

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 4TH NOVEMBER 2019.

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

Mrs Rann asked when would the signboard be placed in May Close in respect of dogs needing to be kept on a lead at all times, this was of much concern to her regarding off lead dogs approaching young children. She also expressed that she was sorry to see that former Councillor Nigh had resigned for personal reasons.

Mrs Rann also enquired about a public meeting regarding the IW Council Planning Strategy and in particular the potential housing development it contained. The Chairman advised that she had been seeking the attendance of the MP who was proactive in responding to the government on the strategy.

A resident enquired as to why a planning application in respect of a holiday cabin at the Cherry Orchard was not being considered. It was agreed to hold a separate meeting to look at this application in the forthcoming week. Councillor Downer would look into the former planning decisions at the site.

MINUTES

150/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None.

151/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

152/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 2019.

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2019 be approved.

153/19 MATTERS ARISING

A site visit had been made to each of the Parish Council owned sites and the following works were found to be necessary –

1. War Memorial – grasscutting, tidy up and fixing of plaque. The new boundary fence was not as substantial as had been anticipated. A grass cut would be requested to take place before Remembrance Sunday.
2. May Close – grass was in need of cutting, mole hills were substantial and the area of Munsley Bog was in a generally poor condition. Fencing at Munsley Bog and the pond area contained many broken posts, walking boards at Munsley Bog also needed attention. Goalpost netting was also in need of replacement.
3. Bridgecourt Cemetery – The door to the Chapel on the Whitwell side needed replacement and painting works were required to other areas, a quote for these works would be requested from the contractor who had recently undertaken

emergency works to the Chapel following storm damage. Groundworks were also required at the rear of the site.

4. Central Mead – the Pavillion was in need of a clean up and it was noted that a number of planted items had been removed by persons unknown.

The recent strong winds had brought down the noticeboards outside the Post Office and at the car park. The Clerk had moved the Parish Council noticeboard onto the grassed area outside the Post Office and would arrange for its repair.

154/19 BYE ELECTION UPDATE

The Clerk advised that there had been no nominations for election to the Parish Council and that a second Notice of Election would now be made by Electoral Services. The notice would be advertised and placed on the website by 7th November and the closing date for nominations will be 15th November. Should a ballot be required then it would take place on Thursday 12th December, the date of the forthcoming general election.

155/19 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

CHEQUE NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT
		£
0001448	HMRC – SEPTEMBER TAX	107.20
0001449	G HUGHES – EXPENSES	47.98
0001450	E READ – CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	253.00
0001451	SLCC – MEMBERSHIP	78.00
0001452	G HUGHES – LAND REGISTRY FEE	45.00
0001453	M HAYLES – FEES INVOICES 9 & 10	3,660.00
0001454	E READ – GRASSCUTTING AT PC	36.00
THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS WERE CONFIRMED		
0001445	N. COLLINSON – FIREWALK (To be reimbursed from takings in Childrens Charity A/C)	975.00
0001446	BRIGHSTONE LANDSCAPING – Grasscutting	1,443.60
0001447	M GEE & SON – CHAPEL REPAIRS	296.40

156/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered -

1. Alterations and conversion of storage building and stables hackroom to form a dwelling to include and necessary demolition and rebuilding (Revised scheme) Bennett Stone Barn Newport Road Godshill. Ref. No: 19/01257/FUL |
2. Conversion of outbuilding to form self-contained annexe at Bennett Stone Barn Newport Road Godshill. Ref. No: 19/01258/HOU |

RESOLVED: To make no objection to the applications.

157/19 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions had been circulated –

1. REF: 19/00823/LBC | LBC for replacement thatch to rear and ridge | Churchgate Cottage Church Hill Godshill. Approved
2. REF: 19/00760/HOU | Proposed alterations and single storey extension | Grey Gables Church Hill Godshill. Approved

RESOLVED: That the decisions be noted.

158/19 CENTRAL MEAD

The Chairman reported on progress with fund raising for the proposed playground in order to make the funding target as submitted to the lottery..

Drawings were now complete and she had had meetings with the owners of the Smithy to agree access arrangements and Mr Hayles had now put out tender documents for the pricing of the necessary groundworks to facilitate the proposed new play equipment.

159/19 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

A communication from Danfo had been circulated to all Councillors and this contained revised costs of almost £80,000 in respect of the proposed modular conversion works. There was also no mention of an interest free repayment period which had been advised at the Danfo presentation in Shanklin in December 2018.

An e mail from Mr Gilbey had advised that Newport Parish, Gurnard Parish and Yarmouth Town Council were all proposing to install the modular units as provided by Danfo.

RESOLVED: To note the communication from Danfo and seek information from Gurnard Parish Council as to their funding and project management arrangements.

160/19 DONATION FOR MEMORIAL WREATH

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

RESOLVED: To make a donation of £60 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

161/19 PROPOSED UKOG ENERGY SCHEME AT ARRETON

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had attended a joint presentation with Newchurch Parish Council from the IW Anti Fracking Group. The presentation was considered to be very useful having regard to the possible impact on both parishes.

It was agreed that a presentation should also be requested from UKOG in order that the views of both parties could be considered.

162/19 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman had received a letter on behalf of the Royal British Legion requesting support for Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day 2020. It was agreed that this would form an agenda item for the December meeting.

163/19 REPORT OF IW COUNCILLOR

Councillor Downer advised that the hedge had been cut at the car park, facilitating better vision of the road for user vehicles. He also reported on drainage opposite School Road and an incident of a resident falling over a manhole cover outside the Olde World Tea Gardens, a non slip replacement cover would be installed. He would be in attendance for the Remembrance Service at All Saints.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

164/19 QUESTIONS FROM CURRENT MEETING

A resident enquired as to the nature of the Danfo installation and was advised of the location of those at Falcon Cross in Shanklin.

165/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 2nd December 2019 at 7.30pm in Godshill Methodist Hall.

The meeting concluded at 8.19pm.

**CHAIRMAN
2ND DECEMBER 2019**