

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on **Monday 12th September, 2016** at **Arreton Community Hall at 7pm.**

Present: Cllrs Thirkettle, Roome, Cooper, Hayden, Orchard, E Oulton and R Oulton

In attendance: Sheila Caws (Clerk), PCSO Keefe and two member of the public

127/16 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Grisman and IWC Cllr Richards (both unwell).

128/16 Questions from the public

A resident asked about the large signs that used to be situated on the cycletrack at Merstone and Horryngford that now appear to have been replaced by the 'Red Squirrel route' signs. The Clerk will contact Rights of Way.

129/16 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (11th July)

The minutes of the meeting on 11th July were confirmed and signed. Proposed Cllr Hayden, seconded Cllr Orchard.

130/16 To receive regular reports

- a) IWC Councillor's report – in the absence of IWC Cllr Richards there was no report.
- b) Cemetery and churchyard matters
Brighstone Landscaping cut the grass in the Cemetery last week and made a good job of it but the Churchyard continues to cause concern. The Clerk was requested to arrange a meeting with Brighstone Landscaping on site.
- c) Highways and footpaths
Work has been done on footpath A14 around Haseley Manor. The Clerk was requested to thank Rights of Way. Work has also been done on the cycleway at Horryngford (Haseley side) but there are problems with the bridge – perhaps caused by farm traffic. The drain in the road by the Cemetery now appears to be blocked, as well as the one by the gate. The Clerk was requested to contact Island Roads.
Cllr Cooper commented that he could not see a problem with the large trees opposite his house.
- di) As PCSO Keefe was present, the Chairman invited him to give a report. He commented that the Police were aware of the black car in the car park at Merstone and were attempting to get it moved. Cllr R Oulton mentioned a motorcycle that appeared to have been parked at the end of the cycletrack at Horryngford. Cllr Orchard reported a motorcycle using the cycletrack at Blackwater.
Sgt Mark Lyth is moving to the Custody team and Sgt Jed Armitage is taking over.
- dii) IWALC and Chairman's report
There was no IWALC meeting last month but the Chairman took the opportunity to report on the Waste Forum. Most of the bins should have been delivered by now and Amey has already succeeded in meeting the recycling target set for 2020. Some waste is still being sent to the mainland until the Forest Road site comes on stream. There is a new Operations Manager who understands bin collections, especially the assisted ones. The late Mark Filer was a Tree Warden for the Parish so do we wish to replace him. There is still a national scheme but no group on the Island as no one is willing to organise it. An article could be placed in the Newsletter to see if anyone is interested in taking over from Mr Filer. The Clerk was requested to find out if there is a map showing Tree Preservation Orders.
- e) Clerk's report - Agenda and Minutes Record: the planning applications at Chapel Lane, Merstone, Budbridge Cottages, Merstone and Lake House, Bathingbourne were

approved. The applications for Green Acres, Horringford and South Barn, Horringford were refused.

The Clerk sent a card to IWC Cllr Richards as requested.

Other matters: The burial precept paperwork was eventually signed by the IW Council but then got lost in the post. The Clerk chased this and now has an electronic copy. The Clerk has also submitted the invoice for 2015/16. There was a query on this but the Clerk has heard nothing since. In future, invoices will be presented before the end of the financial year as per the agreement.

The Clerk has chased Brighstone Landscaping with regard to the drain under the cemetery gate but is still waiting to arrange a meeting.

Cllr Hayden attended a presentation by the IW Council regarding devolution on September 1st.

Other matters are covered by agenda items.

Training: the Clerk has finished a draft of her CiLCA folder. It will be checked before finalising and sending off. The deadline is December 12th this year.

131/16 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 145/16

None received.

132/16 Finance

The finance report for July/August was agreed and the following payments made. The balance of the current account was £14,200.28 as £2,000 has now been transferred to the savings account.

Foundation Multimedia (website)	£350.00
Staff costs	£547.73
Ringway Island Roads (dog waste bins)	£364.32
BDO LLP (external audit)	£120.00

The report from the external auditor has now been received. The Clerk is to ensure that the period when the accounts are available for public inspection does not start before the Parish Council has approved the accounts. The Clerk must also ensure that the Asset Register is kept up to date and reviewed every year.

133/16 Planning and Appeals

No new applications have been received but Cllr Oulton drew attention to an imminent one from the School. He explained that new classrooms were required as the School was now too big and the cheapest option was a mobile classroom in the playground.

134/16 Website

The Chairman, Cllr R Oulton and the Clerk obtained two quotes for building a new website and chose Foundation Multimedia as they are based in Newport. Two meetings have been held and work is now under way to replace the old site. The Clerk will undertake the day-to-day running of the site.

135/16 Grounds maintenance

Consideration was given to quotes from Graham Filer to undertake work in the Cemetery including painting the gates and front fence and replacing the bolt on the gate. Work on the lock is not required. Work is also required on the shed gutters and he will be asked a quote for painting or staining the gable. The Clerk will arrange a site meeting to discuss the detail of the work to be undertaken.

136/16 Fun day 2016

The final accounts were circulated Cllr R Oulton congratulated the working party for doing such a good job this year. The surplus was £365.01 and it was agreed that the Chairman should investigate the cost of a new PA system and also a reusable banner. It was also suggested that a subcommittee be set up to run the event. This will be discussed next month.

137/16 Devolution

Cllr Hayden attended the public meeting rather than the one organised by IWALC due to work commitments. It was agreed that the proposals had not been thought through and required more clarity. It was felt that it would be wrong to go ahead until clear lines have been developed as to what the new authority will do and the role of the local councils. The Clerk was requested to put these thoughts forward.

138/16 Transport Infrastructure Task Force

The Parish Council considered the document but felt that little could be achieved as all the transport companies are in private ownership. There was no clear idea as to who was going to pay or any really clear objectives.

139/16 Mobile Library Service

The Parish Council considered a letter from the IW Library Service regarding a proposal to remove one of the stops in the village. Given that this stop has already been removed from the itinerary, the Parish Council had no comment to make.

140/16 Draft Grants policy, Freedom of Information Policy and schedule of publications

The Parish Council considered these documents and agreed them with some minor amendments.

141/16 Speed limit

A resident from Merstone came to the meeting to discuss the ongoing problems of speeding in Merstone. He has talked to Andrew Turner MP and is also aware that there is a very small pot of money for solving such problems. Island Roads undertook a speed monitoring exercise but did so at the narrowest point where speeds are inevitably slower. A private survey recorded someone going through the 30mph limit at 65 and the worst time is between seven and nine in the morning. Suggestions include 'give way to oncoming traffic' signs at strategic points and perhaps some 30mph signs painted in the road. A pavement had been suggested but was refused as it was thought that it would encourage traffic to go faster still. The Clerk was requested to invite the District Steward to a meeting.

142/16 Dairyman's Daughter Chapel (Wallbridge House)

The Chairman requested legal advice from HALC as to whether the Parish Council could make a donation to an individual for conservation work on a private house. It would appear that it is possible but as nothing more has been heard from the residents, the Parish Council will wait to be contacted.

143/16 Newsletter

Cllr Grisman is talking to Brading Town Council regarding printing and the next edition should be out soon.

144/16 To note the date of the next meeting, 10th October 2016

145/16 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

Nothing raised.

The meeting concluded at 9.08pm

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