

**Goodworth Clatford Parish Council
Council Meeting Minutes 7th March 2023
Draft minutes until approved.**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7pm
Location: Goodworth Clatford Village Club.
Present:

Councillors	Clerk	TVBC + County Councillors	Others
Will Walker (Chairman) Louis Sellers Ian Platt Claire Henderson Chloe Pile Alan Willens Fiona Cross	Eveline Attwood	Cllr Flood David Drew	4

Prior to the start of the meeting Jackie Grey Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator spoke to the council about the following:

- National Scheme relaunched [Neighbourhood Watch 'Better place to live' campaign | Neighbourhood Network Hull \(nnetwork.org.uk\)](#)
- The new multi scheme admin system that enables her to register people.
- Downside emails can go to spam folder.
- 100 people signed up in the village.
- Creating new schemes for smaller areas within parish
- Coordinator will have access to vulnerable & elderly people in a crisis
- More help required from coordinators within each village area/street.
- Asked Parish Council to order some postcards and membership newsletters.

23022 Chairmans remark

The Chairman thanked Jackie Grey for informative presentation.

23023 Apologies for Absence

Apologies approved for Natalie Chambers – (maternity leave) & Robin Welland

23024 Public Participation – The following comments were made by Parishioners.

- Member of public reported on sewer water gushing into the village.
- Tankers removing water away late into the night, proves it's an ongoing problem.
- Member of public would like to invite SWA to carry out survey and would like to ask them what they are doing to elevate problem.
- Cllr Willens explained high ground water is HCC responsibility.
- Cllr Willens explained SWA responsibility for sewers.
- Cllr Willens explained an old railway ditch at Kirk House and suggested drain down lane past pumping station.
- High ground water from Cottage Green onwards. Cllr Drew will investigate and report back.
- Cllr Flood said she would send across details of the Pan Parish meeting.

23025 Declarations of Interest - None

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23026 To Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting - Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 3rd of January 2023 have been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The Chair asked if all members agreed with the minutes, and all agreed they could be signed.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 3rd January be confirmed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

23027 Update on previous actions from council meetings.

23027.1 Coronation Committee – It was reported that the Coronation Committee will be applying for a grant in the name of the committee.

23027.2 Fencing around the Conservation field – It was reported that the tenant (Mr Thompson) has promised to repair the fence before the Parish Council meeting.

23028.3 Business Stream – No response received regarding asking for a refund for last year's water leak.

23028.4 Post at Playpark – It was deemed the quote for £675 was extortionate and the Estate Management group will be tasked with the repair. Materials will be reimbursed.

23029 County Councillor Drew report – Cllr Drew report is in Appendix A

Councillor Drew also reported on the following:

- Cllr Drew reported he would get an HCC engineer to look at the tree which was growing at the base of the bridge and could have ramifications for the Village sewer pipe. *Post meeting reported under tracking number 21654025 on HCC website.*
- Cllr Drew is waiting on the Highways team to provide information about traffic calming along Church Lane where a pedestrian was knocked over.

23030 Borough Councillors report - Councillor Flood also reported on the following:

- Approved 6.5 million Andover redevelopment.
- TVBC Council tax only raised by £5 this year
- Still money in TVBC cold weather fund
- Pan Parish Forum Longstock Village Hall Sat 25th March
- Play group are in process of submitting grant application.

23031 Planning

23031.1 - 22/03267/FULLN Land to The North Of, Cowdown Farm, Cowdown Lane await decision.

Awaiting Highways comments

23031.2 - 2322/01371/FULLN 16 Crescent Goodworth Clatford – Demolish outbuilding and build single storey building - Permission granted

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23031.3 - 23/00325FULLN Tan y Bryn First floor extension rear & side and erection of car port.

Objection with comments:

First floor extension to front, rear and side compliant with policies E1,E9, LHW4, SP1, BE1 and BE2. Car port is not compliant with policy LHW4 as it will adversely impact Burdock Cottage in terms of a reduction of the level of daylight to their side elevation where there are multiple windows.

Conclusion:

First floor extension to front, rear and side no objection.

Objection to car port as not compliant with LHW4

Note that there would be a response of 'No Objection' if the application was limited to the front, rear and side extension and the car port was removed as the application would then be compliant with LHW4.

23032 Potential Planning Infringements - Orchard House 19/01854/DDTPO – The Clerk reported that she is waiting on TVBC to reply and that the residents were now moved in.

23033.1 Finance To approve the Statement of Accounts 1st December 2022 until 31st January 2023. The Clerk had circulated a Financial Statements pack to all members prior to the meeting. There were no comments, and the financial statements were accepted.

