

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2018** at **Arreton Community Hall** at 7pm.

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

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

Mrs Lisa Toyne from Community Action IW gave a talk on the 'Age Friendly Island' project

**018/18 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Cooper (on holiday)

**019/18 Questions from the public**

No members of the public were present

**020/18 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (8<sup>th</sup> January)**

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

**021/18 To receive regular reports**

- (a) IWC Councillor – IWC Cllr Mosdell reported that the only subject of interest was the budget and there was no time for anything else.
- (b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – a large sheet of plywood has been broken up and left in the rubbish bin in the Cemetery. If it is not removed soon, the Clerk will contact the Burial Registrar to ask about recent funerals.
- (c) Highways and footpaths – a car has been dumped in the car park on the cycleway at Horringford. The Clerk will contact the Police. There is also evidence of fly tipping.
- (d) IWALC/Chairman's report – the Chairman reported that a special IWALC meeting was taken up with the proposals from the IW Council to make changes to the charges for care at home. Ollie Boulter from the Planning Department gave a presentation on the new Island Plan at the regular IWALC meeting. The Chairman also attended a recent LAF meeting, at which there was discussion about the way forward for the Walking Festival on a smaller budget, and a meeting of the Community Waste Forum. It was reported that the new waste facility in Forest Road was likely to come in on time and budget.
- (e) Clerk's report – Agenda and Minutes Record: following up the letter to YourCash Ltd, a reply was received saying that the cash machine in the shop had already been removed as the machine was running at a monthly loss. There are no plans to replace it as an offer of a contract with a service charge of £150 +VAT a month has been declined.

The Clerk has met with both Wight Stonemasonry and GJ Banks regarding repairs to the tombs in the Churchyard. Quotes have been received – see agenda item 029/18.

Other matters: the War Memorial has now been given Grade II listed status as part of Heritage England's commemoration of the centenary of the end of WWI.

The planning application for 1 Park Cottages has gone to appeal.

The Clerk has made contact with the signmaker Bob Perry – see agenda 030/18.

The planning application to change the entrance to the proposed new dwelling at Blackwater Farm has been approved.

**Training:** Cllrs Watterson and Kimber will attend a session on the Code of Conduct being run in March by the IW Council on behalf of IWALC.

**022/18 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 036/18**

Cllr Orchard requested an item.

**023/18 Finance**

The finance reports for December and January were agreed and the balance in the current account was £12,540.91.

The following payments were agreed:-

Staff costs	£327.34
Brighstone Landscaping (grounds maintenance	£750.00
IWALC (subscription)	£188.59
NS&I (transfer)	£2,000.00

**024/18 Planning and Appeals**

Application No	Location	Proposal
<a href="#">TCP/32131/E - P/00035/18</a>	Cheeks Farm, Merstone Lane, Merstone, Newport, Isle Of Wight, PO303DE	Proposed new residential unit

It was agreed that there was no objection to this application.

Cllr Orchard asked about the appeal on no.1 Park Cottages. The Planning Inspectorate have put it on hold.

**025/18 Budget 2018/19**

The budget for 2018/19 was agreed, proposed by Cllr Hayden and seconded by Cllr Orchard. The precept was set at £9,000.

**026/18 Burial Regulations**

The new regulations were agreed with minor changes.

**027/18 Cemetery notice**

The wording for a notice regarding the burial regulations at the Cemetery was agreed.

**028/18 Burial fees**

It was agreed not to increase the burial fees this year and they will be reviewed next year. Charges for burials of children aged 16 and under were removed.

**029/18 Table-top tombs**

Two quotes for the work have been received but it was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the paperwork required before agreeing on a quote. The stone tomb is now dangerous and should be taped off.

**030/18 Signs**

A quote for a total of £280 for signs at the Cemetery and the Churchyard was received from Perry Signs and accepted.

**031/18 Footpaths**

Cllr Kimber presented a report on the condition of Rights of Way in the parish, for which he was thanked. It was agreed to send a copy to the Rights of Way department.

Cllr Orchard requested that a section of footpath A29 be redesignated as a bridleway so that horses and riders would no longer have to use the road in Blackwater to get to and from the cycletrack to the lane at Stone Farm. This was agreed.

**032/18 Bus hardstanding**

The consideration of the provision of an area of hardstanding for bus passengers in Merstone was deferred to the next meeting.

**033/18 Hedges**

The Clerk will contact Southern Housing regarding the hedges at Park Cottages. The footpath would be wider if the grass was quartered and the Clerk will contact Island Roads.

**034/18 World War I centenary**

A suggestion was made that the School be asked to participate in a service to plant a poppy cross for every man named on the War Memorial. It was thought that the Friday afternoon might be best.

Cllr Watterson will contact Carisbrooke Castle Museum to see if any costumes and artefacts could be borrowed. It was agreed that the commemoration of the dead would take place at the War Memorial and a celebration of the victory would be held in the Community Hall after and could take the form of a buffet lunch.

**035/18 To note the date of the next meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**036/18 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only**

Cllr Orchard reported that a Blackwater resident had finally been given permission by his neighbour to dispose of any rats on their properties.

The meeting concluded at 9.08pm

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13<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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