

**GODSHILL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
9TH MAY 2022 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 26th April 2021.

2.MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3.PRESENTATION OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31.3.2022.

The Parish Clerk had circulated the Parish Council accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2022. 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 –

This is my eighth Annual Parish Meeting as the Chairman of Godshill Parish Council and I again welcome those present.

The events of the past year have continued to be influenced by the effects of Covid – 19 and its impact on all our lives. The Community Hub has continued to act but on a much reduced frequency than at the start of the pandemic

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 this website to planning applications on the IW Council website and also to the website of Godshill School. A special meeting was organised by the Parish Council in order that Captiva Homes could outline their plans for a housing development on land adjacent to Yarborough Close. The meeting was very well attended and local residents were given time to make their views on the proposed development known. It is understood that a planning application from Captiva will shortly be submitted to the IW Council and the Parish Council will ensure that residents are kept informed on the proposed development.

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. Parking at School Crescent and Moorview continues to be a safety problem despite the efforts of all concerned and I would again ask that drivers act responsibly to reduce the risk of an accident in this area particularly at the start and end of the school day.

The Parish Council set its budget and precept for the 2022 -23 financial year at its meeting on the 5th January 2022, the precept for the year being agreed at £42,926, an increase of £2,000 on the previous year to maintain existing services and make provision for inflationary pressures.

Planning permission was granted for a new playground and community centre at Central Mead. The lottery bid for the playground had to be adjusted due to rising costs and the different priority being given to competing projects due to funds being diverted due to the effect of Covid 19. A separate lottery bid has been made for the funding of the proposed community hall and discussion is still

being undertaken with representatives of the National Lottery in order to explore the best way of taking both projects forward.

The Parish Council has continued to maintain Central Mead, May Close, the Memorial Garden and Church Hill. The year saw the major refurbishment of the public conveniences by the installation of modular units supplied by Danfo. A Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) loan of £50,000 was taken by the Parish Council to help finance the project, with loan repayments covered by reduced net operational costs. 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.

The year saw the election of a new Parish Council for Godshill and the five persons nominated all became members of the Parish Council, with a sixth member being appointed by co-option. I would therefore give a thank you to our three new Councillors, Carl Donoclift, Amanda Taylor and Astrid Bysouth for giving their time to the service of Godshill Parish Council and to the local community. Astrid has been very active on leading on a local event to celebrate the Queens 70th Jubilee, the event will take place at Central Mead on Sunday 5th June and all members of the public are encouraged to participate in the days proceedings.

More recently of course we have experienced the horrors of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the devastating effect on the people of Ukraine, I would like to thank Amanda and Shona at Koala Cottage for all their work in supporting and organising donations to assist those suffering in the conflict in Ukraine.

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 and represent local councils on the island.

Finally I would like to express the Parish Council's thanks to Isle of Wight Councillor Suzie Ellis, who has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Godshill community, although having suffered from periods of ill health. We all wish Suzie a full recovery and thank her for all the work she has undertaken since her election.

5.REPORT OF IW COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

IW Councillor Suzie Ellis reported as follows –

I was honoured to have been elected in May 2021 to represent Central Rural Ward, and I have very much enjoyed my first year representing the community and helping residents with local concerns. Much of my time has been spent on planning issues, and I was particularly pleased to have worked with others to secure the successful refusal of the proposed Oil Drilling site in Arreton. There is still much work to be done, particularly around breaches of planning conditions and enforcement, and I remain committed to seeking fair and balanced outcomes for all.

I have worked hard with the local community to find a resolution to the uncertainty surrounding the future of Chillerton and Rookley Primary School, sadly at the time of writing a decision is still to be reached.

Traffic concerns, road safety and speeding are ongoing issues which I am working with residents, parish councils, Island Roads and the Neighbourhoods Policing Team to address.

As part of the Fly Tipping and Litter task and finish group I have been able to take a pro-active approach to the issues we face as a rural community and have worked with local landowners to clean up persistent fly tipping sites.

I regularly attend Godshill Parish Council meetings and submit reports to them which are available on their website.

I will continue to give my best, and I thank residents for their support.

6. REPORT OF ANY OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

There were no other reports.

7. GENERAL QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.