

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021** at **7.00pm** in **Haseley Manor Barn**

**Present:** Cllrs Kimber, Calloway, Cooper, Healy, Orchard, and Roberts.

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

**066/21 Apologies for Absence**  
Cllr Verey (shielding)

**067/21 Election of Chairman and acceptance of office**  
Cllr Kimber indicated his willingness to stand again for one more year and, in the absence of any other nominations, he was elected unanimously. Proposed Cllr Healy, seconded Cllr Roberts.

**068/21 Questions from the public**  
There were no questions

**069/21 Election of Vice-Chairman**  
Cllr Calloway was nominated and elected – proposed Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Healy.

**070/21 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (12th April 2021)**  
The minutes of the meeting held on April 12th were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Kimber, seconded Cllr Calloway.

**071/21 To receive regular reports**

(a) The Chairman welcomed IWC Cllr Ellis to the meeting and congratulated her on her success in the recent election. As a new member of the IW Council, IWC Cllr Ellis had nothing to report other than that the induction process for new councillors was underway.

(b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – Cllr Orchard reported that the Cemetery was looking smart as the grass and the hedge had been cut.

The Clerk was instructed to request Brighstone Landscaping to undertake the agreed work on the holes and the tree in the Cemetery.

There was a misunderstanding regarding the tree that was planted in the Churchyard and the matter ~~is now considered to be closed.~~ will now be resolved after the annual inspection of the burial grounds.

It was noted that there used to be gravel and tarmac paths in the Cemetery but these have been allowed to be covered by grass.

(c) Highways and footpaths – the problems of fly-tipping on St George's Down were discussed briefly but it is difficult to prevent such activity as a BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) runs across the area.

The Chairman noted that polythene sheeting is everywhere at present but it is either biodegradable or should soon be removed. At Merstone it appeared diversion notices had been put but had blown away leaving only the hardboard.

(d) IWALC/Chairman's report – the Chairman reported another quiet month. The Chairman and ex-Cllr Dodson had another attempt to block up rabbit holes at Gore Cemetery by filling in the hole on the southern boundary in the Taylor's field. An inspection today showed this hole to still be blocked. Also, the Chairman detected little or no signs grazing of grass in the Cemetery, so progress seems to be being made.

The dumped asbestos-cement sheeting, adjacent to the Arreton Cross to Newport Golf Club bridleway is still there (see above). Scott Headey had responded to IWC Cllr Mosdell, noting

that it was not on IWC land but that Wight Building Materials had agreed to remove it. Mr Headey will be advised that it is still there, which is about the limit of what can be achieved by the Parish Council.

IWALC – nothing to report as no meetings have been held.

- (e) Meetings reports – Cllr Roberts attended a virtual meeting held by Bob Seely, MP but there was nothing that was relevant to Arreton to report.
- (f) Clerk’s report – Agenda and Minutes Record: the Clerk has received an e-mail from the couple who do the litter-picking, thanking the Parish Council for our letter. They are happy to see an item for the newsletter but wish to remain anonymous.

The planter has been moved from outside Spreets Rew to its new home at the bus stop outside Arreton Barns. It was arranged by Cllr Roberts and moved by a member of staff at the Barns. The Parish Council would like to extend thanks to him and to the Barns for the use of their equipment.

The purchase and siting of a new dog waste bin in Heasley Lane is under way.

Other matters: the planning application for a garage at Great East Standen Manor has been granted.

There was a problem with the door of the notice board at Blackwater but the manager at Leslie’s Garage very kindly investigated it and hopefully the door will now remain firmly shut.

The Clerk and the Burial Registrar completed a form regarding the rateable value of Gore Cemetery, which included questions on previous numbers of burials and future capacity.

The Clerk has received a letter from the Children’s Air Ambulance, thanking the members of the Parish Council for their recent donation.

