

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 14th May, 2018** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7.00pm**.

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

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

076/18 Election of Chairman and acceptance of office

Cllr Thirkettle was proposed as Chairman by Cllr Calloway and seconded by Cllr Hayden.
Cllr Thirkettle was unanimously accepted as Chairman and read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

077/18 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Cooper said that he would be late arriving.

078/18 Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public but the Chairman reported that he had been asked by a resident to say that a lunch would be held every month alternating between the Coach House and the Methodist Hall.

079/18 Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Kimber was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Cllr Hayden and seconded by Cllr Calloway. He was elected unanimously.

080/18 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meetings (9th April and 1st May)

The minutes of the meeting held on April 9th were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Orchard, seconded Cllr Kimber. An alteration was made to the minutes of May 1st to say that 11 members of the public had attended the meeting. The minutes were then confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Calloway, seconded Cllr Hayden

081/18 To receive regular reports

- (a) IWC Councillor – IWC Cllr Mosdell reported that her latest newsletter was out and she handed round a flyer about anti-fracking meetings to be held in the Parish. There have been problems at the Robin Hill roundabout with cars ending up in the garden of a nearby cottage on three separate occasions recently. The opening hours at Linbottom tip will be looked at but it has highlighted the filter problems at the Down End traffic lights.
7.30pm – Cllr Cooper arrived
- (b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – Cllr Orchard reported that the grass had been cut the previous week and Brighstone Landscaping would be asked to remove a large piece of plywood that had been around for some time. Cllr Calloway said that she had spoken to a member of staff from Brighstone Landscaping and they had discussed the possibility of signing in when they came to cut the grass. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.
- (c) Highways and footpaths – Cllr Calloway reported that a resident on the main road had had work done on his driveway but unfortunately the contractors had filled the gully that runs in front of the boundary with tarmac. This could cause problems with rainwater run-off. The Clerk will contact Island Roads.
Cllr Orchard said that the roadworks at Blackwater had been finished and the footpath from the junction to the shop had been nicely relaid. He asked if the section from the shop to the cycleway could also be done. The Clerk will contact Island Roads.
Cllr Thirkettle reported that the footpath from Pyle Cottages to Merstone Manor had been ploughed out. He would monitor it as the landowner had two weeks within which to reinstate it.
Cllr Cooper reported that the fencing around the small car park at Horringford had been partially knocked over. The Clerk will also report this to Island Roads.
Cllr Cooper also reported three apparently abandoned cars in the car park at Merstone station.

- (d) IWALC/Chairman's report – the Chairman reported that the next IWALC meeting would take place on Thursday and items on planning training and a council as an employer were on the agenda.
- (e) Clerk's report – Agenda and minutes record: the Clerk has contacted Graham Filer regarding the works in the Cemetery but has not as yet received a reply (see agenda item 089/18).

Southern Vectis have replied to our request for a hardstanding at the bus stop in Merstone (see agenda item 091/18).

Most other matters are on the agenda.

Other matters: The Clerk and the Burial Registrar met in the Churchyard last week to plot the listed tombs. They are all table top tombs but not all such tombs are listed.

The Clerk has responded to a request from the Community Waste Forum to continue receiving e-mails from them under the new GDPR regulations.

A pay claim has been agreed between the unions and the LGA to be implemented from April 1st. The percentages vary but in Arreton's case it is a rise of about 2%.

Training: The Clerk attended a session on the new Data Protection Regulations organised by IWALC last month, which was extremely useful.

082/18 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 096/18

Cllr Kimber declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application for Middle Barn.

083/18 Finance

It was agreed to appoint Gareth Hughes as the internal auditor for 2017/18 – proposed Cllr Orchard, seconded Cllr Hayden

The accounts were presented but not approved as they are subject to audit.

The finance reports for March and April were agreed and the balance in the current account was £18,518.40. The following payments were agreed:-

Staff costs	£459.80
Came & Company (insurance)	£291.20

084/18 Planning and Appeals

To consider any applications recently received:-

Application No	Location	Proposal
TCP/09114/E - P/00435/18	Topline, Extrudawood House, Merstone, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30	Alterations to existing showroom front elevations including the installation of new solar louvers and canopy over existing entrance; removal of existing ground floor single door and insertion of first floor window.
TCP/17657/R - P/00430/18	Horringford Gardens, Middle Barn, Horrington, Newport, Isle Of Wight, PO30 3AP	Change of use of storage barn to form a dwelling including alterations to roof and single storey extension

It was agreed that there was no objection to the application at Topline.

It was agreed that there was no objection to the application for Middle Barn but attention should be drawn to the state of the existing cesspit.

It was noted that the application for yurts at Blackwater has been withdrawn.

085/18 Appointments to outside bodies

The following appointments were agreed:-

Arreton Trust – Cllr Orchard and Cllr Calloway
Arreton Community Hall Management Committee – Cllr Thirkettle
Arreton School Trust - Cllr Calloway and Cllr Hayden
IWALC representatives – Cllr Thirkettle and Cllr Hayden
It was agreed to ask Cllr Dovey if he wished to continue as a representative on the Community Hall Committee

086/18 New councillor

Cllr Watterson has resigned from the Parish Council on health grounds and it was agreed that the process to fill the vacant seat should be initiated.

087/18 Review of Local Government Ethical Standards

Unfortunately, the Clerk misread the closing date for comments, which has now passed.

088/18 Table-top tombs

The Chairman wrote to the Vicar requesting permission to attend the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council. He received a rather negative response and was informed that the Parish Council can apply to the Diocese for a Faculty to undertake the work. The Clerk will investigate.

089/18 Cemetery works

The Clerk has contacted the original contractor but has not, as yet, received a response.

090/16 New Data Protection Regulations

It was noted that there will not be a requirement for town and parish councils to have a Data Protection Officer. It was agreed to hold a separate meeting to discuss the necessary work to be come compliant with the new regulations.

091/18 Bus hardstanding

The Clerk contacted Southern Vectis, who have no objection to the scheme to construct a bus hardstanding in Merstone. The Clerk has subsequently contacted Island Roads but has not, as yet, received a response.

092/18 Battle of Britain Memorial Stone

Island Roads have agreed that as the proposed site for the stone is not next to a public highway, there is no need for their involvement. The Clerk will try and arrange a meeting with the landowner and Rights of Way.

093/18 Fun Day and other events

Isle of Wight Day will take place in September and there will be a parade in Cowes, in which it is hoped that town and parish councils will participate.

094/18 World War I centenary

So far, it has been agreed that the Primary School will participate in a service to plant a cross for each man that died. This is most likely to be held on the Friday. The regular annual service will take place at the War Memorial on the Sunday and the Parish Council then proposes to hold an indoor street party. Cllr Thirkettle will produce a map showing where each man lived and it may be possible to have a world map showing where they died. Mrs Watterson has offered to give a talk on Reg Denham, an Island man who fought in the war and whose letters home have survived. Excerpts from production held in the Church in 2014 are another possibility. Attendees will be invited to bring food, as would have happened in 1918 and the Parish Council will provide tea, coffee, squash etc. and some basic sandwiches and cake.

095/18 To note the date of the next meeting, 11th June 2018

IWC Cllr Mosdell tendered her apologies in advance.

096/18 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

Nothing was raised.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm

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Chairman

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