

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on **Monday 8th June, 2015** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7.30pm**.

Present: Cllrs Thirkettle, Cooper, Grisman, Orchard, E Oulton and Roome.

In attendance: Sheila Caws (Clerk) and one member of the public.

078/15 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Hayden (illness), Cllr R Oulton (illness) and IWC Cllr Richards

079/15 Questions from the public

A complaint was received about the smell coming from the anaerobic digester, which seemed to be quite frequent. However, as the plant was still not fully functional and more work was due to take place on the surrounding bund, the situation would continue to be monitored. The other issue was the traffic which was tending to spread grass and mud on the road. The Clerk will write to the manager of the plant.

Comments were received about the state of the churchyard. As the contract is due for renewal next year, consideration will be given to clauses about mowing wildflowers and mulching the cut grass.

080/15 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (11th May)

The minutes of the meeting on 11th May were confirmed and signed. Proposed Cllr Roome, seconded Cllr Grisman.

081/15 To receive regular reports

a) IWC Councillor's report

In the absence of IWC Cllr Richards there was no report.

b) Police report - the report from PCSO Keefe was distributed. There were two road traffic incidents, one near Cheeks Farm in Merstone and the other at Blackwater Mill Farm.

c) Cemetery and churchyard matters

See above for comments on the churchyard.

The sign warning of uneven ground in the cemetery has disappeared. Cllr Orchard will organise a replacement.

An article about the refurbishment of the war memorial should appear in the *County Press* shortly.

d) Highways and footpaths

Cllr Cooper reported that footpaths A10 and A33 were overgrown.

The main road through Arreton will be reopened on Wednesday, June 10th. Cllrs Thirkettle, Grisman and E Oulton will attend a short ceremony beforehand.

Cllr Roome reported that GFS, one of the contractors working on the pavements, was of a considerably lower standard than the others. The Clerk will contact Island Roads.

e) IWALC report

IWALC were concerned that the new Care Act will have a considerable financial impact on the IW Council owing to the new higher limits on the amount of savings allowable before care had to be paid for privately and the cap on the total amount payable. Carers needs now have to be taken into consideration as well. IWALC will be holding an extraordinary meeting in order to obtain more information. Town and parish councils may have to make sure that those eligible for help are receiving it.

Where there used to be a Parish Team, the IW Council has appointed a single officer who will be the point of contact for the town and parish councils.

f) Clerk's report

Agenda and Minutes Record - The Clerk has contacted Rights of Way regarding questions on two of the footpaths in the parish. The problem with footpath A33 had already been reported by someone else. RoW are investigating the routing of A10.

The Clerk has contacted the manager of the anaerobic digester to thank him for the recent visit of the Parish Council.

Training - Cllr Grisman attended the introductory course for new councillors that took place on the 18th and 28th May. Cllr Grisman reported that the training was very good.

Other matters - Cllr Thirkettle and his wife attended a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on May 20th.

The notice board at Merstone has been realigned.

The Clerk has contacted Lee Matthews (IWC) regarding the burial precept and has received a holding reply.

The Chairman has written to Brighstone Landscaping regarding complaints about the state of the churchyard. They have apologised and the grass has been cut.

Only one member of the public turned up for the Annual Parish Meeting, from which it was inferred that residents are generally happy with the way Island Roads are handling any problems arising from the roadworks. Anecdotal evidence suggests that Island Roads are going out of their way to be as helpful as possible, especially in keeping residents informed.

The Clerk has contacted Island Roads regarding the replacement of the missing sign but has, as yet received no response.

The Clerk has contacted Brighstone Landscaping regarding the repairs to the churchyard wall but has, as yet, received no response.

Following a request from Cllr Roome, the Clerk has contacted the manager of the anaerobic digester regarding the covering of trailers carrying silage. The manager's understanding is that there is no requirement for such trailers to be covered as silage is sufficiently damp and heavy to prevent any of the contents of the trailer being blown out. However, he would welcome any further comments if anyone has any evidence to the contrary.

