

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 12th March, 2018 at Arreton Community Hall at 7pm.**

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

In attendance: Sheila Caws (Clerk)

037/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from IWC Cllr Mosdell (unwell)

038/18 Questions from the public

No members of the public were present but Cllr Thirkettle raised a letter he had received from the Church concerning the provision of parking for coaches near the Church. Discussions with the school are ongoing.

039/18 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (12th February)

The minutes of the meeting held on February 12th were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Hayden, seconded Cllr Kimber. Cllr Calloway raised a point about the appeal at 1 Park Cottages, which is still suspended.

040/18 To receive regular reports

- (a) IWC Councillor – in the absence of IWC Cllr Mosdell there was no report but she said that she has raised the question of altering the timing of the traffic lights at Down End with Island Roads.
- (b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – the Clerk has raised the demand for the annual burial precept to the IW Council. Cllr Orchard reported that the road drains at Gore Cemetery were blocked again and that the sheet of plywood was still in the rubbish area. The Clerk will ask Brighstone Landscaping to dispose of it.
- (c) Highways and footpaths – the car that was apparently dumped in the car park on the cycleway at Horringford has gone. There was also a digger on the cycle track there, possibly for work on the gas mains.
- (d) IWALC/Chairman's report – the Chairman reported that he had not attended the IWALC meeting regarding the changes to the grass cutting contracts but Cllr Hayden and the Clerk had been there. IWALC will be discussing the issues raised by the proposed changes to the data protection regulations.
- (e) Clerk's report – Agenda and Minutes Record: following a request to the District Steward, Island Roads have undertaken the quartering of the footpath around the grass at Park Cottages.

The Clerk has contacted Bob Perry and he has agreed to provide new signs at the Cemetery and the Churchyard as per his quote.

Other matters: the notice board at Blackwater fell off its perch recently but has been re-instated by Cllr Orchard.

The appeal on the planning application for 1 Park Cottages is on hold following the death of the owner.

The planning application for a new dwelling at Cheek's Farm has been approved.

The Rights of Way department were pleased to receive a copy of Cllr Kimber's report on the state of the footpaths in the parish and asked that he be thanked.

Arreton Cricket Club regret that they do not have sufficient volunteers to participate in a Fun Day this year. Any capacity they do have is likely to be channelled in to organising a cricketing event to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

041/18 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 052/18

The Clerk requested an item.

042/18 Finance

The finance report for February was agreed and the balance in the current account was £10,399.96. The following payments were agreed:-

Staff costs	£316.79
L Watterson (expenses)	£11.45

043/18 Planning and Appeals

There were no planning applications this month.

044/18 Table top tombs

The large stone tomb is now in a dangerous state and has been taped off. A faculty will be required from the Diocese for the proposed work on the tombs, which will involve the Parochial Church Council. Cllr Thirkettle will contact the PCC and ask to attend the next meeting.

045/18 Age Friendly Island

It was agreed that the parish did not require a report of its own but the Parish Council would consider a joint rural report with other nearby parishes.

046/18 Bus hardstanding

It was agreed that it would be ideal if Southern Vectis could be persuaded to move the present bus stop a few yards further north, where it should be possible to provide a small hardstanding and kerb.

047/18 Hedges

Southern Housing arranged for the overhanging hedges to be cut back. As noted in the Clerk's report, a request was sent to Island Roads and the quartering around the grass at Park Cottages was done almost immediately.

048/18 Battle of Britain Memorial Stone

The Battle of Britain Historical Association have been in touch again regarding a memorial stone to the pilot who crashed in the village. A meeting was arranged with the landowner and Island Roads to identify a suitable site but unfortunately did not happen. Hopefully it will be rearranged. It was agreed that a modest contribution to the costs might be possible once more details are known.

049/18 Hampshire Police hate crime scrutiny

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the members of the Parish Council were not aware of a problem in the area. The Clerk was requested to reply saying that a definition of 'hate crime' would have been useful and that a lack of representatives from the Island on the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel meant that the Island did not have a strong enough presence to always get our views across.

050/18 World War I centenary

Councillors were requested to consider ideas to mark the occasion.

051/18 To note the date of the next meeting, 9th April 2018

The Chairman reminded everyone that this meeting will take place in the Methodist Church Hall and will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

052/18 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

As stated in her report, the Clerk noted that the Cricket Club would be unable to contribute to a Fun Day this year. Several ideas were put forward and will be discussed next month. It was also noted that the village shop is up for sale.

The meeting concluded at 8.37pm

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