

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on **Monday 13th March, 2017** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7pm**.

Present: Cllrs Thirkettle, Cooper, Hayden, Orchard, E Oulton, R Oulton and Roome

In attendance: Sheila Caws (Clerk) and two members of the public

030/17 Kelly Wetherick, from the Down to the Coast project, gave a presentation on the small grants of up to £5,000 that are available. These are for schemes that will enhance the natural or built environment. They must have specific aims and outcomes and must be in addition to normal work. Cllr Thirkettle suggested information boards for the churchyard and it was thought that the school might be able to benefit from a grant, as education is a key part of the project.

031/17 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Cooper sent his apologies as he would be late.

032/17 Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public.

033/17 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (13th February)

Cllr Hayden requested that it be noted that she had also attended IW Cllr Richards' funeral. With this alteration, the minutes were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Orchard, seconded Cllr Hayden.

034/17 To receive regular reports

- a) Cemetery and churchyard matters – nothing to report.
- b) Highways and footpaths – the cycleway near Reynolds and Read has been cleared of mud but there is still a lot of standing water and the replacement bridge on the cycleway near Horringford has a loose strut. The Clerk will contact Rights of Way about both issues.
- c) IWALC and Chairman's report – the Chairman attended the County Training Partnership meeting. Much of it was taken up with organising training for new councillors and chairmen. A course on social media is also likely to be offered.
- cii) The next IWALC meeting is on Thursday. The question of s.106 monies has been raised but the IW Council does not always pass it on.
- d) Clerk's report - Agenda and Minutes Record: the Clerk has changed the date of the May meeting to the 15th. Would members please note that the April meeting will take place in the Methodist Hall.

Other matters: the Fun Day has been re-arranged for July 16th, owing to a clash with the County Show.

Island Roads have increased the cost of emptying the dog bins by 10p per collection. This amounts to 20p per week in winter and 30p in summer – a total of £17.60 for the year.

The War Memorial Trust has been in touch, as they were asked for advice last year regarding the Arreton memorial. The Clerk responded by saying that repair work had not been necessary and enclosing 'before' and 'after' photographs. The Trust was very appreciative of the pictures.

Following the training day last month, the Clerk is working to ensure that the website is compliant with the Transparency Regulations for next year, when an external audit should not be necessary.

The Clerk has received the Rates bill for the Cemetery. Thanks to Small Business Relief nothing is owed this year.

035/17 To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest and requests for dispensations under the Localism Act 2011. To give notice of any item to be raised under agenda item 029/17

Cllrs E and R Oulton declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application.
Cllr Hayden requested an item to be raised under agenda item 029/17

036/17 Finance

The finance report for February was agreed and the following payments approved:-

Staff costs	£390.85
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The balance in the current account was £10,267.93.

Cllr Cooper arrived at 8.10pm.

037/17 Planning and Appeals

Application No	Location	Proposal
TCP/32131/C - P/00232/17	Cheeks Farm Merstone Lane Merstone Newport Isle Of Wight PO303DE	Conversion and alterations of existing building to residential.
TCP/31531/B - P/00150/17	land opposite Gore Cemetery and near to Arreton Cross Arreton Newport Isle of Wight PO30	Proposed development comprising retrospective material amendments to approved site layout (P/00198/13TCP/31531/A) retention of Biogas cleanup unit/building silage clamp and Eco Bag lagoon proposed storage building silage clamp and additional gas flare.

There was no objection to the application from Cheek's Farm. There was also an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed use of the Red Barn at Cheek's Farm for the storage of kitchen goods and furniture. This replaces a previous successful application for the storage of wines, spirits etc. There was no objection although concerns were raised about the entrance if large loads were being delivered.

There was considerable discussion about the application at the anaerobic digester site. The main concerns were the inevitable increase in traffic, the working hours, the ecobag lagoon, and drainage and the smell, which is already stronger than was promised.

038/17 Transformation Fund

It was agreed that the Clerk should submit an application to the Transparency Fund for the costs of the new website and the additional work.

039/17 Amateur Swimming Association projects

The ASA are encouraging schools to teach their schools to swim and learn about beach safety. It was agreed that the Clerk should forward the information to the Head Teacher. It was also agreed that some support might be offered.

040/17 Cemetery maintenance

Two quotes have been received for work on the drain under the Cemetery gates. As they are not entirely alike, the Clerk was asked to contact both parties to ensure that they are quoting like for like.

041/17 Fun Day 2017

A report was given regarding the arrangements so far. The School PTA wish to be involved and might like to be represented on the group. It was agreed that a disabled toilet and

generator could be hired and two banners purchased. Charity stallholders would be charged £5 and others £7.

042/17 Merstone Cycleway Car Park

Local residents have complained about cars being parked long term. It was agreed to request a 'No overnight parking' sign from Natural England and to enquire as to who owns the land.

043/17 A Celebration of Conservation

The Isle of Wight Society wishes to mark National Civic Day on June 17th with a celebration of the conservation areas on the Island. It was agreed to hold a small exhibition in the Church (if there is no wedding) with refreshments available. Cllr E Oulton will contact the Church and the Clerk will contact Pat Phillips to see what information she has available.

044/17 To note the date of the next meeting, 10th April 2017

Please note that this will be held in the Methodist Hall and will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

045/17 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

Cllr Hayden requested that something be done about the mud being brought off the field next to the Community Hall. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the landowner.

The Clerk reminded Cllr R Oulton about his contact in BT

Cllr Orchard asked about contact details on the new website.

The meeting concluded at 8.59pm

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