Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Arreton Parish Council on **Monday 15th May, 2017** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7pm**.

Present: Cllrs Thirkettle, Cooper and Kimber

In attendance: IWC Cllr Mosdell, Sheila Caws (Clerk) and one member of the public

070/17 Election of Chairman and acceptance of office

Cllr Thirkettle was proposed as chairman by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Kimber.
Cllr Thirkettle was unanimously accepted as Chairman and read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
The Chairman welcomed Cllr Kimber to the Parish Council and IWC Cllr Mosdell to the meeting.

071/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Hayden (on holiday) and Cllr Orchard (unwell)

072/17 Questions from the public

None were raised.

073/17 Election of Vice-Chairman

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

074/17 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (10th April)

The minutes of the meeting on April 10th were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Thirkettle, seconded Cllr Cooper.

075/17 To receive regular reports

a) IWC Councillor – the new councillor, Clare Mosdell, gave a brief outline of the items she intends to prioritise. These include speeding, traffic lights at the cycle crossing at Blackwater and the provision of a newsletter three times a year, covering both parishes. She has visited the anaerobic digester and has a visit to Wight Salads planned.
b) Cemetery and churchyard matters – the Clerk will chase Graham Filer regarding the railings and gate.
c) Highways and footpaths – the wooden railings in the small parking area at Horringford are in need of some work. The Clerk will contact Island Roads and at the same time, will ask if the parking can be better laid out.
d) IWALC and Chairman's report – the next meeting of IWALC is later this week. The meeting between IWALC and the IWC was dominated by the issue of the Community Highways Fund.
e) Clerk's report - Agenda and Minutes Record: the Clerk contacted Care in the Community regarding maintenance of the planters and spoke to them on the phone. To date, no figures have been received.

   The Clerk contacted Derek Mills and Son to confirm the drainage work at the Cemetery but so far no starting date has been given.

   The money for the Transparency Grant has been received.

   Other matters: planning permission was granted for three applications this month – gravel extraction at Garretts farm, a replacement extension at the Coach House, Horringford and changes to the site of a new house at Blackwater Mill Farm. An appeal was put in against a refusal for planning permission for a granny annex at South Barn, Horringford but the appeal was turned down.

Training: training is being offered by IWALC for new councillors and any existing councillors who would like a refresher.

076/17 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 029/17

There were no declarations of interest

Cllr Thirkettle requested an item to be raised under agenda item 086/17

077/17 Finance

The finance report for April was agreed.

Staff costs	£345.20
Came&Company (insurance)	£280.00
Brighstone Landscaping (grounds maintenance)	£390.00

The balance in the current account was £18,841.29

The draft accounts for 2016/17 were approved.

The accounting statements for the external auditor were approved.

078/17 Planning and Appeals

No applications were received

079/17 Co-option of councillors

It was agreed to co-opt three councillors. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

080/17 Appointments to outside bodies

To agree appointments to:

Arreton Trust (2) / Arreton Community Hall Management Committee (3)

Arreton School Trust (2) / IWALC representative (2)

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting, other than the appointment of Cllr Thirkettle as one of the IWALC representatives.

081/17 "Florrie's bench"

Florrie's bench was demolished by a car and it was agreed that it should be replaced without claiming on insurance. The Community Hall Trust wish to be involved and it was agreed that a bench should be purchased up to a cost of £500 and the costs split 50/50. Proposed Cllr Kimber, seconded Cllr Cooper.

Cllr Thirkettle will organise the disposal of the remains of the bench.

082/17 Decorative planters

The Clerk had asked Care in the Garden for a quote but had not as yet had a reply. It was agreed to defer the item to the next meeting.

083/17 Fun Day 2017

It was reported that there has been a good deal of interest from both previous stallholders and participants and new ones.

084/17 A Celebration of Conservation

Due to a wedding being held in the Church on the day, it was agreed not to participate in the Celebration of Coservation.

085/17 To note the date of the next meeting, 12th June 2017 in the Community Hall.

086/17 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

Cllr Thirkettle informed the meeting of arrangements being made by the Community Hall Trust for a farewell party for Erica and Robin Oulton, as a mark of respect for all the work they have done for various communities in the Parish.

The meeting concluded at 8.03pm

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25th May 2017

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