

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 14th January, 2019** at **Arreton Methodist Church Hall at 7.00pm.**

Present: Cllrs Thirkettle, Calloway, Healy and Kimber.

In attendance: two members of the public, IWC Cllr Mosdell and Sheila Caws (Clerk).

007/19 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Cooper (on holiday), Goodchild (at work) and Orchard (unwell).

008/19 Questions from the public

A Merstone resident raised the question of large vehicles using Merstone Lane as a short-cut, despite the width restriction on the road. The resident will contact the Police with the support of the Parish Council.

At this point the Chairman, Cllr Thirkettle rose to make a statement. He announced that he was unwell and that it was terminal. It was an honour to chair the Parish Council and he was grateful for the support that he received from the councillors. However, in the circumstances he would have to resign as both Chairman and a councillor with immediate effect. There would be interest and excitement in the future but he would not be part of it.

19.12 Cllr Thirkettle left the meeting and the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Kimber, took the chair.

009/19 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meetings (12th November and 10th December)

The minutes of the meeting held on November 12th and December 10th were confirmed and signed following an amendment to item no. 205c – proposed Cllr Calloway, seconded Cllr Healy.

010/19 To receive regular reports

- (a) IWC Councillor – IWC Cllr Mosdell reported that the Budget was the main consideration at County Hall at the moment and there are proposals to pool the budgets of the various groups on the Local Care Board including the IW Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group.
There are still no changes to the timing of the traffic lights at Down End and so IWC Cllr Mosdell and Cllr Calloway will arrange to meet up with the District Steward from Island Roads to see if any progress can be made.
There are still problems at Down End Cottage and so IWC Cllr Mosdell will see if Island Roads will install speed monitors. She will also ask to see if a resident of the Parish still has access to a speed gun.
- (b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – nothing to report.
- (c) Highways and footpaths – Cllr Kimber reported that the rights of way that he has walked are generally fine for the time of year. Any defects are reported directly to Rights of Way.
- (d) IWALC/Chairman's report – in the absence of the Chairman there was no report and there is an IWALC meeting this week.
- (e) Clerk's report – Agenda and Minutes Record: the Clerk has checked the insurance policy regarding cover in the Churchyard and Gore Cemetery but neither is specifically mentioned. The Clerk has also contacted one of the Churchwardens regarding the PCC's insurance but the question was misinterpreted and the response was specific to the proposed work on the tombs. As the Parish Council's insurance cover is due for renewal this year at the end of a three-year deal, the Clerk suggests that a small working party is set up to look at all aspects of insurance cover, including liaising with the PCC to establish where areas of responsibility lie and requesting advice from NALC if necessary.

Other matters: The Churchwarden has recently replied to say that the Vicar had sent a copy of the faculty for us to fill in but it has not been received. The Churchwarden has offered to fill in the form if given the details. No final decision was made on the quotes but as they are now a year old, the Clerk will obtain fresh quotes for an agenda item next month.

The pest control work at the Cemetery has finished but the contractor recommends extra work. This will also be an agenda item next month.

011/19 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 025/19

The Clerk asked for two items to be raised.

012/19 Finance

The finance report for December was received and the balance in the current account was noted as £11,263.63. The following payments were agreed:-

Staff costs	£429.85
Arreton Community Hall Fund (hall hire)	£187.00
P Sivell (magpie repair)	£50.00
M Rogers (pest control)	£375.00
Ringway Island Roads Ltd (dog bins)	£338.00
Brighstone Landscaping Ltd (grounds maintenance)	£348.00

013/19 Planning and Appeals

To consider any applications recently received:- none have been received.

014/19 Standing orders

The General Standing Orders were approved.

015/19 Budget 2019/20

After a short discussion, further amendments were made to the Budget prior to approval next month.

016/19 Casual vacancies

There were two applications to fill the casual vacancy and, after some discussion, it was agreed to co-opt Mrs Venetia Verey.

017/19 Grounds Maintenance Contract

The tender for the new grounds' maintenance contract was approved. Proposed Cllr Calloway, seconded Cllr Healy.

018/19 IT security

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

019/19 Local award

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

020/19 Calendar 2019/20

The calendar of meetings for 2019/20 was approved.

021/19 Community communications

It was agreed that the first move should be to request e-mail addresses from those interested in receiving communications from the Parish Council. This would be done through a request in IWC Cllr Mosdell’s next newsletter. IWC Cllr Mosdell suggested using AgeUK’s Brighstone Project model and this, along with Cllr Kimber’s proposals will be considered at the next meeting.

022/19 Fun Day

This item was deferred and will be considered along with the proposals from the previous item.

023/19 Minutes

A request was received to publish items from the approved minutes in the *IW Observer*. This was agreed.

024/19 To note the date of the next meeting, 11th February 2019

025/19 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

The Clerk brought up the subject of the report from the pest control firm and this will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Bank signatories are becoming a problem and this will also be an item on the next agenda.

There being nothing else raised, the meeting concluded at 9.10pm

Sheila Caws, Clerk to the Council

Hillis Side, Rew Street, Gurnard, Isle of Wight PO31 8NW

E-mail: arretonpc@outlook.com Telephone: 07587 008183

16th January 2019

..... Chairman

..... Date