

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on **Monday 9th February, 2015** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7.30pm**.

Present: Cllrs Thirkettle, Grisman, Hayden, Orchard and Roome.

In attendance: IWC Cllr Richards, Sheila Caws (Clerk) and three members of the public

017/15 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Cooper (on the mainland) and Cllrs E and R Oulton (also on the mainland)

018/15 Community Action IW

Paul Savill from Community Action IW came to speak about the *My Life a Full Life* project. He has just been appointed as the community liaison officer for the project, which intends to integrate health and long-term social care. Essentially, the present system is very fragmented as there are so many agencies involved but the Health and Social Care Act 2012 has put pressure on local organisations to integrate their work. Therefore agencies such as the IW Council, the NHS, the Clinical Commissioning Group and the community and voluntary sector now have to work together. The *My Life a Full Life* project aims to provide a one-stop-shop for all health and care work.

For more details see the project's website - www.mylifeafulllife.com

019/15 Questions from the public

A question was asked about the Sustainability Forum, which was answered later.

020/15 To receive and confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting (12th January)

The minutes of the meeting on 12th January were confirmed and signed. Proposed Cllr Roome, seconded Cllr Hayden.

021/15 Future events

It was agreed to celebrate VJ-Day in August rather than VE-Day owing to the connections with the parish and the Burma Star Association and to invite local organisations to participate. The Clerk was requested to write to the two churches, the school, the Brownies and the Cricket Club, asking for expression of interest at this stage, with a view to setting a date for a meeting at the next Parish Council meeting. Some local residents have already expressed a willingness to be involved.

It was also agreed to hold a Christmas Party in December, possibly on the 12th or in conjunction with the school fair.

022/15 To receive regular reports

- a) IWC Cllr Richards reported that there was a new Leader of the IW Council, Cllr Jonathan Bacon. The Licensing Committee has been very quiet since Christmas but was now very busy, including the new policy on obstructions on pavements. There has also been a lot of involvement with Island Roads, including potholes and the flooding in Merstone.
- b) The report from PC Company was distributed. There were six incidents in December – four road traffic incidents, one burglary other than a dwelling (the shed at the Blackwater Nature Reserve) and a complaint about noise. No further details were given.
- c) Cemetery and churchyard matters
The Clerk has contacted GJ Banks to see if there was any news on a start date for the work on the war memorial but has not yet received a reply.
- d) Highways and footpaths
See the Clerk's Report for answers to various queries from the last meeting.
The Clerk is requested to contact Island Roads regarding mud on the road from the bund alongside the anaerobic digester site.
A reply was received from Mr Burton regarding an upgrade to the cinder footpath in Blackwater. The options are to add the problem to Island Roads' register or to ask a surveyor to come and cost the job. It was agreed to add it to the register but also to contact Mr Burton again to point out that the footpath does not require a complete re-build but the provision of a better surface.
- e) IWALC report
The Chairman reported that Newport Parish Council has rejoined IWALC.

IWALC intends to organise hustings for all the candidates standing at the forthcoming election, especially to discover their attitudes to local government in general and town and parish councils in particular.

On Thursday next week the topic of the meeting will be sustainable transport as a tourist attraction, including the integration of cycleways, footpaths and non-traffic-friendly roads.

f) Clerk's report

Agenda and Minutes Record - The Clerk contacted Island Roads regarding the missing sign and it has been put in their works' programme. They have also been contacted about a change to the speed limit from 60 to 40 mph between Blackwater and Rookley, which amends our previous request and the register has been changed accordingly. The Clerk also contacted Mr Burton at Island Roads regarding upgrading the cinder footpath and his reply was included in the Highways report. The street lights at Hazely Combe and Blackwater were reported to Island Roads on January 5th and are already on the works programme. The Clerk reported the light at the pelican crossing for good measure, which has also been added to the programme.

The Clerk has written to Mr L Calloway regarding a blocked drain in the field entrance opposite Cherrywood View and to A E Brown (Farms) Ltd concerning the damage to the cycle track at Horrington. She has also notified Rights of Way of the latter problem. A prompt response from Rights of Way indicated that problems with cycletracks with hard surfaces should be reported to Island Roads and that our report has been passed on.

The Clerk has looked at the conditions placed upon the planning application for the anaerobic digester. Conditions were imposed on the cleanliness of vehicles leaving the site (condition 14) and the disposal of surface water within the site (condition 5) but there appears to be nothing concerning the stability of the bund, apart from a planting scheme, which seems to have been partially implemented, and the state of the road. It would appear that any complaint about mud on the road should be directed to the Highways Authority for them to deal with the landowner and so the Clerk would appreciate further instruction.