Resolved: That the financial statements between 1st December 2022 until 31st January 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

23033. 2 Payments for approval

Payments for approval January 2023

Paid to:	Service:	£
GC Village Club	Parish Meeting January	9.00
SSE	Village Clock	20.24
PCC	Room hire -ST Peters	8.00
HSBC	Bank Charges	8.00
Clatford Shop assn	Section 137 grant	441.30
SSE	Pavilion Electric	56.67
M Scott	Turkey Raffle	40.00
GC Village Club	Sept 2022 meeting	20.00
Website domain Fee	Website	16.16
Weebly Exchange Fee	Transaction Fee	0.44
M Scott	Hedge Cutting	150.00
HMRC	Clerks Tax	123.20
E Attwood	Clerks fee & Expenses	522.98
Atwood Electrical		404.45
Total		<u>1,820.44</u>

Payments for approval February 2023

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Paid to:	Service:	£
SSE	Village Clock	18.04
HSBC	Bank Charges	8.00
Clatford Shop assn	Section 137 grant	441.30
D Andrew	Shed repairs	936.00
GC Village Club	Parish Meeting	16.00
TVBC	Dog Bins	510.29
TVBC	Grounds Maintenance	547.82
ICO	Data Protection Fee	40.00
HMRC	Clerks Tax	522.98
E Attwood	Clerks fee & Expenses	123.20
Total		<u>3,163.63</u>

Resolved: Payments for January and February 2023 were approved although a comment was it good value paying for the electric clock. This will be discussed in May's meeting.

Bank Reconciliation

31st January 2023

Bank Statement Balances

HSBC Current Account	£ 7,552.97	
HSBC Reserve Account	24,355.43	
NatWest Current Account	350.00	
NatWest Business Reserve	<u>1,357.47</u>	
		33,615.87

Balance from Cash Book

	33,615.87	
Add:		Un-cashed Cheques
Less:		<u> </u>

Variance 33,615.87

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23033.3 Discussions and approval of grant (section 137) Village Shop and Post Office.

It was reported that the accounts were not ready yet but understood that there would be a short fall this year. Nick Shorter sent his apologies for being unable to attend It was suggested that the unused funds given to the PC to facilitate the Jubilee celebrations was returned to the village shop. It was proposed by Cllr Platt to return unspent funds of £1458.71 to the village shop. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. 6in favour and one objection motion carried.

Resolved; The Clerk will arrange for a transfer of £1458.71 to the Village Shop & Post Office.

23033.4 Update on Nationwide Investment – The Clerk has received an e mail to say the account should be open on the 20th of March 2023.

23033.5 Update on Change of Signatories Nat West. - The Clerk reported that change of signatories is now complete and a further £300 has been credited to compensate for poor service.

23033.6 Approval Neighbourhood Watch sundries. It was requested that a few small items were ordered to help promote awareness. Members agreed.

Resolved: That the Clerk will refund the Neighbourhood watch coordinator for her purchases.

23034 Environment

23034.1 Allotment & Shed update – The Clerk reported that the shed was completed and Cllr Welland had checked the work was satisfactorily completed before payment was made.

23034.2 Footpaths & Highways – It was reported that a yew tree has seeded on the footpath by Fishing Cottage. The clerk will report to HCC. Tracking number 21655227.

23034.3 Recreation Ground Post – See comments in 23028.4

23034.4 Sheep Wash – Maintenance and repairs of benches - It was reported that the quote was for £3366.19 for repairing and treating the benches was higher than expected. Cllr Walker will explore the cost for new benches.

23034.5 The Park & Estate Management Group – Cllr Walker reported on the following.

- Tree surgeon will come to carry out tree works on 10th March
- Hedge at 10 St Annes was overgrown and has now been cleared.
- Recreation ground, hedges trimmed.
- Hedge trimmed at Conservation Field.
- Chain linked fence tied back and secured at Recreation Ground Entrance.
- Drainage channel cleared in the river on Bridge Bank.
- All sites tidied.

Cllr Cross reported on completing her risk assessment the bottom strand of a fence is broken. The EMG will review.

23034.6 Contracts for grazing. It was reported that they have been sent out and Mr Thompson has not returned a signed copy. The Clerk will pursue this.

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Resolved: It was agreed not to pursue the peppercorn rent.

23034.7 Emergency Resilience Plan – Cllr Henderson reported that she will forward the plan to the Chairman.

23035 Communications - Secure E mail Addresses for Councillors

It was reported that the process of setting these accounts up is now in progress. Discussions took place about the format of the e mail addresses.

Resolved: These will now be set up.

23036 - Correspondence

23036.1 HCC possible 20mph HCC consultation

HCC had sent information they are currently working towards implementing 20mph. Councillors will ask villagers at APM to support.

23036.2 Infiltration reports – These have been circulated via a Parishioner and supported by councillors. Cllr Willens will contact SWA through the Pan Parish Forum and discuss the issues with them.

23036.3 Fence bridge Church Lane A Parishioner has highlighted a gap on the left-hand side by the bridge. Cllr Walker suggested some Hawthorns can be planted by the EMG.

23036.4 Trees over Sewer Pipe Church Lane see comments 23029 *Post meeting reported under tracking number 21654025 on HCC website.*

23036.5 Letter from Allotment Association – Concerns raised about the following:

- The fence surrounding the conservation field. *The farmer was aware and said he would carry out the repairs.*
- If the Allotment Association could form a working party. *The Parish Council would be happy for the AA to conduct their own maintenance.*
- AA asked if they could fund raise for additional funding for a fence. *The Parish Council would encourage fundraising and grant applications by the AA and if a substantial money was raised they could bring a proposal & plan to the Parish Council.*

Further discussions took place about the fence and four years ago 1.8 metre deer proof fence was priced at £5000 plus. It was also noted that not all allotment holders live in the Parish.

