

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 10th September, 2018** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7.10pm**.

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

In attendance: PCSO Justin Keefe and Sheila Caws (Clerk)

135/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Goodchild (previously Hayden) (honeymoon) and IWC Cllr Mosdell.

136/18 Questions from the public

There were no questions.

137/18 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (9th July)

An amendment was made to 133/18, the last sentence of which should read 'One concern was parking and traffic around village schools'. The minutes of the meeting held on July 9th were then confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Kimber, seconded Cllr Calloway.

138/18 To receive regular reports

PCSO Keefe asked for any information on the case of the sheep that were killed by dog worrying in Merstone. He reported that there had been several burglaries in the Broadlands Farm area and that enquiries in to the bike thefts in the summer were ongoing. Beat surgeries were still being held. The Merstone resident who had organised the Speedwatch campaign was no longer able to participate and so further sessions were unlikely.

(a) IWC Councillor – in the absence of IWC Cllr Mosdell there was no report.

(b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – the railings and wall plates nearest the gates and the gates of the Cemetery have been repainted. The ivy has been cleared from the shed but the enclosure wall has not yet been repainted.

The Chairman trimmed the grass from the edges of the Burma Star stones in the Churchyard. The Clerk wrote to the Parochial Church Council regarding repairs to the path to the Church door but there was a misunderstanding and so another letter has been sent to clarify matters. Nothing further has been heard.

(c) Highways and footpaths – the Rights of Way department have strimmed crops in order to re-establish footpaths across fields. There is no further news on the traffic lights at the *Hare and Hounds* and the traffic on the to the road to the tip is still backing up. The Clerk will write to Island Roads regarding the traffic lights and write to the Head of Highways and IWC Cllrs Mosdell, Ward and Murwill about the situation at the tip.

Cllr Orchard reported that one of the arms on the signpost at the Blackwater end of Sandy Lane had rusted and fallen off. The Clerk will report the matter to Island Roads.

The fence at the small car park on the cycleway at Horringford is still in a state of disrepair. It was suggested that the Clerk write to Island Roads and Rights of Way requesting that the gate be moved further east, the fence repaired and space be created for five parking spaces.

It was suggested that the Clark write to Rights of Way asking that the boardwalk on path be extended or the path be raised and drains placed underneath.

At recent Garlic Festivals, it has been possible to have a ride in a sports car. Unfortunately, some drivers are exceeding the speed limit when going through Blackwater towards Rookley. The Clerk was requested to write to the organisers.

(d) IWALC/Chairman's report – at the recent IWALC AGM it proved impossible to re-elect the Chairman as he was not an official representative of a town or parish council. The Vice-Chairman took the meeting.

The person at HALC who was a very keen recruiter of members has died and so IWALC spoke to HALC at a recent regional meeting and proper discussions will follow.

IWALC is looking at better awareness of the ferry discounts available to groups such as hospital patients and will put a list up on their website.

The Chairman also attended the recent Local Access Forum meeting. Anger was expressed about the recent sheep worrying in Merstone that led to the death of several of the sheep. The Clerk will endeavour to obtain suitable posters for the notice boards.

There was talk of the boardwalk at on the cycleway at Herringford being closed for up to 16 weeks for repairs and there was a request for suggestions for Quiet Lanes.

- (e) Clerk's report – Agenda and Minutes Record: the flyer regarding the bus stop has been delivered (see agenda item 144/18)

The Clerk contacted Brighstone Landscaping regarding the grass cutting at the Church, the trimming of the yew tree in the Churchyard and moving its sign, the meaning of a 'half-cut' and also requested that the chaff at the cemetery gate be swept up. The grass was cut and the chaff disappeared but there has been no response to any other requests. The Clerk will chase these matters and the repointing of the wall of the enclosure in the Cemetery.

Other matters: the planning applications for Meadows End, Stoneshells Nursery and Bridge House have all been approved.

The Chairman and the Clerk have a meeting at the Primary School tomorrow to discuss arrangements for the WWI events and also Isle of Wight Day.