**072/21 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 087/21 – there were four requests for items to be raised.**

**073/21 Finance**

The finance report for April was received and the balance in the current account was noted as being £16,685.61 at the end of April with the receipt of this year’s precept. The following payments were agreed:

Staff costs (salaries, expenses, etc.)	£420.25
Brighstone Landscaping Ltd (grounds maint.)	£331.20
Natural Enterprise (Merstone Station)	£300.00
Zurich Municipal (insurance)	£292.44
Wight Tactical (pest control)	£60.00
Wight Stonemasonry Ltd (Churchyard repairs)	£1,962.00

**074/21 Planning and appeals – none received.** It was noted that there are two applications forthcoming and the closing date for comments on one of them will be the date of the next meeting. It was therefore agreed to hold an extra meeting to discuss them, which will take place on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in Haseley Manor Barn.

**075/21 Annual Accounts 2020/21**

The annual accounts were presented and agreed, noting that they are subject to audit – proposed Cllr Healy, seconded Cllr Roberts.

**076/21 Annual Governance Statement 2020/21**

The Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 was presented and agreed – proposed Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Healy.

**077/21 General Power of Competence**

A resolution was passed declaring that the criteria to hold the General Power of Competence are met, namely that two thirds of the members are elected (minimum is six out of eight councillors – seven were elected) and the Clerk is suitably qualified.

**078/21 Appointments to outside bodies**

The following appointments were made:-

Arreton Community Hall Management Committee – Cllr Calloway, Cllr Healy and Cllr Kimber

Arreton School Trust – Cllr Calloway and Cllr Roberts

IWALC – Cllr Calloway and Cllr Kimber

IW Community Plastics Forum – no one elected

Environment and Sustainability Forum – Cllr Verey

South Wight Parishes Health and Well-being Forum – Cllr Roberts

**079/21 Co-option**

It was agreed to co-opt a councillor to fill the vacant seat. Options for advertising the vacancy were discussed and Cllr Healy will devise a poster to augment the official notices.

**080/21 Asset Register**

The register of the assets held by the Parish Council was approved.

**081/21 Pest Control**

It was agreed to have a further visit for pest control purposes at the end of May. Brighstone Landscaping will be requested to undertake work that had previously been agreed - see item 071b above.

**082/21 Great British Clean-up**

It was agreed that there was not enough litter in the area to warrant an organised community clean-up. The Clerk will purchase some litter-pickers, which will be held by the Chairman, should anyone wish to become involved on a more general basis. There will be an item in the next newsletter.

Extra litter bins have been requested by a resident and this will be an item on the next agenda.

**083/21 Parking at the Methodist Church**

A letter has been sent to Island Roads by the Chairman and Secretary of the Methodist Church regarding the parking problems in the lay-by outside. Possible requests for further measures to alleviate the situation will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

**084/21 Planter**

The planter outside Spreets Rew has now been moved to the bus stop at Arreton Barns to replace the one damaged by a car last year. It will not be replaced in the immediate future. See also item 071f above.

**085/21 Footpath A52/GL32**

It was agreed not to support a request from the Rights of Way Department at the IW Council for financial support for remedial work on footpath A52/GL32. The figures quoted by the RoW Department were considered to be too high for the benefit gained on a footpath that

was lightly used. As Godshill Parish Council were also approached, the Clerk will write to them to say that the members of Arreton Parish Council are minded not to support the request.

**086/21 To note the date of the next meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

This will be held in Haseley Manor Barn at 7pm.

**087/21 Any other matters raised by councillors for discussion only**

i) Cllr Calloway raised the point that the car park at Arreton Cross is becoming even more overgrown with brambles and trees that were planted there have completely disappeared. The Clerk will investigate who has responsibility for the area and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

ii) New information on the possible re-introduction of beavers to the River Yar has caused some concern and this will be raised at the next meeting.

iii) With regard to the possibility of a new Neighbourhood Plan or Place Plan, it was agreed to wait and see what comes of the Government's proposals for the planning system.

iv) An application for a Goods Vehicles Operator's Licence for eight lorries to be parked at Broadfields Farm has been advertised by the Traffic Commissioner. The address was given as Broadlands Farm and the Clerk will contact the Traffic Commissioner's office to see of that has any effect on the validity of the application. She will also contact the IW Council Planning Department to ask if granting the application will have any planning implications.

There being nothing else raised, the meeting concluded at 9.15pm.

**Sheila Caws, Clerk to the Council**

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25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

..... Chairman

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