23036.6 Letter requesting additional signage to keep dogs on leads. Councillors discussed extra signage and it was felt that contact should be made with the dog warden if dog walkers repeatedly ignore the law.

23036.7 Play Group Grant Application – The group had asked the PC to apply for a grant on their behalf. Unfortunately, there are no powers for the PC to do this. The playgroup has now applied directly to TVBC for the grant which the PC supports.

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22037.1 A working group of Councillors will formulate a plan for the Annual Parish meeting.

22037.2 Date of next meetings

- Date of Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 2nd May 2023 – All welcome
- Parish Council Elections on 4th May 2023
- Date of Next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 16th May held in St Peters Room.

Appendix A County Councillor Drew's report:

Majority of Hampshire pupils offered preferred choice of secondary school

More than 97 per cent of parents in Hampshire have been offered a place for their child, at one of their three preferences for a secondary school in September 2023.

Of those who applied for a Year 7 place (for September 2023) by the application deadline, 90 per cent have been offered a place at their first preference school. The County Council received 15,400 on-time applications this year – an increase of 418 applications compared to the number received for places in September 2022 (14,982).

A set of Frequently Asked Questions to answer queries parents may have after receiving their offer have been published on the Admissions webpages.

The Admissions Team is now busy processing primary school applications with school place offers due to go out to parents on 17 April 2023.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230301secondaryadmissions>

Hampshire to increase payments for all Homes for Ukraine hosts

The Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Rob Humby, has today announced that the Local Authority will be increasing the payments made to all Hampshire residents hosting Ukrainian guests as part of the Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme from £350 to £500 per month from March

This goes beyond the Government's recent decision to increase the thank-you payments for certain hosts only – those housing Homes for Ukraine guests who have been in the UK for 12 months or more.

The new host payments will be funded via the Government grant paid to upper tier local authorities to specifically support implementation of the Homes for Ukraine scheme locally. This funding is ring-fenced and cannot be used for any other purpose.

The county of Hampshire has welcomed the third highest number of Ukrainian nationals in England. Comprehensive ongoing support has been provided throughout the past 12 months.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/230223Ukraine>

Hampshire County Council approves £2.6 billion spending on services to Hampshire residents in 2023/24

£2.6 billion of public spending on the ongoing delivery of important local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents in 2023/24 has been approved by Hampshire County Council.

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County leadership is also acutely aware of the very difficult decisions Hampshire residents face in their own household budgets to make ends meet, but reluctantly, in order to help deliver a balanced budget for 2023/24, we have no other choice but to increase the council tax precept. This is a decision we have not taken lightly. But even after this increase, we are still left with a £50.8 million shortfall in our revenue budget which we will have to fill using our reserves – built to buffer this and next year’s anticipated budget shortfalls.

Hampshire County Council’s council tax precept for the financial year beginning 1 April 2023, will increase by a total of 4.99%, of which 2% will go specifically towards adults’ social care. This equates to an annual charge of £1,460.25 for a Band D property – an increase of £69.45 per year or approximately £1.34 a week. The increase will generate £37m of vital extra income towards the delivery of crucial, quality services to the people of Hampshire in 2023/24, and still means that Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/23022023Budgetdecision>

Fun-packed campaign challenges children to 'defeat' veg at mealtimes

Hampshire schoolchildren are once again being encouraged to tuck into their ‘monstrous’ vegetables as part of the ‘Eat Them To Defeat Them’ campaign

During the Spring term, Hampshire County Council’s school catering team HC3S will be offering themed lunchtime menu options, as well as games and educational resources that make eating vegetables more fun at school and at home.

The annual campaign, now in its fifth year, has resulted in more infant and primary-age children getting extra vegetables in their diets. According to the findings of [Veg Power](#) – the not-for-profit organisation behind the campaign – 59% of children in the schools’ national programme say it makes vegetables more fun and 83% of schools say it is more popular than other healthy eating initiatives.

Further details about how school catering teams will be integrating the campaign into school meals can be found on the [HC3S website](#).

Visit the official website for more information about [Eat Them To Defeat Them](#).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/210223eatthemtodefearthem>

Reminder: Hampshire Highways does not give permission to third parties to plant trees on the highway.

I have received a reminder that individuals and organisations aren’t allowed to plant trees or other plant on the highway. I’ve helped a couple of parishes get HCC to plant suitable trees on highways land, which will no doubt enhance the local environment.

Hampshire County Council is committed to tackling climate change and tree planting is a key part of the [Council’s Climate Change Strategy](#). Trees bring profound social, economic, and environmental benefits to all. Highway tree planting is particularly beneficial. As such, we proactively survey areas with low canopy cover and/or which suffer higher pollution levels for future tree planting.

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If residents would like to request highway tree planting, they can do so via the following link.

[Request Highway tree planting | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)