

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2018** 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)

**001/18 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Dovey (unwell)

**002/18 Questions from the public**

No members of the public were present

**003/18 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (11<sup>th</sup> December)**

The minutes of the meeting held on December 11<sup>th</sup> were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Kimber, seconded Cllr Watterson

**004/18 To receive regular reports**

(a) IWC Councillor – IWC Cllr Mosdell reported that an official request to reduce the 40mph speed limit in Blackwater Shute to 30mph has been presented. IWC Cllr Mosdell will look for support from local residents.

AgeUKIW are looking to extend their Good Neighbour project to Arreton and Newchurch.

Wight Salads are looking to use some of the Solar Fund money to provide greenhouses for primary schools as they would like the projects they fund to have a horticultural theme. Someone would be appointed to look after the plants in the school holidays. They also intend to fund a permissive path from Branstone Cross to Apse Heath as many of their workers and families walk that way to the shops.

The CQC report of Fairview, the care home that was closed at short notice, was received today.

The contract for the sexual health and 0-19 services are due for renewal and it is hoped to move them from the hospital and in to the community.

(b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – the Clerk has contacted GJ Banks and Wight Stonemasonry to quote for repairs to three table-top tombs in the Churchyard.

(c) Highways and footpaths – the Rights of Way Improvement Plan is out to consultation and Cyclewight have produced a proposed plan for cycle routes. Correspondence has been received regarding footpath A8 but as the Ramblers have already reported it, it was felt that there was no need for the Parish Council to get involved. Cllr Kimber offered to produce a report on footpaths in the parish.

(d) IWALC/Chairman's report – the Chairman reported that he has not been to any meetings since his last report but will attend the two forthcoming IWALC meetings.

(e) Clerk's report - Agenda and Minutes Record: the Clerk has written to YourCash Ltd regarding the cash machine in the Post Office and to Brighstone Landscaping regarding re-pointing the shed, trimming the yew tree and notifying the Parish Council when work is done on the Cemetery and Churchyard. WG Banks and Wight Stonemasonry have been contacted regarding quoting for work on the tombs in the Churchyard. No responses have been received as yet.

Following up on an enquiry, the Clerk noted that no planning application was submitted for Arreton House after the meeting with the owner in August 2015.

**Other matters:** the planning application for the garage at Blackwater has been approved, as have those for the shooting canopy at the Chalk Pit and the garage roof at Merstone.

The Clerk has received a communication regarding the annual Buckingham Palace Garden Party but Cllr Thirkettle is ineligible as he has previously attended one and only chairmen can be nominated.

Cllr Watterson will be attending the AoNB AGM/Forum at the end of January.

Arreton Primary School have been in touch to thank the Parish Council for supporting the Christmas Writing Competition and to let us know that out of a total of 100 entrants, all their students were at least runners-up and one won the 12 and under group. They hope for more entrants next year.

There was no Christmas tree at the Methodist Church this year.

The Clerk noted an article in the *County Press* after Christmas that gave the impression that the Parish Council is totally against anyone dressing the hare, which is untrue but makes a good story.

**005/18 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 017/18**

CLlr J Orchard declared an interest in the planning application at Blackwater Farm

**006/18 Finance**

The finance report for December was agreed. It was noted that the money from the WG Wyld Trust had been received after prompting. The actual balance in the current account is not known as the Clerk has not received the bank statement. The following payments were agreed.

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Staff costs (salary, expenses etc.)	£462.74
Arreton Primary School (writing competition)	£8.00
Community Action IW (donation)	£100.00
IW Music, Dance and Drama Festival (donation)	£50.00

**007/18 Planning and Appeals**

Application No	Location	Proposal
<a href="#">TCP/33309 - P/01450/17</a>	Land off Blackwater Hollow rear of Fairways, Blackwater Hollow, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30	Car Park to serve cycle way and walking circuit link to Mole Valley store site (revised parish) (readvertised)
<a href="#">TCP/33020/B - P/01509/17</a>	Blackwater Mill Farm, Blackwater, Newport, Isle Of Wight, PO303BJ	Variation of condition 2 on P/00351/17 to allow for revised drive and parking position
<a href="#">TCP/22015/E - P/01326/17</a>	Mole Countrystore, Blackwater Road, Newport, Isle Of Wight, PO303BG	Proposed extension to existing store, new building for retail and visitor use; change of use of existing bungalow to cafe/workshop; parking (revised scheme).

It was agreed that there were no objections to the application for the car park in principle but there were concerns, mainly about the position of the entrance/exit and the amount and speed of the traffic on this stretch of road. The traffic also causes problems with the road crossing as the sight lines are not good and the Parish Council would like to see the installation of a light-controlled crossing, using s.106 money if any is available. Although there is no mention of lighting, the Parish Council would like a condition requiring any subsequent installation to be as unintrusive as possible.

There were no objections to the variation of condition 2 at Blackwater Mill Farm.

Again it was agreed that there were no objections to the application for Mole Countrystore but on a previous application, the Parish Council had asked for a lay-by for the bus stop to be installed and repeated the request, using s.106 money if available. There was also a concern that on a previous application, the lighting could only be left on for half-an-hour after closing i.e. until 5.30pm. However, the proposed opening hours are much longer and so there is concern about intrusive external lighting.

**008/18 Budget 2018/19**

Budget figures for 2018/19 were considered and agreed. The Budget will be finalised at the next meeting.

**009/18 Burial Regulations**

Changes to the Burial Regulations were agreed and it was decided to review the burial fees before April.

**010/18 Calendar**

The calendar of meetings for 2018/19 was agreed

**011/18 Bus shelters**

An offer of potential funding for new bus shelters had been received via IWALC. After some discussion it was agreed to investigate the provision of an area of hard-standing for bus passengers in Merstone.

**012/18 Hedges**

The owner of 1 Park Cottages has died and so it was agreed not to contact any relatives at the present time. The Clerk will contact Island Roads to ask about other hedges along the main road and also to see if they have any responsibility for the area around Park Cottages other than cutting the grass.

**013/18 War Memorial**

There is a proposal to list all war memorials nationally and paperwork has been received regarding the memorial on the Churchyard. It was agreed that there was nothing to add to the information.

**014/18 Non-residential care charging policy**

Proposals have been received from the IW Council regarding changes to their policy for charging for care for those resident in their own homes. The members of the Parish Council disagree with this proposal.

**015/18 World War I centenary**

The Community Hall has been booked for the day on November 11th.

**016/18 To note the date of the next meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in the Community Hall.**

**017/18 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only**

Nothing was raised

The meeting concluded at 9.02pm

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11<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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