

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2017** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7pm**.

**Present:** Cllrs Thirkettle, Calloway, Cooper, Hayden, Kimber, Orchard and Watterson

In attendance: IWC Cllr Mosdell and Sheila Caws (Clerk)

**102/17 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Dovey (on holiday)

**103/17 Questions from the public**

No members of the public were present

**104/17 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (12<sup>th</sup> June)**

The minutes of the meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Orchard, seconded Cllr Hayden

**105/17 To receive regular reports**

- a) IWC Councillor – IWC Cllr Mosdell reported that she had received complaints from a resident in Calloway Close about older children playing ball games and requesting a ‘no ball games’ sign. The IW Planning Department are recommending refusal of the application to redevelop the bungalow at Mole Valley Stores and so it will go before the Planning Committee. IWC Cllr Mosdell will be holding surgeries before the Parish Council meetings in Newchurch and is considering the same in Arreton. There is a one-way system through Newchurch due to problems with the bridge below the Church.
- b) Cemetery and churchyard matters – these will be dealt with under agenda item 109/17
- c) Highways and footpaths – it is possible that the budget for Rights of Way may be maintained at £50,000 or even returned to the previous figure of £100,000. There are still issues with turning right at Down End.
- d) IWALC and Chairman’s report – Cllr Thirkettle reported that the agenda was not yet available for the next meeting, which is the AGM. A new Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be required and the Constitution is to be amended in line with the agreed proposal that it would not introduce a cabinet system.
- e) Clerk’s report – Agenda and Minutes Record: nothing to report.

Other matters: the Clerk is entitled to an extra salary point, having passed her CiLCA. This will be implemented from July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Clerk has chased Brighstone Landscaping for their quarterly invoice, explaining that it could not be paid until September if it was not received today.

No further work has been completed in the Cemetery despite promises. The Clerk also contacted the builder who is going to work on the drain at the entrance but has not as yet received a response as to estimated start time.

Training: hopefully, Cllr Kimber has attended the first two sessions of councillor training.

**106/17 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 101/17**

There were no declarations of interest

Cllr Orchard requested an item to be raised under agenda item 120/17

### 107/17 Finance

The finance report for June was agreed. The balance in the current account was £17,398.30

Staff costs (July)	£546.60
Chairman (gift for retiring councillors)	£50.00
Fun Day costs (banners)	£156.00
Staff costs (August)	£285.62

### 108/17 Planning and Appeals

Application No	Location	Proposal
<a href="#">TCP/32890/A - P/00760/17</a>	Sharmany Chapel Lane Merstone Newport Isle Of Wight PO303DD	Demolition of barn proposed detached dwelling and detached garage
<a href="#">TCP/33020/A - P/00751/17</a>	Blackwater Mill Farm Blackwater Newport Isle Of Wight PO303BJ	Proposed Dwelling and Car Port (Revised Scheme)

The Parish Council agreed that there was no objection to the demolition of the barn to be replaced by a dwelling but would like to see both bat and environmental surveys carried out.

It was agreed that the Parish Council could not support the application for a four-bedroomed house at Blackwater. The original application for a two-bedroomed house had quoted the 2012 Housing Need Survey as justification that such houses were required. Given that this survey showed that there were already sufficient larger houses in the parish, then there is no evidence of need for another such house. The listed buildings in the vicinity also need to be taken in to consideration and, should the application be granted, then the provision of a substantial hedge should be one of the conditions.

### 109/17 Burial grounds

The annual inspection of the burial grounds was carried out. There was a sloping gravestone Gore Cemetery which the Burial Registrar will investigate.

The Burma Star area in the churchyard needs tidying. The Clerk will ask Brighstone Landscaping if the area is strimmed or mown and could the stones be covered to prevent damage. There is also some eroded brickwork on one of the table tombs near the door. The Clerk will ask Brighstone Landscaping to come and inspect it. Work is also required on the stonework on another of the table tombs. The Clerk will contact GJ Banks and William Hall for quotes.

The ironwork on one of the endowed graves is in need of replacement so the Clerk will contact Whippingham Forge to see if it is something that they can quote for.

### 110/17 Standing orders

The standing orders were reviewed and the Chairman requested an amendment to the order of business. The section on Interests may also require amending – see 112/17 below.

### 111/17 Risk assessment

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

### 112/17 Code of Conduct

It was agreed to amend the Code of Conduct to clarify declarations of interest. The Clerk will produce a draft to be agreed at the next meeting.

### 113/17 HMRC payments

As HMRC will be dropping the ability to make payments through the Post Off in December, it was agreed that a BACS payment would be authorised instead of a cheque and the Clerk would pay it through the bank. The Clerk will investigate on-line banking before the next meeting.

**114/17 Regular surgery**

It was agreed to defer a decision on a regular surgery.

**115/17 Mobile phone**

Talkmobile will be ceasing to provide a service at the end of August. The Clerk will investigate O<sup>2</sup> as providers of a 'Pay-as-you-go' service. This may entail the purchase of a new phone. Proposed Cllr Calloway, seconded Cllr Hayden.

**116/17 "Florrie's bench"**

A bench is on order and Mr Calloway will contact the Clerk when it arrives.

**117/17 Donations**

A request for a donation was received from Citizens' Advice and it was agreed to give them £100. Proposed Cllr Calloway, seconded Cllr Watterson.

**118/17 Fun Day 2017**

Everything is in hand for the event on Sunday. It was agreed that a donation would be made to the High Sheriff's Fund as he was opening the proceedings.

**119/17 To note the date of the next meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in the Community Hall.**

**120/17 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only**

Cllr Orchard raised a question about the increased throughput at the anaerobic digester as wheat can no longer be used. Apparently barley is acceptable.

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm

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17<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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