

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 8th August 2022** at **7pm** in **Arreton Community Hall**

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

In attendance: Sheila Caws (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

151/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Gurney-Champion (unwell) and IWC Cllr Ellis (prior commitment)

152/22 Questions from the public

There were no questions

153/22 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 150/22

Cllr Orchard declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application for Lilly-Mill Cottage.

Two items were raised for agenda item 160/22.

154/22 Planning and appeals

See also below.

Reference	22/01157/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-11364210
Application Received	Thu 30 Jun 2022
Address	Lilly-Mill Cottage Blackwater Hollow Newport Isle of Wight PO30 3BJ
Proposal	Proposed double carport
Reference	22/01170/FUL
Alternative Reference	PP-11369670
Application Received	Mon 04 Jul 2022
Address	Pragnells Chapel Lane Merstone Arreton Newport Isle of Wight PO30 3DD
Proposal	Partial conversion of outbuilding into ancillary accommodation including a self-contained annexe; improvements to stables including external changes.
Reference	22/01204/11BPA
Alternative Reference	PP-11147128
Application Received	Fri 08 Jul 2022
Address	Thompson House Sandy Lane Newport Isle of Wight PO30 3NA
Proposal	Prior approval for demolition of buildings

With regard to the application for Pragnells, after some discussion it was agreed to object to the application on the following grounds:-

i) Chapel Lane is a narrow country road that already carries more traffic than is safe. The current regulations regarding the provision of cess pits rather than septic tanks will generate extra traffic over time as the pits require emptying much more frequently than the tanks.

- ii) The building works will also create extra traffic and potential parking problems.
- iii) The applicants mention the possibility of care by external providers at some point in the future (*Planning Statement p7*). This could generate a considerable amount of traffic on a daily basis as carers come and go.
- iv) It is noted that all the windows are on the west side of the building, which does not face into the applicants' garden but out over the adjoining field. This therefore overlooks the neighbouring properties on that side, the nearest of which is only 40ft away.
- v) The members feel that the scale of the annex is out of proportion to the requirements of an elderly couple.
- vi) Unfortunately, the provision of care for elderly relatives is essentially a short-to-medium-term requirement. Whilst planning applications cannot be decided on what might happen, the members are concerned as to potential future uses of the building. Therefore, should the application be approved, they strongly support the condition requested by Island Roads that the development shall not be occupied at any time other than for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the main dwelling and shall not, at any time, be used for business, commercial or industrial purposes, or to be sold or let independently of the main property or be used as an independent residential unit.
- vi) The members would like to draw attention to the Dark Skies policy and assume that this application will add little further light to that already generated by the main dwelling and neighbouring properties.

The members agreed that they had no objection to the application for a car port at Lilly-Mill Cottage.

Cllr Cooper arrived.

The application for Thompson House has already been decided by Planning and therefore no discussion was necessary.

155/22 Pest control

It was agreed to ask the pest control contractor to make a visit in September.

156/22 Tour of Britain 2022

Cllr Roberts contacted the owners of Arreton Barns who have no plans to do anything extra for the day of the race. Therefore, it was agreed that the Parish Council would not undertake anything themselves other than to decorate Gore Cemetery fence with the bunting bought for the Jubilee celebrations.

157/22 Burial Registrar

Following on from the discussion on succession planning for the post of Burial Registrar at the last meeting, Cllr Calloway has spoken to a local businessman who may be interested in taking on the role. It was suggested that a similar arrangement is in place at Bembridge and so the Clerk will speak to the Clerk there.

158/22 NALC survey on short-term holiday lets

NALC circulated part of a questionnaire on short-term holiday lets, requesting responses to certain questions but the members agreed that they had no comments to make.

159/22 To note the date of the next meeting, 13th September 2022

This meeting will be attended by Insp. Gooding of Hampshire Police to discuss traffic matters in the Parish.

160/22 Any other matters raised by councillors for discussion only

i) The Clerk has received an invitation for members of the Parish Council to attend the Burma Star celebrations at St George’s Church on August 15th. The Chairman is willing to do a reading and Cllr Verey will make a wreath.

ii) A problem has arisen with the upkeep of the planter in Merstone. It was agreed that the Clerk will put an item in the next newsletter asking if anyone would like to maintain any of the planters in the Parish – nine in total.

There being nothing else raised, the meeting concluded at 8.33p.m.

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