

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 13th January, 2020** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7.00pm**.

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

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

001/20 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Orchard (unwell)

002/20 Questions from the public

None

003/20 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (9th December 2020)

The minutes of the meeting held on December 9th were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Healy, seconded Cllr Verey

004/20 To receive regular reports

(a) IWC Councillor – IWC Cllr Mosdell wants to encourage as many people as possible to fill in the IW Council's Housing Needs Survey in order to challenge the Government's housing figures for inclusion in the new Island Plan. The 2,500 people on the Housing Register do not include those living with their families.

The recent traffic accident at Hale Common will be investigated. Support is in place at the Primary School as the deceased was a member of staff there.

No progress has been made on the trees on the cycleway at Stickworth Hall. IWC Cllr Mosdell will contact the residents to see who is responsible for managing the grounds.

The 2020/21 budget is still under discussion but town and parish councils will not be asked to contribute any more this year as they have already taken on enough. The budget will be balanced from the IW Council's contingency funds.

IWC Cllr Mosdell will be having a meeting with the Police at the end of January to consider various enforcement issues.

Nothing more has been heard on the school parking issue.

(b) Cemetery and Churchyard – the Clerk had received an e-mail from the Churchwarden at Arreton regarding the tombs noting the lack of progress with the Diocese. A meeting had been held with the Archdeacon but subsequent communication from the Diocese appeared to be asking for information that they already had.

It was also noted that the Revd Janice O'Shaughnessy may be leaving the Parish.

(c) Highways and footpaths – the trees at Stickworth and the accident at Hale Common have already been noted.

(d) IWALC/Chairman's report – the Chairman reported that it had been a quiet month in terms of meeting as things go quiet over Xmas. There had been a series of e-mails from various bodies that might be of interest:

- IWALC – proposing a code of conduct training session on Tuesday 17 March – probably 2 hours at Riverside. On same day NALC are holding their spring conference “a must-attend event for anyone interested in the role local (parish and town) councils can play in supporting the health and wellbeing of their communities.”
- IWALC will be holding an Infrastructure workshop on Friday January 24th (Riverside Centre between 1.30pm and 4pm). IWALC would like questions (two or three per council, please) for their panellists and the more notice that can give them to do any necessary research, the better. There will be representatives from Planning, Infrastructure and Transport, Sustainability and Housing from the IWC and

representatives from Island Roads, the CCG, Southern Water and Southern Vectis. Questions will be discussed under agenda item 020/20 at the end of the meeting.

- Hampshire Constabulary are holding a one-day conference - Serious Violence Reduction... (28 Jan 2020 all day at Cowes Enterprise College).

There is an IWALC meeting coming up on Thursday 30th.

Footpaths – the Chairman followed up the obstructions to the cycleway/bridle path at Stickworth but nothing has happened as Island Roads are not responsible. They have contacted Stickworth Hall.

- (e) Meeting reports – the drop-in session organised by UKOG was apparently well-attended. Several councillors went to the early session and others managed to go the main session open to the public. The main item of interest was the announcement of the site to the north-west of the anaerobic digester plant and also the site at Godshill on the main road near Roud. There was also notice of the proposed routes for heavy traffic from the ferry ports. Much of the rest was information that is already in the public domain but the councillors who attended found it useful.
- (f) Clerk's report – Agenda and Minutes Record: following a question from Cllr Orchard, the Clerk looked at the conditions regarding the lighting at Blackwater Garage. The company is compliant as there is permission for the showroom to remain open until 8pm, after which time the internal lights must not be visible.

Other matters: planning permission has been granted for the replacement porch at Arreton Primary School.

Several councillors and the Clerk attended the UKOG drop-in meeting at the Newclose Cricket Ground on Monday 16th December.

The Churchwarden at St George's met the Archdeacon in the Churchyard to discuss the proposed work on the tombs so that he could report back to the DAC. The DAC now say that it is unclear as to what method of repair is being considered. The Churchwarden is equally unclear as to what details they are looking for that they do not already have. The Clerk has forwarded a copy of the quote from GJ Banks again, as this gives specific details of the proposed repairs and we have no other information to give them.

The Clerk has contacted Roach Pittis for the annual return from the WG Wyld Trust, as this no longer seems to happen automatically.

The Police are proposing another quarterly area meeting to be held at Rookley on February 12th.

Another infrastructure workshop is being organised on January 24th at the Riverside Centre. Questions are requested in advance.

Training - IWALC are proposing to hold a training session on the Code of Conduct, possibly at the Riverside Centre on March 17th.

005/20 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 020/20 – Cllr Calloway declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 009/20 as a relative is employed by one of the contractors.

Questions for discussion at the next IWALC workshop will be raised.

006/20 Finance

The finance report for December was received and the balance in the current account was noted as being £9,549.28 at the end of December. The following payments were agreed:-

Staff costs	£516.13
IW Armed Forces Day (donation)	£50.00
IW Music, Dance and Drama Festival (donation)	£50.00
Arreton Methodist Church (hall hire)	£50.00
Brighstone Landscaping (grounds maintenance)	£531.30

007/20 Planning and Appeals

To consider any applications recently received:-

Reference	19/01534/FUL
Alternative Reference	Not Available
Application Received	Tue 03 Dec 2019
Address	Mountalifan Stables Long Lane Newport Isle of Wight PO30 2NW
Proposal	Demolition of existing dwelling; proposed replacement dwelling

It was agreed to support this application as the applicant is a long-term resident of the Parish and the current premises are in need of replacement.

008/20 Cemetery bench

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting

009/20 Cemetery fence

The problem of rabbits already in the Cemetery was considered and will be an agenda item at the next meeting. There was some discussion about the fence and it was agreed that there should be a wire at ground level. A guarantee that the fence will be rabbit-proof would be desirable and a contingency should be put in the budget to allow for spraying to keep the brambles at bay.

010/20 Landowner agreement

This was deferred until a quote has been accepted.

011/20 Budget

There is a wage claim for a 10% rise for local government currently being negotiated. The Clerk presented figures for 2% (the recent average) and 10% and it was agreed to budget for 6%. The budget will be finalised next month.

012/20 Parish communication

The Chairman produced a draft flyer to be delivered to all houses in the Parish asking those interested in receiving news from the Parish Council to get in touch with the Clerk. It was agreed to include news on the IW Council's Housing Needs Survey. The Clerk will investigate the printing costs for 400 copies. The service would be reviewed after six months.

013/20 Financial Regulations

The Financial Regulations were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

014/20 Calendar 2020/21

The meeting dates for 2020/21 were agreed.

015/20 Burial fees 2020

The Clerk will contact the Burial Registrar with some queries and the fees will be considered next month.

016/20 Partnership working with the IW Council

The IW Council has raised the question of partnership working with town and parish councils but it was felt that this was more relevant for the larger councils.

017/20 Housing Needs Survey

The IE Council has launched a Housing Needs Survey and has requested help in publicising it. It was agreed to use the website and posters as well as distributing a flyer. See item 012/20 above.

018/20 Road Verge Strategy for the IW

There were no comments on the Strategy but it was agreed to support it.

019/20 To note the date of the next meeting, 10th February 2020

020/19 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

IWALC will be holding another infrastructure workshop on January 20th. The Clerk will attend and Cllr Calloway and Cllr Verey will do so if they can. There were no suggestions for questions to be raised.

Cllr Verey requested that an item on climate change be put on the next agenda.

There being nothing else raised, the meeting concluded at 9pm.

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Chairman

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Date