

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on **Monday 9th January, 2017** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7pm**.

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

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

The Chairman began the meeting by announcing the resignation of Cllr Grisman, due to health concerns. She was thanked for the work she had put in whilst on the Council.

001/17 Apologies for Absence

IWC Cllr Richards (unwell)

002/17 Questions from the public

None

003/13 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (12th December)

The minutes of the meeting on 12th December were confirmed and signed. Proposed Cllr R Oulton, seconded Cllr Roome.

004/17 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 will chase Graham Filer as work on the cemetery has not yet begun.
- c) Highways and footpaths – nothing to report
- d) IWALC and Chairman's report – there has been no IWALC meeting since Christmas and the agenda for the next one is not yet out.
- e) Clerk's report - Agenda and Minutes Record: the Clerk contacted Foundation Multimedia and requested the changes suggested by Cllr R Oulton i.e. larger print on the menu buttons and a 'News' page, which have been done.

The Clerk also contacted Pat Phillips about the Christmas tree and Cllr Grisman to thank her for her work on the Newsletter.

Other matters: work proceeds on the website, albeit rather slowly due to the Christmas break.

The Clerk has contacted the District Steward to ask if there is any progress on matters that were raised at the meeting with him.

Training: no news on CiLCA yet.

005/17 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 014/17

Cllrs E and R Oulton declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application for Mole Country Store as they know the owners and the consultant. Cllr Cooper declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application for the proposed Arreton Cider and Chocolate site as he is a neighbour.

006/17 Finance

There was no finance report for December as the bank statement had not yet arrived. The following payments were agreed.

Staff costs	£454.03
Brighstone Landscaping (gds maint)	£618.00

007/17 Planning and Appeals

Application No	Location	Proposal
TCP/22015/D - P/01606/16	Mole Countrystore Blackwater Road Newport Isle Of Wight PO303BG	Proposed extension to existing store new building for retail and storage change of use of existing bungalow to cafe and workshops
TCP/08694/K - P/01579/16	Arreton Garden and Aquatic Centre Hale Common Newport Isle Of Wight PO303AR	Demolition of glass house and outbuildings construction of new tourist attraction based on Godshill Cider and Chocolate Island parking and landscaping.

It was agreed that there was no objection to the application for Mole Countrystore and that the Parish Council approves of the principle of bringing unused or derelict buildings back in to use. However, some issues regarding access need to be emphasised, namely the footpath in Blackwater Hollow needs to be upgraded, a bus lay-by needs to be installed near the entrance/exit to improve visibility and future plans for road layout in the area may need to be taken in to consideration.

There was also no objection to the application at Hale Common as again, it will bring a derelict site back in to use. The only concern raised was on the apparent lack of provision of washroom facilities for the staff.

008/17 Budget 2017/18

Consideration was given to next year's budget and nothing extra was added. It will be finalized at the next meeting.

009/17 Hale Common Solar Farm Community Fund

The item will be deferred to the next meeting as Mr Pearson has not been on the Island recently.

010/17 Calendar 2017

The calendar of meetings for 2017/18 was agreed with the proviso that the Clerk would check with Clive Joynes to make sure that there was enough time between the election and the May meeting.

011/17 Cemetery maintenance

Given that it was the Christmas period, the Clerk was unable to obtain a second quote for the work on the drainage at the Cemetery entrance. Suggestions were made as to possible local builders.

012/17 Buckingham Palace Garden Party

It was agreed to nominate Cllr Hayden for the draw to attend this year's Garden Party.

013/17 To note the date of the next meeting, 13th February 2017

014/17 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

Nothing was raised.

The meeting concluded at 7.58pm

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