

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 11th December, 2017** at **Arreton Community Hall** at 7pm.

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

In attendance: Sheila Caws (Clerk)

195/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from IWC Cllr Mosdell (unwell)

196/17 Questions from the public

No members of the public were present but Cllr Thirkettle had received a query regarding the proposed removal of the free cashpoint machine in the village shop. The Clerk will write to the providers to ask if there is a minimum level of use required and if the machine is to be replaced by one that charges for withdrawals.

197/17 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (13th November)

Subject to an amendment to the Clerk's Report, the minutes of the meeting held on November 13th were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Hayden, seconded Cllr Cooper

198/17 To receive regular reports

- (a) IWC Councillor – in the absence of IWC Cllr Mosdell there was no report.
- (b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – nothing to report.
- (c) Highways and footpaths – it was noted that the IWC was producing a new Rights of Way policy.
- (d) IWALC/Chairman's report – the Chairman reported that IWALC has a new secretary, Maxine Warr, who was previously the Parish Clerk for Newport. Gill Jolliff has now retired.

There was a presentation from the Regeneration Manager of the IW Council. The proposed plans sounded interesting but there is nothing for the Arreton area as yet.

Ventnor Town Council put forward proposals for the re-organisation of IWALC but no seconder came forward. IWALC has been affiliated to HALC to obtain legal advice and training but there is training available here and some of the legal advice has been weak. IWALC has therefore decided to terminate the affiliation and save £1,500.

The next meeting will be concentrating on the IW Council's proposals for changes to their non-residential care charging policy.

The Chairman attended a meeting of the Community Safety Partnership and is pleased to report that there is now a combined approach to crime and other problems involving the Police, the Probation Service and social workers.

The Chairman also attended a meeting with the Boundary Commission regarding proposals to even up the number of electors in each ward. This should not affect town and parish council boundaries but more of them may have more than one ward and therefore more than one councillor to deal with.

A meeting of Age Friendly Island was very interesting, looking at outcomes under an NHS review. This is all part of proposed reforms in the area.

The Chairman and the Clerk attended a meeting between IWALC and the IW Council, which mainly involved talking on the part of the IWC and listening by IWALC. However, several questions were raised including one on s106 monies. The IW Council does not use the Community Infrastructure Levy, which gives a percentage of money to T&PCs, as it does not work so well in rural areas. S106 agreements do not automatically make such payments but T&PCs can make a request for an allocation when making comments on planning applications.

- (e) Clerk's report - Agenda and Minutes Record: no actions required.

Other matters: the planning application for craft units as Arreton Barns has been approved, as has a re-advertised application for the extraction of gravel at Hale Common and the proposed conservatory at Noor Villa.

Cllr Calloway and the Clerk attended a session on Communications on November 22nd, run by the AoNB for their new Management Plan.

Cllr Thirkettle attended a session on ward boundary changes run by the Boundary Commission on December 4th.

The Clerk has received a letter from Historic England regarding a proposal to list war memorials as a commemoration of the centenary of the end of World War I. This would include Arreton's. The Clerk has written to RJR Solicitors as nothing has been received this year from the WG Wyld Trust. An apology has been received and a promise to deal with the matter as soon as possible.

Training: Cllrs Calloway and Dovey attended separate Planning training sessions held by IWALC at the end of November.

199/1 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 212/17

None were received

200/17 Finance

The finance report for November was agreed. The balance in the current account was £12,935.46
The following payments were agreed:-

Staff costs	£328.91
Information Commissioner (data protection)	£35.00
Multimedia Foundation (website)	£150.00
Arreton Community Hall Trust (hall hire)	£205.00
Arreton Methodist Church (hall hire)	£35.00

201/17 Planning and Appeals

Application No	Location	Proposal
TCP/33021/A - P/01349/17	Downend Chalk Pit, Downend Road, Newport, Isle Of Wight, PO30	Proposed shooting canopy (revised plan)

The Parish Council agreed that there was no objection to this application.

202/17 Budget 2018/19

Budget figures for 2018/19 were considered and Cllr Hayden suggested putting some money aside for a WWI commemoration event (see item 210/17).

203/17 Churchyard

The Clerk has obtained a quote from Brighstone Landscaping for various works in the Churchyard. It was agreed that the Clerk should request quotes from GJ Banks and Wight Stonemasonry for works on the tabletop tombs. Brighstone Landscaping will be asked to specify the cost of trimming the yew tree and moving the sign. They will also be asked to repoint the whole of the south wall of the shed in the Cemetery.

204/17 Cemetery

A new poster regarding the regulations in the Cemetery was considered. It was decided to look at the wording of the burial regulations before agreeing the final wording of the poster.

205/17 Hedges

Part of the hedge round the pathway at Park Cottages has become a health and safety hazard for residents. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the owner of the property but in the

meantime the Clerk would try to establish who was responsible for the footpath around the grass. Cllr Calloway will find out which housing association owns the cottages. Other hedges on the main road are becoming rather overgrown so the Clerk will contact Island Roads.

206/17 Ball games

A complaint about ball games in Calloway Close has been received through IWC Cllr Mosdell. It was agreed that such problems are not the responsibility of the Parish Council. IWC Cllr Mosdell will be asked as to who the complainant was and suggest a word from PCSO Keefe might be in order.

207/17 Donations

Two donations were agreed - £50 to the IW Music, Dance and Drama Festival and £100 to Community Action IW for the Optio Voluntary Car Scheme.

208/17 Newsletter

The owner of the village shop has agreed to produce a newsletter at no cost to the Parish Council although it will be under our name. The first issue will go out with IWC Cllr Mosdell's next newsletter and subsequent issues will be available for collection from various places around the parish.

209/17 South Wight Parishes Health and Well-being Forum

Following a request from the Forum for Arreton PC to be represented, Cllr Hayden agreed to attend meetings on behalf of the Parish Council.

210/17 World War I centenary

The Chairman reported that the Church wished to be involved and that he would like a wider involvement of the Parish. A Parish buffet with a tea dance and a reprise of the event put on in the Church in 2014 was suggested. Cllr Watterson reported that she had detailed research on the involvement of two families from the Parish, which could be used.

211/17 To note the date of the next meeting, 8th January 2018 in the Community Hall.

212/17 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

Nothing was raised

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm

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14th December 2017

..... Chairman

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