

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 8th July, 2019** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7.00pm**. This was preceded by the annual inspection of the burial grounds (councillors only).

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

In attendance: IWC Cllr Mosdell, a member of the RAF Association, one member of the public and Sheila Caws (Clerk).

138/19 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Roberts (prior engagement)

139/19 Questions from the public

A resident of the Parish offered to set up a meeting so that Frack-free IW could put their point of view regarding the potential oil drilling in the area. This was agreed and a date/time will be arranged.

140/19 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (10th June)

The minutes of the meeting held on June 10th were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Verey, seconded Cllr Dodson.

141/19 To receive regular reports

(a) IWC Councillor – IWC Cllr Mosdell reported that it was all very quiet in County Hall at the moment. Budget-setting was about to begin but there are no savings left to be made in the Adult Social Care budget. Cllr Mosdell also said that she would be standing in the forthcoming Newchurch by-election.

(b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – Brighstone Landscaping are using the forms in the burial grounds to record their visits. The tombs along the western wall of the Churchyard have been weeded and the grass is due to be cut soon.

(c) Highways and footpaths – the traffic lights remain the same. Cllr Orchard requested that the signpost at Sandy Lane be repaired. The cycleway between Herringford and Alverstone is due to be closed for six weeks from September for repairs to two bridges.

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

The Chairman reported that he attended a Southern Water presentation/forum but the purpose of the meeting was not entirely clear. There were three briefings – the first of which concerned the difficulties of obtaining water resources in the future and the aim to reduce per capita consumption from 129 litres per head per day to 100. The second presentation was regarding the approach to assisting vulnerable customers and how to identify them. The final session was on the need for the company to seek a closer relationship with its customers. The Chairman felt that Southern Water could do better in informing their customers as to what they do and what they aspire to achieve.

The Chairman was unable to attend the Civic Service the previous day.

The UKOG website shows that the company is still preparing the planning application. Their share price has been steadily declining since February and is the lowest it has been this year.

(e) Clerk's report – agenda and minutes record: the Clerk contacted Island Roads regarding the blocked drain in the road outside the Cemetery.

Other matters: an appeal on the planning decision to refuse an extension at Mole Country Store, including new buildings and the change of use of the existing bungalow to a café, has been dismissed. The application for Cherry Tree Cottage, Blackwater has been refused.

There has been no further action regarding the school parking.

The Clerk contacted the Police and Island Roads regarding speeding in East Lane, Merstone after Cllr Verey was approached by local residents. This follows on from use of the Lane as a diversion whilst Merstone Lane was closed. Some vehicles are still using the road but as the speed limit in the Lane is 60mph there is nothing the Police can do. Island Roads could not offer any advice either.

Cllr Calloway attended the IW Council's annual Civic Service at Newport Minster yesterday (Sunday 7th) in place of the Chairman, who was unable to go.

Hazely Combe is due to be resurfaced in early August.

Complaints have been received regarding the state of the hedges at no.1 Park Cottages

Training: nothing to report.

142/19 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 153/19 The Clerk asked for an item to be raised.

143/19 Finance

The finance report for June was received and the balance in the current account was noted as £16,491.58. The following payments were agreed:-

S Caws (salary)	£505.31
Leukaemia UK (donation)	£100.00
IW Council (election)	£1,539.36

144/19 Planning and Appeals

To consider any applications recently received:-

Reference	19/00410/FUL
Alternative Reference	PP-07923617
Application Received	Thu 13 Jun 2019
Address	Broadfields Park Chapel Lane Merstone Newport Isle of Wight PO30 3DA
Proposal	Retention of lean-to, Biomass Boiler, woodchip store and ancillary infrastructure
Reference	19/00337/FUL
Alternative Reference	PP-07889078
Application Received	Wed 29 May 2019
Address	Wight Farm Energy Arreton Road Arreton Newport Isle of Wight PO30 3FD
Proposal	Proposed Extension to existing silage clamp to the south and northeast.
Reference	19/00304/FUL
Alternative Reference	PP-07871837
Application Received	Thu 23 May 2019
Address	Arreton Barns Arreton Street Arreton Isle of Wight PO30 3AA
Proposal	Proposed change of use of land to accommodate 5 Shepherds Huts holiday units and a shower/toilet/facilities block

Reference	19/00297/FUL
Alternative Reference	PP-07869528
Application Received	Wed 22 May 2019
Address	Arreton Valley Nursery Hale Common Arreton Newport Isle of Wight PO30 3AR
Proposal	Continued siting of 38 mobile caravans, Proposed 2 x additional caravans; alterations and conversion of dormitory building into recreational facility for staff

It was agreed that there were no objections to the applications for the caravans or the shepherds' huts. There was no objection to the application to extend the silage clamp but a question was raised as to whether the attenuation pond would be replaced. There was no objection to the bio-mass boiler either but it was noted that there was no location plan, no planning statement and the building was not shown on the block plan.

145/19 Burial grounds

The annual inspection of the burial grounds was undertaken prior to the meeting. With regard to Gore Cemetery it was noted that the rabbit problem is worsening. One possible hole was found in the fence in the south-east corner but as it difficult to see much of the fence from inside the Cemetery, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the neighbouring landowner and ask permission to inspect the fence from the other side. Other issues were a replacement bench and the necessity or otherwise of re-lettering the memorial stones in God's Garden. It was agreed that more half-plots could be created at the western end to the south of the gate.

With regard to the Churchyard, there were no major issues but the tomb in the north-east corner needs repair, the sign in the yew tree still has not been moved and the cherry trees are coming to the end of their lives. It was agreed to obtain a quote for repairing the tomb and to investigate the purchase and planting of new trees to replace the old ones over time. The Clerk will also write to the owners of Arreton Barns about the buddleia that is overhanging the footpath to the north of the Churchyard.

146/19 Table top tombs

The Clerk met with the Churchwarden of St George's to discuss the faculty for repairing the three tabletop tombs. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay the cost of applying for the faculty, which would be in the region of £300.

147/19 Island Planning Strategy

It was agreed that the Parish Council would support Bob Seely MP in his efforts to obtain a reduction in the number of houses required annually in the new Island Plan. A meeting would not be necessary as there were no particular housing issues in the Parish.

148/19 UKOG

There was nothing further to report.

149/19 WWII memorial

A memorial is to be erected to Sgt John Haire, who crashed his Hurricane at a site on Heasley Farm in 1940. A service will be held at the site on September 12th, which is being organised by the RAF Association and the Battle of Britain Historical Society. It will be unveiled by the Lord Lieutenant as it is an official war memorial and various dignitaries and representatives have been invited, as are all Arreton residents. It is hoped to provide tea afterwards and the Parish Council have agreed to fund this as no contribution has been given towards the cost of the stone.

150/19 Barn Dance

There was nothing to report.

151/19 SLCC Annual Conference

The Clerk requested permission to attend the SLCC Annual Conference, which will take place in Leicestershire at the beginning of October. Permission was given.

152/19 To note the date of the next meeting, 9th September 2019

153/19 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

The Clerk explained that there was a problem with the website that prevented the link to the agenda from being displayed.

There being nothing else raised, the meeting concluded at 9.27pm.

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