

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Thursday 18th April, 2019** at **Arreton Methodist Church Hall** at **10am**.

Present: Cllrs Kimber, Calloway, Cooper, Healy, Orchard and Verey.

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

092/19 Apologies for Absence

IWC Cllr Mosdell

093/19 Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public.

094/19 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 098/19

Cllr Orchard declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he knows the applicants at Cherry Tree Cottage

095/19 Planning and Appeals

To consider any applications recently received:-

Application No	Location	Proposal
A/02689 - P/00326/19	Blackwater Service Station, Blackwater, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO303BQ	Advertisement Consent Application - 4 x internally illuminated fascia sign; 1x internally illuminated entrance sign; 1 x internally illuminated monument sign; 1 x non-illuminated directional sign; 1 x non-illuminated parking sign
TCP/25941/E -P/00312/19	Cherry Tree Cottage, Sandy Lane, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO303BS	Demolition of garage; proposed detached dwelling with balcony; detached garage; vehicular access (Revised Scheme).
TCP/22015/E - P/01326/17	Mole Countrystore, Blackwater Road, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO303BG	Proposed extension to existing store, new building for retail and visitor use; change of use of existing bungalow to cafe/workshop; parking (revised scheme). Appeal

With regard to Cherry Tree Cottage, after some discussion, it was agreed that there was no objection to this application, which is a considerable improvement on the previous one. The positioning of this house is seen as natural infill within the curtilage of the site, unlike application TCP/19745/Y at Blackwater Mill Farm, where development was permitted within a field. The applicants have taken great pains to improve the street view, especially when compared to the original application; the roofline is now more in keeping with the existing buildings and less intrusive than the domestic garage currently occupying the site. It is noted that a screen on the proposed sundeck will protect the privacy of a neighbouring bungalow. It is also noted that the proposed cladding of the building is of a natural material that will mellow with age and contribute to the insulation of the house.

It was noted that the applicants are already in the habit of using sustainable transport and also that the house is intended for family use, which will have the benefit of altering the current demographic of the immediate community.

With regard to the application at Blackwater Garage, it was agreed that there were no objections to the majority of the signs in this application. However, there are concerns about the stand-alone pylon (P1) which could have an impact on the house opposite. It was thought that a reduction in height would be beneficial, as would repositioning away from the edge of the site and more towards the centre, by the south side of the stream and therefore closer to the main building. This would have the effect of reducing the visible spread of the site and also ensuring that the visibility from the cycletrack is not impinged upon. With regard to any signs that are lit, a condition should be imposed that is in line with condition 3 of the original application viz. that there is no lighting outside of opening times.

It was agreed that there would be no further comment regarding the appeal at Mole Countrystore.

096/19 Meeting with the IW Council

It was agreed that the following questions would be put forward for the meeting with the IW Council Cabinet on April 24th:-

1) Given the current interest from UKOG in the potential for oil exploration in the Arreton area, will there be an updated section on mineral extraction in the new development plan to take this into account?

2) The Parish Council naturally has many concerns about the proposal for oil exploration and potential extraction and would like a better understanding of many aspects of the issue, including knowing who is responsible for different areas of concern. These include emergency planning in the event of an accident on site or with the increased number of road oil tanker movements, concerns about the removal of waste water from the site and the restoration of the area at the end of the project. Rather than take up time at this meeting, we would like to request a separate meeting with the IW Council, particularly those involved in mineral planning but also emergency planning and emergency services plus a representative from the Environment Agency.

3) There are ongoing problems with the traffic lights at the Hare and Hounds pub. At present, if a car near the head of the queue from Arreton wishes to turn right along the downs against the oncoming vehicles, the traffic behind it can be held up almost back to Arreton Cross at busy times, as there is no room for cars wishing to go straight ahead at the lights to pass the waiting vehicle. Although there is a filter, it appears to be random in its operation and only lets a couple of vehicles through when it does work. The Parish Council has requested that the lights be made three-way but, despite assurances that the sequence has been altered, this is not evident at the lights. This has been a problem long before the recent increase in traffic due to the closure of Staplers Road. The Parish Council would like assurances that the matter will be investigated and actioned or a report will be forthcoming if a change in the lights is not feasible. If such a change is not possible, the Parish Council would like to know why not and what other measures would be proposed to solve the problem.

4) As with most other Island schools, there are parking problems at Arreton Primary School, particularly at drop-off and collection times. A meeting of those concerned was held recently and the Parish Council would like to know if any progress has been made in the matter and does the IW Council intend to follow up the suggestions for a solution that were made at the meeting?

5) Although Linbottom tip is not actually in the Parish it is on our northern boundary, the queues that build-up during the relatively short opening hours do have an impact on local residents, many of whom use the road past the tip on a regular basis. There is concern that there will be an accident sooner rather than later at the entrance to the site. Are there any

further proposals to increase the opening hours or find a better way of dealing with the queues in the road?

097/19 To note the date of the next meeting 13th May 2019

This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

098/19 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

Nothing was raised.

There being nothing else raised, the meeting concluded at 11.45am.

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24th April 2019

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