

**GODSHILL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY  
13TH MAY 2024 AT 7.00PM**

**MINUTES**

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

On the proposition of Mrs Button, seconded by Mrs Child it was –

**RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 3rd May 2023.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**3.PRESENTATION OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31.3.2024.**

The Parish Clerk had circulated the Parish Council accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. 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 –

‘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 contains agenda and minutes of all Council meetings and also provides a link from the website to planning applications on the IW Council website.

Road Safety in the village has always been and will continue to be of concern to the Parish Council and I am still disappointed that the introduction of the 20mph speed limit has been unable to have the desired effect on the driving speed of a number of motorists who pass through the village and I feel that greater enforcement of the limit needs to take place if the speed limit is to be truly effective. To this effect a local resident (now also a Parish Councillor) has set up a Speedwatch Group which is currently active and supported by the Parish Council who give their thanks to Andrew Snart and his Volunteers for all the work they have put into this project.

The Parish Council set its budget and precept for the 2024 -25 financial year at its meeting on the 8th January 2024, the precept for the year being agreed at £47300, an increase of 5% on the previous year to maintain existing services and make provision for inflationary pressures. The budget also contains an increased provision of £7,000 (previously £5,000) for supporting the Post Office, this followed a public consultation which gave strong support to a continued financial contribution.

Planning permission had been previously granted for a new playground and community centre at Central Mead. The lottery bid for the playground was not given final approval due to revised assessment criteria and the different priority allocations being operated by the Lottery Funding Assessors. I am however delighted to advise that funding has now been offered from a private source and work has been ongoing to take the project forward. With regard to this I can advise that a press release will be issued later this week.

The Captiva housing development has been substantially completed and Iain Delaney of Captiva has attended meetings of the Parish Council to listen to public concerns. The Parish Council objected strongly to the planning application for this development but recognises that the accommodation provided is of good quality and welcomes new residents to the village.

The Parish Council has continued to maintain Central Mead, May Close, the Memorial Garden and Bridgecourt Cemetery. The year saw continued operation of the new modular Public Conveniences that had been installed by Danfo.. The feedback on the project has been very favourable and a much

improved facility has been provided for the use of local people and visitors to the village. Improvement works, including a new boardwalk, have been undertaken at Munsley Bog by Natural Enterprise and an opening ceremony for the project was well attended by local residents, our thanks go to the staff and volunteers from Natural Enterprise.

A Remembrance Day service was held at All Saints and I on behalf of the Parish Council laid a wreath at the Memorial Garden. During the year I made regular attendance at the local Health Forum and at the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) who provide vital information to local councils and represent them on regional and national local government Issues.

The Parish Council was asked to provide a Christmas Tree for the village over the Festive period. The tree was supplied by Shide Trees and located outside the new Thai Journey Restaurant, I thank the owners and NDL Electrical for their involvement in the project.

It is with great sadness that I report on the death of Marion Baudrey and her husband Eric . Marion had for many years been part of village life and was the author/compiler of the Village Magazine for many years.

I would like to express the Parish Council's thanks to Isle of Wight Councillor Suzie Ellis, for her work on behalf of the Godshill community, although again having suffered from long periods of ill health. We all wish Suzie a full recovery and thank her for all the work she has undertaken during the year and also to give our thanks to those at the IW Council who have been giving their assistance to Suzie over the year.

Finally I have to report that Councillor Astrid Bysouth resigned from the Parish Council in April 2024 due to increasing personal commitments. We give our thanks to Astrid for the positive contribution that she gave during her time as a Parish Councillor, in particularly in the organisation of events such as that for the Queens Jubilee.'

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Alison Child  
Chairman of Godshill Parish Council

## **5.REPORT OF IW COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

IW Councillor Suzie Ellis was unable to attend the meeting but had been submitting monthly Reports to the Parish Council, the content of which formed part of the minutes of the respective Parish Council meeting.

## **6. REPORT OF ANY OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

Mr Owen gave thanks from All Saints for financial contributions received from the Parish Council in the year.

Mrs Barker expressed her support for the school being able to host future meetings.

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

Mr Fletcher advised that his address was High Street and not School Road.

Mr Owen enquired about the temporary closure of the footpath at the Church.

The meeting closed at 7.21pm.