The Clerk commented on the IWC's *Highway Amenity Permissions Policy* as instructed.

Cllr Thirkettle has been nominated by IWALC to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in May.

Training - Cllr Grisman will also attend the planning training in February. She has also requested to attend training sessions for new councillors which have been organised for March.

Unfortunately there was not enough interest from other councils to allow IWALC to proceed with an application to hold a Neighbourhood Planning Workshop.

Other matters - The Clerk has received a letter from the IW Council outlining the Parish's entitlement to receive discretionary services in the coming financial year. As it was decided not to support the Environment Officer Services, the Parish is only entitled to the Core Service. Of the four services (dog wardens and the inspection of beaches, play areas and cemeteries) only those of the dog wardens apply to Arreton and consist of picking up secured stray dogs, returning dogs to owners and giving advice to owners and other agencies.

An application to renew an all-Island street trading licence for an ice-cream van has been received.

The Clerk was requested to write to Island Roads and ask about the options for upgrading the cinder footpath.

The Clerk also reported that a response has been received regarding a visit to the anaerobic digester and a visit will be arranged later in the year.

023/15 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 016/15

Cllr Grisman declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application at 2 Primrose Dell as she lives next door.

024/15 Finance

The finance report for January was agreed. The balance of the current account was £9,106.71

The following payments were agreed.

998	S Caws (salary)	£233.40
999	S Caws (expenses)	£23.17

1000	Island Roads (dog waste bins)	£270.00
1001	IWALC (subscription)	£175.31
1002	IWALC (training)	£75.00

The Clerk presented the draft budget for 2015/16. With one amendment the budget was agreed and the precept for 2015/16 set at £7,874.00. Proposed Cllr Roome and seconded Cllr Hayden.

It was agreed to appoint Gareth Hughes as the internal auditor if he was agreeable.

025/15 Planning and Appeals

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
TCP/22984/F - P/01366/14	The Chalet 2 Primrose Dell Main Road Arreton Newport Isle Of Wight PO303AE	Continued occupancy of single storey outbuilding as a dwelling	Comments Due By: 13/02/2015
TCP/22898/U - P/01592/14	Wight Salads Ltd and associated nurseries Hale Common Newport Isle Of Wight PO30	Proposed replacement of CHP plant equipment	Comments Due By: 06/02/2015
TCP/22898/V - P/01593/14	Macketts Land Nursery Macketts Lane Hale Common Newport Isle Of Wight PO303AS	Proposed replacement of CHP plant equipment	Comments Due By: 06/02/2015

There were no objections to the above applications.

026/15 Parish Plan

The Chairman asked the Parish Council to further consider nominees for a working party and subjects for consideration. He reminded members that the plan was not just about planning and housing but all sorts of other issues such as social deprivation and community well-being. The Clerk reported that there will be a new round of funding for Neighbourhood Plans shortly.

027/15 Merstone Lane

The Chairman declared that he was quite disgusted with Island Roads as they had randomly shut Merstone Lane, to the great inconvenience of residents and then cleared out some gullies but not others and caused flooding. Since the gullies were cleared Alma Cottage has experienced flooding after heavy rain which has never happened before, not even during the exceptionally wet winter of 2013/14. Island roads visited and declared the problem to be a blocked gully but there is no gully. IWC Cllr Richards promised to contact i Island Roads again and the Clerk will also write and try to set up a site visit with all parties.

In addition but a separate issue, The road surface at the Rookley/Godshill end had a special anti-skid finish on the sharp bends but this appears to have been omitted from the mix for the new surface, so vehicles are regularly skidding off the road.

028/15 Sustainable Transport

With regard to the Sustainability Forum's request for priorities for their Sustainable Transport Proposed Rights of Way Development Plan, two points were suggested.

To improve the link on the Merstone to Horringford cycle track so that it is possible to cycle through to Godshill.

To make Budbridge Lane a 'green lane'.

029/15 Merstone Notice Board

It was agreed to replace the notice board in Merstone. The Clerk was requested to enquire whether it was possible to obtain one locally before ordering from a mainland company.

030/15 Pest Control

It was agreed to continue the pest control measures at Gore Cemetery and the Clerk was requested to contact Mr Taylor at Perreton Farm with a view to obtaining his permission to continue the arrangement as set up last year. The relevant paperwork will be drawn up if he is agreeable.

031/15 To note the date of the next meeting, 9th March, 2015

032/15 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

The meeting concluded at 9.26pm

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16th February 2015

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