

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on **Monday 10th October, 2016** at **Arreton Community Hall** at 7pm.

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

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

146/16 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Cooper (on holiday), Cllr E Oulton and Cllr R Oulton (on the mainland) and IWC Cllr Richards (unwell).

147/16 Questions from the public

None were raised

148/16 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (12th September)

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

149/16 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

The Clerk and Cllr Orchard met Mr Filer at the Cemetery to discuss the necessary work. He suggested painting the coping plates along the front wall and submitted a revised quote. As this is over £500 a second quote will be necessary. In the meantime he was requested to start work on the gates and the seat. Brighstone Landscaping will be requested to remove the ivy from the roof of the shed so that work can be done on the guttering etc.

The Clerk was unable to arrange a meeting with Brighstone Landscaping about the churchyard before this meeting. The Churchyard was looking much better and so the Clerk was requested to contact Brighstone Landscaping, reminding them that they are supposed to contact the Council before they visit and also that the Churchyard must be cut properly in the summer.

c) Highways and footpaths

The Clerk contacted Rights of Way about the courtesy signs on the cycleway at Merstone. A reply was received giving contact details as to who was involved in the rebranding of the route as the Red Squirrel Trail. The Clerk was requested to write to whoever was responsible requesting the replacement of some form of signage as safety was paramount – see the Clerk's report.

The drain outside the Cemetery has been cleared but the area is full of chaff from the digester site. The Clerk was requested to ask if another site visit would be possible now that the system was up and running. The Clerk will contact the site manager once the busy spell is over.

d) IWALC and Chairman's report

There was a presentation by the IW Community Safety Partnership at the last IWALC meeting as part of the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. Cllr Wakely will be the IWALC representative on the new Prevent Board.

The suggestion of a planning enforcement officer has been dropped as not enough councils were prepared to commit to the scheme.

There are still problems with the proposed transfer of toilet facilities from the IW Council to town and parish councils. A clause in the contract giving the IW Council the power to take back the toilets has been misinterpreted.

Newport Parish Council has started a "20's plenty" campaign.

The Chairman met with Mr Pearson from the APS Group who have bought Wight Salads. The owners of the solar farm at Hale Common have to make funds of between £5,000 and £20,000 available every year for community projects for 25 years. The farm is run

by a London company with no permanent staff on the Island but as the electricity generated joins the national Grid on Wight Salads' land, they were asked to become involved. The scheme could be Island-wide. The Chairman proposed setting up a small committee including Mr Pearson, representatives from Newchurch and Arreton parish councils, the ward councillor, the landowner and perhaps the Chair of IWALC.

- e) Clerk's report: Agenda and Minutes Record: The Clerk contacted Rights of Way about the large signs on the cycleway at Merstone and Horryngford. They have been removed with the 'rebranding' as the Red Squirrel Trail.

A meeting with Bob Clements of Brighstone Landscaping about the Churchyard has been put on hold until the Cllrs Oulton are available.

The Clerk contacted the Burial Registrar about the wooden memorial in the Cemetery. Apparently it was paid for some 20 years ago but not completed then.

The Clerk and Cllr Orchard met with Graham Filer about the work on the gates etc. in the Cemetery. Mr Filer suggested further work on the railings and has requested accordingly. This will have to be approved at the next meeting.

The Clerk contacted the District Steward from Island Roads. As he was unable to attend an evening meeting, a separate meeting was arranged. See agenda item 158/16.

The Clerk contacted Island Roads regarding the drain at the Cemetery. This will be discussed under agenda item 158/16.

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

IWC Cllr Paul Fuller has taken over responsibility for liaising with town and parish councils. He hopes to attend a meeting of every council.

Training: the Clerk attended the 20mph conference organised by Newport Parish Council on October 5th. A report will be produced for the November meeting.

150/16 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 165/16

None received.

151/16 Finance

The finance report for September was agreed and the following payments approved

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| Staff costs | £472.92 |
| Newport Parish Council (conference) | £20.00 |

The balance of the current account was £13,073.23

152/16 Planning and Appeals

| Application No | Location | Proposal |
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| TCP/01220/Y - P/01206/16 | Arreton St Georges C of E Primary School Main Road Arreton Newport Isle Of Wight PO303AD | Proposed detached single storey classroom block |

The Parish Council has no objection to this application.

153/16 Website

Foundation Multimedia are continuing to work on the new website but there are hold-ups with the domain name and the calendar. It was agreed that a new domain name would be preferable to retaining the old one and the Clerk would give contact details for the Secretary of the Community Hall Trust in order to resolve any issues with the calendar.

154/16 Fun Day 2016

The Chairman did some research in to PA systems and it was agreed to purchase a portable system with a trolley for £189.00. It was also agreed to purchase a 3metre banner for £78.50 plus VAT. It will be possible to change some of the lettering at a cost of £10.00pa. Cllr Orchard proposed and Cllr Roome seconded.

155/16 Fun day 2017

It was agreed that a sub-committee should be set up to run the Fun Day with a proposed budget of £600.00. The Clerk will draw up terms of reference.

156/16 IWALC PROPOSALS

Proposals have been received for a reorganisation of IWALC with an executive consisting of nine members with devolved powers to meet more often in order to speed up the decision-making process. Concerns were raised about the proposals and it was agreed that the Parish Council would prefer to maintain the present system.

157/16 IWALC/IWC MEETING

A meeting will be held between IWALC and the IW Council to discuss various issues. The Parish Council requested that the problems with road safety and tractors be raised, particularly over-loaded tractors and unmarked or unlit trailers. The question of 20mph speed limits should also be raised.

158/16 Island Roads

The Chairman, Cllr Orchard, the Clerk and a resident from Merstone met with the District Steward to discuss various traffic issues in the parish. The subjects that came up were speed in Merstone Lane, the drain and gully at Gore Cemetery, proposed traffic lights at Blackwater and the resurfacing of Merstone Lane.

159/16 Footpaths

Rights of Way propose to move footpath A41 near Pidford to make a safer exit on to the main road. There is also a proposal for a permissive path to link A43 to Birchmore Lane. The Parish Council has no objection to either proposal.

160/16 Meeting time

It had been agreed to review the commencement times of meetings after a period of six months. It was agreed to keep to the 7pm start time and the Clerk will amend the standing orders accordingly.

161/16 Newsletter

The newsletter is ready for proof-reading. Cllr Grisman would appreciate the help of a deputy editor as her health has deteriorated since she took over. There will also be a reduction from six issues per year back to four.

162/16 Vexatious Complainant policy

The Parish Council approved the policy – proposed Cllr Hayden and seconded Cllr Grisman.

163/16 Asset Register

The Asset Register was reviewed and approved.

164/16 To note the date of the next meeting, 14th November 2016

165/16 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only
Nothing raised.

The meeting concluded at 8.47pm

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