

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 13th May, 2019** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7.00pm**.

Present: Cllrs Kimber, Calloway, Cooper, Dodson, Healy, Roberts and Verey.

In attendance: IWC Cllr Mosdell and Sheila Caws (Clerk).

A minute's silence was held in remembrance of the previous Chairman, Mike Thirkettle, who died earlier this month.

099/19 New councillors

Cllrs Simon Dodson and Vivian Roberts were welcomed to the Parish Council after the election held earlier this month.

100/19 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Kimber (family commitment) and Cllr Orchard (unwell)

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Calloway, took the chair.

101/19 Election of Chairman

Cllr Kimber indicated his willingness to stand again and, in the absence of any other nominations, he was elected. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office will be signed next month.

102/19 Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public.

103/19 Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Calloway was nominated and elected – proposed Cllr Cooper, seconded Cllr Verey

104/19 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meetings (8th and 18th April)

The minutes of the meetings held on April 8th and 18th were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Healy, seconded Cllr Cooper.

105/19 To receive regular reports

(a) IWC Councillor – IWC Cllr Mosdell that the new owners of the anaerobic digester had been contacted regarding the trees that should have been planted on the bund alongside the site. The owners agreed to look at the situation in the autumn as being a better time for tree-planting.

The IW Council intends to invest in some community speed cameras and so IWC Cllr Mosdell will investigate, particularly with reference to traffic in Blackwater and Merstone.

A statement on litter bin collections was not well-worded but the IW Council intends to survey the number of bins in an area to see if they are appropriately placed and how often they need emptying, which will vary. The use of bigger bins is also being investigated. Amey intends to discourage the practice of putting household waste in public bins.

A 20mph speed limit has been introduced in Newchurch from Langbridge to Southland Caravan Park. This will need to be enforced, which is the responsibility of the Police. At present, only selected areas are monitored. Width restrictions are also being considered, which would benefit Merstone.

There has been a petition regarding the closure of three mental health day centres to save £42,000. The centres are archaic and better services are available elsewhere.

- (b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – the drain in the road is blocked and needs clearing. The rabbit holes still need attention and the Clerk will contact Brighstone Landscaping to see if they can help alleviate the problem.
- (c) Highways and footpaths – there was nothing to report other than that the traffic lights at Downend still have not been altered.
- (d) *IWALC/Chairman’s report* – there was no IWALC or Chairman’s report this month.
- (e) Clerk’s report – Agenda and Minutes Record: the rubbish bins in the Cemetery had not been emptied as someone at Brighstone Landscaping was under the impression that the contract ended in December 2018.

Other matters: It is noted with regret that the previous Chairman, Mick Thirkettle, died on May 3rd after a short illness.

Cllr Calloway and the Clerk attended the IW Council/IWALC seminar in County Hall at the end of last month, which was more interesting than some of the previous ones. The Network Integrity Register has been renamed the Highways Information and Safety Register and now only consists of the jobs prioritised by the town and parish councils. The list will be circulated at some point. Ollie Boulter (Head of Planning) then gave a run-through of how a planning application is dealt with from receipt to decision.

Training: Cllr Kimber and Cllr Calloway attended a training event in chairmanship skills, which was organised by the IW Council.

106/19 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 122/19

Nothing was raised.

107/19 Finance

The finance report for April was received and the balance in the current account was noted as £17,472.64. The following payments were agreed:-

Staff costs	£325.62
GW Hughes (audit)	£115.00

108/19 Planning and Appeals

To consider any applications recently received:-

Reference	19/00018/FUL
Alternative Reference	PP-07742240
Application Received	Wed 03 Apr 2019
Address	Wight Farm Energy Arreton Road Arreton Newport Isle of Wight PO30 3FD
Proposal	Proposed water tank, CHP Unit and relocated storage building

The members of Arreton Parish Council wish to object to this application on the grounds of insufficient information.

- 1) There is no indication as to the level of noise generated by CHP units.
- 2) There is no indication as to the capacity of the water tank nor is there any explanation as to its purpose or the source of the water supply.

- 3) The location and block maps are inaccurate in that they show non-existent trees on the bund.
- 4) There was no application form included in the documents.

109/19 Insurance

The working party consisting of the Chairman, Cllr Healy and the Clerk reported that two quotes had been received and it was agreed to accept a three-year deal from Zurich Municipal at a cost of £290.47 per annum.

110/19 Internal audit report

The annual report from the internal auditor has been received and there are no actions arising.

111/19 Annual Governance Report 2018/19

The Annual Governance Report 2018-19 was approved and signed.

112/19 Accounts 2018/19

The annual accounts for 2018/19 were approved.

113/19 Accounting Statement 2018/19

The Accounting Statement for 2018/19 was approved and signed.

114/18 Certificate of Exemption 2018/19

The Certificate of Exemption for 2018/19 was approved and signed.

115/19 Appointments to outside bodies

It was agreed to defer the appointment of councillors to outside bodies until the next meeting.

116/19 UKOG meeting

Two reports of the meeting with UKOG were received. It was agreed to put both reports on the website and copies are attached to these minutes.

117/19 UKOG visit

At the meeting with UKOG, an invitation was issued for councillors to visit the company's site in Surrey. The Clerk will contact UKOG to organise the visit.

118/19 Meeting with the IW Council

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

119/19 School car parking

A request has been received from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of Arreton Primary School, asking if the Parish Council would contribute towards the cost of a consultant's report on the parking problems at the School. It is understood that the IW Council intends to call a further meeting to discuss progress and it was decided to defer a decision until after the meeting.

120/19 Fun Day and other events

There is nothing further to report on the organisation of a Barn Dance on September 20th.

121/19 To note the date of the next meeting, 10th June 2019

122/19 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

Nothing was raised.

There being nothing else raised, the meeting concluded at 9.18pm

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20th May 2019

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Chairman

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Date