

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 12th November, 2018** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7.00pm**.

Present: Cllrs Thirkettle, Calloway, Cooper, Goodchild, Healy, Kimber and Orchard

In attendance: IWC Cllr Mosdell, Cllr Hewetson (IWALC), one member of the public and Sheila Caws (Clerk).

179/18 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

180/18 To co-opt a new councillor

David Healy was unanimously accepted as a new councillor and was welcomed to the Parish Council.

181/18 Questions from the public

There were no questions.

19.02 Cllr Kimber arrived

182/18 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meetings (8th and 26th October)

Cllr Calloway requested an amendment to the minutes of October 8th as she knew the applicant for the farm shop and grain silo and not the Sandy Lane resident. The minutes of the meeting held on October 8th were then confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Orchard, seconded Cllr Calloway. The minutes of the meeting held on October 26th were confirmed and signed without amendment – proposed Cllr Kimber, seconded Cllr Cooper.

183/18 To receive regular reports

- (a) IWC Councillor – IWC Cllr Mosdell was told that the traffic lights at the *Hare and Hounds* had been adjusted but Cllr Cooper and the Clerk both reported that this was not the case as they were not operating a three-way system.
Although the cycletrack has been blocked off on both sides of the Horringford crossing, no work appears to be taking place.
Another car has gone through the hedge of Downend Cottage, making that three times so far this year.
IWC Cllr Mosdell explained the reasoning behind the ending of the provision of Local Area Coordinators, mainly due to the fact that they are paid from the Public Health budget, which can no longer sustain the costs without affecting statutory services.
The front entrance of County Hall is being re-arranged to accommodate Citizens' Advice and Isle Help so that there is one point for all social help and benefit enquiries.
Cllr Calloway enquired about the proposal to shorten the opening hours at the tip and IWC Mosdell confirmed that the matter was up for discussion.
- (b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – it was noted that the question of the tomb repairs in the Churchyard do not appear to have been discussed by the PCC yet. The Clerk will ask them to put it on their agenda at the earliest opportunity.
- (c) Highways and footpaths – nothing to report.
- (d) IWALC/Chairman's report – Cllr Hewetson was welcomed to the meeting and invited to talk about IWALC. She emphasised the need for a local association to represent the views of the Island by speaking up and being heard. This would be less likely to happen if the Island was represented by another group but the support of the town and parish councils was essential. She also recommended taking up the training that was offered in order to increase knowledge of council workings.

The Chairman reported that he had not been to many meetings and the Plastics Forum had been cancelled at a late stage. However, this led to the opportunity of a long talk with IWC Cllr Stewart.

- (e) Clerk's report – Agenda and Minutes Record: the Clerk has contacted the NFU regarding posters but has not yet received a response.

The responses to the Local Government Boundary Review and the survey on the permitting of shale gas exploration under permissive development have been sent.

Other matters: the planning applications for the Battle of Britain Memorial Stone and the changes to the car showroom at Blackwater have been approved.

The Clerk was contacted by a resident from Macketts Lane, who was concerned about the proximity of the proposed grain silos to houses in the Lane. Although the Parish Council had already commented on the application, an extra meeting was arranged and further comments submitted.

The Clerk has chased PC Consultants for their recommendations regarding data protection and general IT security. As yet, no response has been received.

The Chairman and the Clerk attended a meeting with Carol Flux (Island 2000/Gift to Nature), at her invitation, to discuss proposed upgrading works at Merstone Station (see agenda item 191/18).

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has issued a further survey as to whether there should be compulsory community pre-application consultation for shale gas development. This will be an agenda item next month.

184/18 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 172/18

The Chairman asked for an item to be raised.

185/18 Finance

The finance report for October was received and the balance in the current account was noted as £12,858.81 The following payments were agreed:-

Staff costs	£430.92
Brighstone Landscaping (grounds maintenance)	£750.00
Royal British Legion (poppy crosses)	£54.00
M Thirkettle (wreath)	£50.00

186/18 Planning and Appeals

To consider any applications recently received:- none have been received but it was noted that the IWC has appointed a full-time enforcement officer.

187/18 Standing orders

The General Standing Orders were reviewed and it was agreed that the Clerk would amend section 2e for consideration at the next meeting.

188/18 Risk Assessment

The Parish Council's Risk Assessment was reviewed and it was agreed that the records should be backed up bi-monthly.