The IW Council are holding a meeting on Friday, June 19th to discuss the potential impact on town and parish councils when the IW Council makes changes to its delivery of planning services. The Clerk will attend.

New regulations regarding the transparency of small councils will be introduced on July 1st. The Clerk is working with the website manager to ensure that the Council is compliant.

The road through Arreton will be officially reopened on Wednesday, June 10th with a short ceremony at 11am.

The Clerk has received an e-mail regarding 'Fly the Flag' on Armed Forces Day on Saturday, 27th June. Unfortunately the Council does not have a flag pole.

082/15 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 093/15

Cllr Grisman declared an interest in the appeal concerning 2, Primrose Dell.

Items on councillors' registers of interest and advertising in the newsletter are to be raised under agenda item 93/15.

083/15 Planning and Appeals

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
AGN/20763/E - P/00619/15	Great East Standen Farm Burnt House Lane Newport Isle Of Wight PO302PN	Agricultural Prior Notification for an open fronted storage barn	Comments Due By: 05/06/2015
TCP/20820/F - P/00525/15	land at Broadfields Farm Chapel Lane Merstone Newport Isle Of Wight PO30	Removal of condition no. 6 on P/01445/13 TCP/20820/E to allow the continued storage of goods equipment or materials outside the building	Comments Due By: 12/06/2015
LBC/30030/D - P/00493/15	Arreton Barns Main Road Arreton Newport Isle Of Wight PO30	LBC for proposed construction of 2 craft workshops	Comments Due By: 05/06/2015
TCPL/30030/E - P/00492/15	Arreton Barns Main Road Arreton Newport Isle Of Wight PO30	Proposed construction of 2 craft workshops	Comments Due By: 05/06/2015

There were no objections to any of the above and the Parish Council particularly wish to support the provision of small workshops.

With regard to the appeals on 2, Primrose Dell, the Council have no objection to the continued use of the chalet in the grounds as a dwelling but would like to see covenant in place that prevented the sale of the house and chalet separately.

084/15 Finance

The finance report for May was agreed. The balance of the current account was £14,150.26
The following payments were agreed.

1017	S Caws	Salary	£228.40
1018	S Caws	Expenses	£42.83
1019	L Watterson	Newsletter	£13.00
1020	J Pickett	Website	£75.00
1021	G W Hughes	Internal audit	£110.00

The Clerk presented the report from the internal auditor. The accounts were satisfactory and there were two recommendations – to include the grant element of the precept in Line 3 of the Annual Return, not Line 2, and to present the report from the External Auditor to the Council at the conclusion of the audit.

085/15 Community events

Permission was given for the Clerk to pay for any necessary expenditure for the VJ-Day event. The insurance policy will be checked, especially with regard to the provision of a bouncy castle.

086/15 Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document

The Parish Council considered the proposals put forward by the IW Council and in general they support them but with a preference for the shared ownership model.

087/15 My Life a Full life

Cllr Roome agreed to attend the initial meeting of the South Locality Group in Ventnor on July 15th.

088/15 Customer Interface proposal

The Parish Council do not wish to respond collectively to the IW Council’s proposals. Councillors are welcome to respond as individuals.

089/15 Community Notice Boards

Following a request from a local business to advertise on the parish notice boards, it was agreed that there was not enough room.

090/15 Merstone Notice Board

It was agreed to purchase two sets of spare keys.

091/15 Appointments to committees

Cllr Cooper was appointed to the Footpaths Committee.

092/15 To note the date of the next meeting, 13th July 2015

The annual inspection of the churchyard and Gore Cemetery will take place before this meeting

093/15 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

The Clerk asked that the councillors review their registers of interest and contact her if there are any changes to be made.

Cllr Grisman raised the question of charges for advertising in the newsletter. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.35pm

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