

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 11th June, 2018** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7.00pm**.

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

In attendance: Sheila Caws (Clerk)

097/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Calloway (on holiday), Cllr Dovey (working) and IWC Cllr Mosdell (on holiday)

098/18 Questions from the public

There were no questions

099/18 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (9th May)

The minutes of the meeting held on May 9th were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Hayden, seconded Cllr Kimber.

100/18 To receive regular reports

- (a) IWC Councillor – in the absence of IWC Cllr Mosdell there was no report.
- (b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – Cllr Orchard reported that the grass in the Churchyard was cut in the week before the meeting and in the Cemetery prior to that. He requested that nettles in the rubbish compound at the Cemetery be strimmed and the plywood that is still there be removed. The drain in the layby is still blocked.
- (c) Highways and footpaths – The entrance to path A31 is still overgrown and the path remains ploughed out. Path 5b has not been reinstated either.
The sign at the junction of A34 and A36 is incorrect, as is the one for A36 in Blackwater, near Naturezone.
IWC Cllr Mosdell will be asked to enquire about the traffic lights at Downend again.
The quartering of the footpaths on the main road in Arreton needs doing again but the Clerk will not chase this until after the July meeting.
- (d) IWALC/Chairman's report – the Chairman reported that John Brownscombe, the Community-led Housing Officer for the Community Action IW, had given a presentation on the Community-led Housing Scheme. Money was available from the Government for planning and to buy land. The scheme would only allow for 25 properties to be built on the Island and so it was not the answer to the housing shortage.
Minutes and other paperwork will be posted to members whose councils are not members of IWALC.
The Chairman intends to attend a training session on the new Data Protection Regulations next week.
The Chairman attended an anti-fracking meeting at the Community Hall on Saturday.
- (e) Clerk's report – **Agenda and Minutes Record:** the Clerk received a reply from Graham Filer to say that the outstanding works at Gore Cemetery would be in hand by the end of June.
The Clerk contacted the District Steward at Island Roads regarding various matters and received a reply to say that he would investigate. The grass at the bus stop on Down End Road appears to have been cut but nothing else has been heard about the other requests. Island Roads were also contacted about the drain at the Cemetery and this now appears to be clear.
The Clerk wrote to Brighstone Landscaping to ask them to remove the plywood at the Cemetery.

The notice of a request for an election to fill the casual vacancy has been placed in the *County Press*, on the website and on the notice boards. The closing date is June 21st and the IW Council will inform us after that if an election is required.

The Battle of Britain Historical Association and the Rights of Way department are in direct contact regarding a proposed site for a memorial stone.

Other matters: a new book of forms for the Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial has been purchased from Shaw and Sons Ltd at the request of the Burial Registrar.

The Clerk has contacted the Police regarding two cars that have been parked at Merstone for some time as neither has been abandoned as the vehicle tax was up-to-date. Apparently, one belongs to a local resident and the other to a car trader.

Training: The Clerk attended a session on various financial matters including the new audit regulations, transparency and internal controls.

101/18 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 116/18

Cllr Hayden requested that an item be raised.

102/18 Finance

The finance report for April was agreed and the balance in the current account was £18,567.40

The following payments were agreed:-

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| Staff costs | £363.48 |
| G Hughes (internal audit) | £110.00 |
| S Caws (<i>County Press</i> advert) | £51.24 |
| S Caws (Burial Grant book) | £117.88 |

103/18 Planning and Appeals

To consider any applications recently received:-

| Application No | Location | Proposal |
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| TCP/30710/A - P/00499/18 | Meadows End, Merstone Lane, Merstone, Newport, Isle Of Wight, PO30 3DG | Householder Application - Proposed first floor side extension |
| LDC/17769/J - P/00559/18 | Mountalifan Stables, Long Lane, Newport, Isle Of Wight, PO302NW | Lawful Development Certificate for continued use of chalet building and private amenity area as a single dwelling |
| TCP/23798/C - P/00518/18 | 10 Dovecotes, Merstone Lane, Merstone, Newport, Isle Of Wight, PO303DF | Householder Application - Proposed porch; extension at 1st floor level to form additional bedroom accommodation |
| TCP/32408/C - P/00532/18 | Rose Barn, Chapel Lane, Merstone, Newport, Isle Of Wight, PO303DD | Householder Application - Proposed single storey extension |

After a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to any of these applications.

104/18 Internal audit report 2017/18

The report from the internal auditor was received. There are no actions to be taken.

105/18 Annual Governance Report 2017/18

The Annual Governance Report 2017-18 was approved and signed.

106/18 Accounts 2017/18

The annual accounts for 2017/18 were approved.

107/18 Accounting Statement 2017/18

The Accounting Statement for 2017/18 was approved and signed.

108/18 Certificate of Exemption 2017/18

The Certificate of Exemption for 2017/18 was approved and signed.

109/18 New Data Protection Regulations

It was agreed that a working party will be set-up to deal with the paperwork involved. It will consist of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Clerk and any other member who wishes to be involved.

110/18 Table top tombs

Having been informed by the Vicar that the Parish Council should apply for a faculty, the Clerk contacted the Diocesan office to enquire and received a reply to say that the Parochial Church Council should make the application. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Vicar again, emphasising the safety aspect of the work.

111/18 Grounds maintenance

In the absence of Cllr Calloway, it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

112/18 Bus hardstanding

Southern Vectis have no objection to replacing the existing bus stop with a hardstanding. The Clerk contacted Island Roads, who said that the request could be placed on the Network Integrity Register and the work would cost in the region of £3,500.00. It was agreed to produce a flyer for residents in the area to see how much use it would get.

113/18 IW Literary Festival Schools' Programme

The Clerk has been contacted by the organiser of the programme, which is centred around storytelling. Arreton Primary School have applied to take part in the programme but require funding. The cost is £610.00 to cover workshops, staff training and costs. After some discussion, it was agreed that this was quite a substantial amount from our budget and, as only about 25% of the pupils came from the parish, we felt that we could only offer £150.00 as approximately a quarter of the cost. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the PTA to see if they could make up the difference.

114/18 World War I centenary

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact other organisations to spread the word about both participation and support. Suggestions included the School, the Church, the Methodist Church, the Cricket Club, Wight Salads, Leslie's Motors and Arreton Barns.

115/18 To note the date of the next meeting, 9th July 2018

The Clerk reminded everyone that this meeting will be preceded by the annual inspection of the burial grounds, commencing at 6pm at Gore Cemetery.

116/18 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

Cllr Hayden raised the subject of Isle of Wight Day. She had attended the launch event, which included the introduction of Nipper, a human-sized crab. The organisers intend to provide a

banner to every town and parish council who wish to join in the parade in Cowes on the day (September 22nd).

There being nothing else raised, the meeting concluded 8.31pm

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18th June 2018

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