189/18 Pest control

The Clerk sent out three requests for quotes for pest control at Gore Cemetery but only one response was received. It was therefore agreed that the quote of £375.00 from Good Knight Pest Control would be accepted. Proposed Cllr Orchard, seconded Cllr Goodchild. The Clerk was requested to write to Perreton Farm to ask if it would be possible for them to monitor numbers on their side of the fence. Brighstone Landscaping would be requested to backfill the holes.

190/18 Network Integrity Register

The IW Council has issued each town and parish with a list of outstanding actions from the Network Integrity Register with a request to prioritise five items. It was agreed that four items were the most important, namely a 20mph speed limit through the built-up area of Merstone, a warning sign to the south of the cycleway crossing at Merstone Station, a roundabout at Arreton Cross and hardstanding for the bus stop opposite Dovecotes in Merstone Lane. The Parish Council would be willing to contribute towards the cost of the last item.

191/18 Merstone Station upgrade

Gift to Nature are planning an upgrade of Merstone Station and asked if the Parish Council would be willing to both contribute to the cost of the upgrade and to make an annual contribution to the maintenance costs of the site. It was agreed in principle to support the requests but actual figures would be agreed on receipt of further information from Gift to Nature. Proposed Cllr Calloway, seconded Cllr Kimber. It was noted that the intention is to enforce the 24 hour parking restriction at the Station.

192/18 Hare and magpies

One of the wooden magpies at Arreton Cross is in need of repair and Gift to Nature have commissioned Paul Sivell to undertake the work. The Parish Council have been asked if they would be willing to pay the bill of £50. This was agreed – proposed Cllr Goodchild, seconded Cllr Calloway.

193/18 Budget 2019/20

Consideration needs to be given to next year's budget and councillors were requested to give some thought to any projects that might be included.

194/18 Grounds maintenance contract

The Clerk was requested to write to the Vicar of Arreton to request permission to put a board in the Church porch for the contractors to note when the grass in the Churchyard is cut. A similar board will go in the shed in the Cemetery.

195/18 Casual vacancies

One casual vacancy has now been filled and the Chairman will make some enquiries as to other potential candidates to fill the remaining vacancy.

196/18 Local award

The Chairman would like to instigate an award for any local resident who has made an outstanding contribution to the local community. The Local Government Act 1972 s249(5-6) makes provision for creating honorary freemen or women and it was agreed that this would be the best way to proceed. The Chairman will draw up draft documentation.

197/18 Public Space Protection Orders

The IW Council has requested that consideration be given to proposals to Public Spaces Protection Orders to prevent or reduce certain activities that might be detrimental to the area. It was agreed that the Parish Council has no objection to the proposed Order apart

from the prevention of horseriding on beaches. It was agreed that the Parish Council will request that horseriding should be permitted on designated beaches.

198/18 World War I centenary

It was generally agreed that the events held to commemorate the centenary of the end of WWI had been very successful. The Chairman, Cllr Healy and the Clerk attended the service organised by the pupils of Arreton Primary School in the Church, including the planting of poppy crosses to remember the individual casualties listed on the War Memorial. The lunch in the Community Centre that took place after the Remembrance Service yesterday was well-attended and included an exhibition of memorabilia from the period and a sing-song round the piano. The Chairman said that it was very pleasing to be able to work with the congregations of the Church and the Methodist Church to organise such a good event.

199/18 To note the date of the next meeting, 10th December 2018

It was noted that the Clerk will be absent for this meeting and Mrs Pat Phillips will attend in her place.

200/18 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

The Chairman requested that someone else put the notice up on the Parish notice board at the Methodist Church as he will be away until the next meeting.

201/18 To pass a resolution to exclude the public and press under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to discuss confidential matters

- (a) A letter has been received asking if the Parish Council is in a position to help with the future funding of the Parish Church. The Clerk was requested to reply that the Parish Council was prevented by law from helping the Church directly but could consider specific requests, especially if they enabled the Church to be used for community events. The Diocese has recently put forward proposals to re-organise the parishes in the Newport area and it was agreed to wait for the outcome before considering any further action.
- (b) The Parish Council would like to examine the position of the Arreton School Trust, on which it is represented. It was agreed to set up a meeting with past and present members of the Trust.
- (c) The Clerk made a request for a payment for four hours overtime, which had accrued due to the extra work required for the organisation of the WWI events. This was agreed.

There being nothing else raised, the meeting concluded at 9.16pm

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