

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2016** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7pm**.

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

In attendance: Sheila Caws (Clerk) and one member of the public

The Chairman began the meeting by thanking the Councillors for the amount of work they had achieved during the year. The Councillors thanked the Chairman in return for his hard work.

**188/16 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Grisman, Cllr Orchard and IWC Cllr Richards (all unwell)

**189/16 Questions from the public**

The member of the public present proposes to undertake a survey of speeding in the Newchurch and Arreton ward. Any useful information will be passed back to the Parish Council.

**190/16 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (14<sup>th</sup> November)**

The minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November were confirmed and signed. Proposed Cllr E Oulton, seconded Cllr R Oulton.

**191/16 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  
Nothing to report.
- c) Highways and footpaths  
Cllr R Oulton reported that the School and the Community Hall were combining to repair the potholes in the School Lane and the Hall car park.
- d) IWALC and Chairman's report  
The Chairman reported that IWALC will not be considering any amendments to the constitution until after the May elections.
- e) Clerk's report - Agenda and Minutes Record: the Clerk and Cllr Robin Oulton met with Paul Webb of Foundation Multimedia and resolved the issues of the website domain name and the Community Centre diary.

The Clerk contacted Wight Stonemasonry and JMC Plant Hire as requested – see relevant agenda items

Other matters: the Chairman attended a meeting with Mr Pearson and the Chairman of Newchurch Parish Council to discuss the community funding that will become available from the Hale Common Solar Farm – see the relevant agenda item.

The website is now live and the Clerk has begun to load up past documents – a rather time-consuming process.

There will be a planning application for a new tourist attraction at Hale Common.

Comments will probably be due the Friday before our next meeting. If necessary, the Clerk will contact the planning officer to ask for permission to submit a late comment.

The Clerk wrote to Mr Andrew Turner MP regarding the proposed Local Government Financial Settlement and received a reply, which was exactly the same as the one received by IWALC.

Training: the Clerk attended a training day organised by the IW branch of the SLCC on general clerking matters, including budget setting and the General Power of Competence.

The Clerk has sent her CiLCA portfolio off for marking.

**192/16 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 203/16**

No declarations were received.

**193/16 Finance**

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

Staff costs	£498.44
Information Commissioner (data protection)	£35.00
Arreton Community Hall (hall hire)	£195.00

The balance of the current account was £12,354.06

**194/16 Planning and Appeals**

None have been received.

**195/16 Budget 2017/18**

Consideration was given to next year’s budget. No extra items of expenditure can be foreseen and so the Clerk will produce figures for the next meeting.

**196/16 Hale Common Solar Farm Community Fund**

The Clerk obtained quotes for a footpath in the Churchyard and a Battle of Britain memorial stone. It was agreed that these should be passed on to Mr Pearson at the next meeting of the group, to see if the proposed projects are acceptable.

**197/16 Website**

The website is now live and it was agreed that it looked very good. The Clerk will pass on suggestions for minor amendments and continue to upload material.

**198/16 Fun day 2017**

The need for a full committee was discussed and it was agreed to leave the workings of the organising group as they are.

**199/16 Christmas tree**

It was agreed to donate £15 to the Methodist Church for their Christmas tree but the Clerk was asked to draw their attention to the amount we have in our budget and suggest that we pool our resources next year.

**200/16 Cemetery maintenance**

A quote was received from Brighstone Landscaping to extend the hard standing outside the Cemetery through the gate and provide a run-off for water. It was agreed to go ahead with the work but the Clerk will obtain a second quote.

**201/16 Newsletter**

Given the problems that there have been with the Newsletter recently, it was agreed that it should be suspended and an occasional news sheet be produced instead. The Clerk would request a ‘News’ button for the website. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Grisman for the work she has done.

**202/16 To note the date of the next meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**203/16 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only**

Nothing was raised.

The meeting concluded at 8.34pm

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19<sup>th</sup> December 2016

..... Chairman

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