

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 11th March, 2019** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7.00pm**.

Present: Cllrs Kimber, Calloway, Cooper, Healy, Orchard and Verey.

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

052/19 Apologies for Absence

None

053/19 Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public.

054/19 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meetings (11th and 21st February)

The minutes of the meetings held on February 11th and February 21st were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Calloway, seconded Cllr Healy (11th) and proposed Cllr Kimber, seconded Cllr Orchard (21st).

055/19 Vice-Chairman

Cllr Heather Calloway was elected Vice-Chairman, to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May. Proposed – Cllr Healy, seconded Cllr Verey

056/19 To receive regular reports

(a) IWC Councillor – IWC Cllr Mosdell has organised a meeting at Arreton Primary School on Monday 18th to discuss the problems with the car park adjacent to the School and the *White Lion*. Cllrs Kimber and Calloway, along with the Clerk, will represent the Parish Council. Other interested parties include the Diocese and the Friends of Arreton School. The Boundary Commission have looked at the representations regarding the proposed new ward boundaries and it may be that Arreton and Newchurch will not be split after all.

Cllr Mosdell will be attending a ceremony for the *Local Government Chronicle Awards* as the IW Council has reached the final nine for the 'Living well' and 'Care Close to Home' schemes, which have been designed to prevent people being referred to Adult Social Care unnecessarily. They have been hugely successful.

(b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – Cllr Kimber rectified the problem with the gate bolt. The rabbit holes still need filling.

(c) Highways and footpaths – the cycleway at Horrington is now open. The track is good but the foliage needs tidying up.

Cllr Verey reported that tractors from the anaerobic digester are using East Lane in Merstone and depositing mud from the verges all over the road. The Clerk will write to IWC Cllr Mosdell to see if environmental width and weight restrictions are possible. The Clerk will also endeavour to arrange another visit to the plant for those councillors who have not yet been.

Cllr Cooper reported that the temporary traffic lights at Arreton Cross were causing havoc, even first thing in the morning.

IWC Cllr Mosdell will monitor the traffic lights at Downend.

(d) IWALC/Chairman's report – there was no IWALC report this month.

The Chairman had nothing to report as it had been a quiet month.

(e) Clerk's report – Agenda and Minutes Record: there was nothing arising from the minutes or from Planning.

Other matters: The VAT claim has been paid, as has the burial precept.

The advert for the vacancies on the Parish Council has been placed in the *IW County Press*.

The PA system and the banners have been found a home in a cupboard in the Community Centre.

The Clerk has purchased a copy of the latest edition of *Arnold-Baker on local council administration*.

A notice of permitted work on trees at Blackwater House, Newport has been received from the Tree Officer in Planning Services.

An e-mail has been received from the AoNB regarding a survey of road verges for the information of Island Roads. The only designated site in Arreton is the SINC site at Crouchers Cross, Merstone.

The Clerk has received notice from NALC of new regulations regarding local authority websites, which will come in to force in September 2020. The aim is to make all websites compatible with the international accessibility standard WCAG 2.1 AA and to make the website perceivable, operable, understandable and robust for all users, especially those with disabilities. The Clerk has contacted Foundation Multimedia to ask about the work involved. This will probably be quite considerable and a quote will be required for the extra work.

A notice has been received from the Local Government Boundary Commission regarding a further limited consultation period. As this only relates to changes in the Freshwater and Ryde areas, it would appear that we will be associated with Godshill when the changes are implemented. Note: IWC Mosdell reports otherwise.

The bank mandate has been completed and will be sent off.

057/19 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 069/19

Cllr Kimber declared an interest in the planning application for Middle Barn, Horryngford.

058/19 Finance

The finance report for February was received and the balance in the current account was noted as £7,888.12. The following payments were agreed:-

Staff costs	£406.17
SLCC (publication)	£108.79
<i>IW County Press</i> (adverts)	£105.84
Wight Stonemasonry Ltd (Wyld memorial stones)	£120.00
<i>IW County Press</i> (advert)	£60.48

059/19 Planning and Appeals

To consider any applications recently received:-

Application No	Location	Proposal
TCP/32007/B - P/00186/19	Middle Barn, Horryngford, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO303AP	Demolition of barn; proposed dwelling to include change of use of surrounding land to use as ancillary garden

It was agreed that there was no objection to this application but the members of the Parish Council would like to see the building made as energy-efficient as possible.

060/19 IT security

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

061/19 Grounds maintenance

After considering the tenders received for the maintenance of Gore Cemetery and St George's Churchyard, it was agreed to accept the offer from Brighstone Landscaping. It was also agreed to accept their offer of a three-year contract at the agreed price but they would be asked to make additional contact after each visit as well as signing the sheets.

062/19 Insurance

The insurance agreement is due for renewal in May this year. The Clerk requested that a small working party be set up to look at the existing schedule to see if it is still fit for purpose. Cllrs Kimber and Healy plus the Clerk will meet to discuss the renewal.

063/19 Representatives

Owing recent resignations, representatives are required for the Parish Council for IWALC and the Arreton Community Hall Trust. Cllr Calloway was appointed to IWALC until the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May – proposed Martin Kimber, seconded Venetia Verey. As Cllr Calloway is already on the Community Hall Trust, it was agreed to leave electing a representative until the Annual Meeting.

064/19 Village shop

The village shop and Post Office is due to shut soon. The question of a community shop was mooted, as was running the shop with volunteers. It was agreed that Cllr Healy would have an informal chat with the owners to sound out their views on various points. The Clerk would contact the Clerk at Seaview to see what involvement the Parish Council had in setting up the community shop in the village.

065/19 Community communications and events

A message has been placed in IWC Cllr Mosdell's newsletter asking for those interested in being on a Parish Council e-mail list. It was agreed not to hold a Fun Day this year but to consider holding a Barn Dance in the early autumn instead. This would be a community event and not a fund-raiser.

066/19 Greenhouse lights

Cllr Cooper explained that the lights from the greenhouses was sometimes extremely bright when they came on at night – usually around 10pm. The light does not come from the rooves but out the sides. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the owner with a view to requesting a visit, when the subject could be raised.

067/16 Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the Clerk would buy tea, coffee etc. for the meeting next month.

068/19 To note the date of the next meeting, 8th April 2019

This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting, commencing at 7pm

069/19 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

Cllr Calloway has obtained nomination forms for the awarding of national honours and will follow up the process.

The question of providing more defibrillators in the village was raised. This will be an item on the next agenda.

070/19 To pass a resolution to exclude the press and public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act to discuss confidential matters

It was agreed that the Clerk's contract should be amended to allow for up to 12 hours of authorised overtime a year.

There being nothing else raised, the meeting concluded at 9.10pm

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