

Notes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2020** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7.00pm**.

**Present:** Cllrs Calloway and Verey.

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

**043/20 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Dodson (work commitment), Cllr Healy (family commitment), Cllr Kimber (family commitment), Cllr Orchard (unwell) and Cllr Roberts (on a course)

**044/20 Questions from the public**

None

**045/20 To receive and confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting (10<sup>th</sup> February)**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**046/20 To receive regular reports**

- a) IW Councillor
- b) Cemetery and churchyard matters
- c) Highways and footpaths
- d) IWALC / Chairman's report - The Chairman reported that

Our first public e-mail communication has finally been circulated. It was produced by the Clerk with the councillors reviewing it and the Chairman thought it read very well. He hopes that we will increase percentage coverage, which he felt a little disappointing, over time.

Flooding in Arreton Main Road came into focus as a result of at least one property being internally flooded for what is believed to be the third time. The Chairman liaised with one of the affected property owners and passed information to IWC Cllr Clare Mosdell to take up with Island Roads. It is noted that Island Roads have now taken action to clear drains, originally three or four weeks back and again on the 26<sup>th</sup> February when they appeared to be doing further work. On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2pm, after some work had been done and after a torrential downpour, the Chairman witnessed and photographed water by-passing a chamber in the road verge and pouring into the road. However it is understood that the work done earlier had greatly improved the situation.

The Chairman attended an IWALC meeting on 27 February. This was a 'Topic' meeting with three presentations followed by questions covering three areas:

- o Buses - Richard Tyldsley of Southern Vectis (SV) presented on buses. Key points were:

The service is unsubsidised and has been for four years. It costs £170k/yr to keep a bus on the road. Approximately 75% of revenue is from fares and most of the balance from concessionary payments. There is an element of cross-subsidy and overall he felt the island has an excellent service, with bus usage increasing; The company continually assesses demand and income and adjusts services as necessary.

There is no national strategy for bus transport – one is under preparation and is expected in October. There is a small sum of government funding available for the Island and SV and IWC are considering how to allocate it – this is minor but SV are to apply for some of the money the Government recently announced

Questions focussed on why Havenstreet had no buses when Merstone did - points of more general interest covered fares, Fishbourne ferry terminal, and new buses. The loW council is responsible for bus stops and is looking at how to improve some of the more exposed/dangerous locations.

Overall a good session but nothing much will change in the near future.

- Incredible Edible Island/Transition Island - Tanja Katerina Rebel, supported by two others, presented on encouraging community fruit and vegetable gardens. She argued that the benefits were both material in terms of produce and also improved community cohesion. She was encouraging local councils to consider establishing community gardens on suitable available land. No specific actions arise but apart from land, the key requirement was enthusiastic and capable people to manage. Would it work in Arreton or Merstone?
- Highways – Dave Evans gave a presentation which the Chairman had to miss but which was subsequently circulated. His presentation included confirmation that the Arreton/Downend scheme has been submitted for initial approval. The presentation has been circulated to councillors.

On footpaths, the trees obstructing the bridleway/cycle path at Stickworth have been well addressed. The recent storms brought down some other trees nearer to Merstone, and on the north side of Redway - all were cleared. There has been a significant land slip into the Yar between Horryngford and Merstone – this reached almost to the tarmac and will be reported to the Council.

e) Meeting reports –

f) Clerk's report - Agenda and Minutes Record: the Clerk sent a list of questions to David Evans (Strategic Manager – Highways and Transportation). See the Highways report for his responses. Whilst on the subject of Highways, School Lane is not marked as adopted on the PFI maps and it would appear that the Education Department are not laying claim to it either. The Clerk wrote to Island Roads regarding the litter picking schedule and whilst the reply was prompt, the information contained therein did not answer the question. The Clerk also contacted an Arreton resident about his speed gun. He no longer has it but is willing to get involved in a Speedwatch campaign if he can.

Other matters: whilst on the subject of Speedwatch, the Clerk has been contacted by a Merstone resident regarding a previous campaign to get speed reduced along the main road there. The Clerk replied to say that a request was on the Highways Safety and Integrity Register but had no other information as to whether or not the request would be successful. It was suggested that residents in the area might like to get involved in a Speedwatch campaign if one comes to fruition.

The first newsletter has been sent out - 61 by e-mail and one printed.

Cllr Healy has been in touch with Island Roads regarding a potential significant flooding risk near his house.

The Clerk has received the annual precept for the Churchyard from the IW Council and also the monies from the VAT return.

The dog bin at Park Cottages has been replaced. The Clerk has received notification that the cost of emptying the bins will increase by 10p per bin collection next year. This equates to an increase of £24.60 for the year.

The planning application for Frensham, Arreton has been approved. The application for a house in the grounds of Cherry Tree Cottage in Blackwater, which was refused by the IW Planners, went to appeal and was successful.

Cllr Roberts will be attending the Island Roads Asset Management Workshop in March. She is also willing to attend a Q&A session with Bob Seely MP.

g) **Training**

The IWALC training session on the Code of Conduct at the Riverside Centre on March 17<sup>th</sup> has been postponed.

**047/20** 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 064/20

**048/20 Finance**  
Deferred to the next meeting

**049/20 Planning and Appeals**  
To consider any applications recently received:-

Reference	20/00142/CLEUD
Alternative Reference	PP-08428659
Application Received	Mon 27 Jan 2020
Address	Arreton Garden and Aquatic Centre Hale Common Arreton Isle of Wight PO30 3AR
Proposal	Lawful Development Certificate to establish compliance with condition 1 on P/01579/16 to establish a legal commencement of works

**050/20 Cemetery bench**  
To agree on the purchase of a replacement bench for Gore Cemetery – deferred to the next meeting

**051/20 Cemetery fence**  
To receive an update and agree on any further action as necessary – deferred to the next meeting.

**052/20 Pest control**  
To agree on how to deal with the rabbits currently in the Cemetery – deferred to the next meeting.

**053/20 Data Protection Policies**  
To review the Data Protection Policy, the Privacy Notice, the Retention and Disposal Policy – deferred to the next meeting.

**054/20 Complaints Policy and Procedure**  
To review the Complaints Policy and Procedure – deferred to the next meeting.

**055/20 Internal auditor**  
To appoint an internal auditor – deferred to the next meeting.

**056/20 Speedwatch**  
To receive an update on re-introducing a Speedwatch campaign in the Parish and agree on further action as necessary – deferred to the next meeting.

**057/20 Litter picking and the Great British Spring Clean**  
To consider litter problems in the Parish, the means of dealing with them and possible participation in the Great British Spring Clean – deferred to the next meeting

**058/20 Climate change**

To discuss the potential effects of and response to climate change in the Parish and to consider the IW Council's draft Climate and Environment Strategy – deferred to the next meeting.

**059/20 Flooding**

To consider the problems caused by recent flooding in the Parish and agree on further action as necessary – deferred to the next meeting.

**060/20 VE Day 2020 events**

To consider holding an event to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day in May and agree on further action as necessary – deferred to the next meeting.

**061/20 Annual Parish Meeting**

Tea and biscuits will be provided which will be purchased by the Clerk.

**062/20 IWALC Q&A meeting**

Cllr Roberts will attend the meeting.

**063/20 To note the date of the next meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

Please note that this meeting is a week early, due to Easter, and will be held at the Methodist Church Hall. It will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting

**064/20 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only**

None

There being nothing else raised, the meeting concluded at 7.30pm.

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