offence material.

51/20 REPORT OF IW COUNCILLOR

Councillor Downer reported on a blocked gully at Church Hill and potholes in Hollow Lane. Flooding at Lessland Lane had again been prevalent and concern was expressed at Bagwich Lane being used as a ‘rat run ‘ during recent highway improvement works.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

52/20 QUESTIONS FROM CURRENT MEETING

Discussion took place concerning the holding of a Litter Pick Event and a possible Summer Fete. Mrs Button reported on the presence of red squirrels and the obtaining of signage/posters to make motorists more aware of their presence. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of an additional bus stop/shelter on Newport Road, use of the pavement near the former Telephone Exchange was also reported as a concern.

53/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 6th April 2020 at 7.30pm in Godshill Methodist Hall.

The meeting concluded at 8.35pm.

**CHAIRMAN
6TH APRIL 2020**