The Chairman and the Clerk were unable to attend the latest quarterly meeting between IWALC and the IW Council meeting as the date and time clashed with this meeting. The Clerk has requested that the December meeting be moved, as it also clashes, and that some thought be given to holding the meetings on a fifth Monday. A response has been received to say that meetings next year are likely to be first Monday, second Monday, first Monday, second Monday.

The Clerk has arranged for the Parish Council's credit account with the *IW County Press* to be reinstated, as it went in to abeyance when the paper was taken over by Newsquest.

The Clerk was rather surprised to receive a communication from Lisa Toyne regarding the proposed draft of a combined Age Friendly Report with Godshell, as she thought that this was only a suggestion. Mrs Toyne has requested a meeting with the Clerk, and any councillor who may be interested in attending, to add detail to the basic report. As yet, no date has been arranged.

The Clerk had a meeting with a representative from PCC Consultants to have a free assessment of our IT security. Recommendations were made and a report will be forthcoming for a future agenda item.

139/18 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 153/18

The Chairman and the Clerk asked for items to be raised.

140/18 Finance

The finance report for July and August was agreed and the balance in the current account was £17,581.50. The following payments were agreed:-

S Caws (salary – July)	£766.47
Brighstone Landscaping (grounds maint.)	£738.00
Ringway Island Roads (dog waste bins)	£372.24
IW Literary Festival (donation)	£150.00

141/18 Planning and Appeals

To consider any applications recently received:-

Application No	Location	Proposal
TCP/33555 - P/00922/18	1 Red Lion Cottages, Main Road, Arreton, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 3AD	Householder Application - Proposed enlarged dormer on rear elevation

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

142/18 Standing orders

This item was deferred to the next meeting as NALC have issued new model standing orders, which need to be considered.

143/18 Table top tombs

There is nothing further to report at present.

144/18 Bus hardstanding

The Clerk distributed a flyer to Merstone residents living near the Dovecotes bus stop and received a reasonable response, all of whom used the bus stop. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would make further investigations as to the cost and work involved in moving the bus stop further up the road.

145/18 Grounds Maintenance

Cllr Kimber suggested wording for the new contract and it was favourably received. It was agreed that there should be some form of recording when the contractor visited the two sites and that boards were the favoured solution. However, the information required would have to be agreed and where the boards would be kept. The shed at Gore Cemetery was the obvious place there and the Church porch was suggested for the Churchyard. This would need permission from the Church.

146/18 Casual vacancies

There was no response to the first vacancy and the full process will have to be repeated with the second one. An advert has been placed in the *IW County Press*. The Chairman has some candidates in mind if there are no volunteers.

147/18 Parking at Merstone Station

The Parish Council agreed to support IWC Cllr Mosdell's request for a 24 hour parking restriction at the station but questioned how it would be enforced.

148/18 Merstone Station

Gift to Nature has plans to develop Merstone Station and has asked for ideas. A request on Facebook produced a good response and the Parish Council particularly agreed with the ideas to restore the sign that stood on the platform, to provide historical information, to care for the orchard and to provide a notice board.

149/18 IWALC

IWALC are considering changing the formula by which subscriptions are calculated to make it fairer for all. The Parish Council agreed that the new formula was acceptable.

150/18 Shale gas exploration

The Parish Council was asked to respond to a government consultation regarding fracking for shale gas and planning permission. It was agreed that the Clerk should draft replies to the survey for consideration at the next meeting.

151/18 World War I centenary

The Chairman and the Clerk met with a member of staff at Arreton Primary School to discuss plans for a ceremony with the pupils at the War Memorial in the week before Armistice Day. It was agreed that this would take place on the Thursday before and the Clerk will order the crosses for the pupils to place around the Memorial.

Cllr Thirkettle will order the wreath for the Sunday and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact local organisations to see if they would like to be involved with the event in the Community Hall in the afternoon.

152/18 To note the date of the next meeting, 8th October 2018

153/18 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

Cllr Thirkettle raised the idea of an award for residents who give outstanding service to the Parish.

The Boundary Commission have completed their review of ward boundaries for the IW Council and published the results for consultation.

Both of these matters will be raised on the next agenda.

There being nothing else raised, the meeting concluded 9.08pm

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