

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 8th October, 2018** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7.00pm**.

Present: Cllrs Thirkettle, Calloway and Orchard

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

154/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Cooper (holiday), Cllr Goodchild (work commitment) and Cllr Kimber (family commitment)

155/18 Questions from the public

There were no questions.

156/18 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (10th September)

The minutes of the meeting held on September 10th were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Calloway, seconded Cllr Kimber.

157/18 To receive regular reports

(a) IWC Councillor – IWC Cllr Mosdell reported that she was pressing for a reduction in the speed limit at the east end of Long Lane, from the Robin Hill roundabout to the Bracken Dog Rescue Centre. This is due to the number of cars that now end up in the garden of the cottage close to the roundabout.

Car parking at Merstone continues to be a subject for discussion.

IWC Cllr Mosdell is now the Cabinet member for Adult Social Care, Public Health, Homelessness and Supported Housing.

(b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – the pointing on the enclosure wall in the Cemetery has been done and the grass was cut on September 26th.

The rabbit holes are becoming increasingly dangerous and, as the Clerk has not received a response to her enquiry regarding the previous pest controller, it was agreed that other pest control companies should be contacted.

(c) Highways and footpaths – the road sign at the Blackwater junction of Sandy Lane has been

(d) IWALC/Chairman's report – the new Chairman of IWALC is Cllr Helena Hew---- from Shalfleet PC. The Vice-Chairman is Cllr Mick Lyons from Havenstreet and Ashley PC.

The changes to the formula for calculating the subscriptions were agreed.

There are ongoing problems with HALC, who will not commit to a meeting date to talk about their out-of-area members.

The suggestion of a £5 return ferry fare for hospital patients is supported by IWALC.

There are anomalies in the way that some councils seem to have access to s106 monies and others do not.

The Chairman attended a recent meeting of the IW Community Plastics and Environment Forum, where there was a presentation from Surfers Against Sewage. There is talk of a plastic-free Island but this is not yet attainable. However, shops in Shanklin and other places will fill up water bottles for free and 32 businesses have reduced their use of plastic.

(e) Clerk's report – Agenda and Minutes Record: the Clerk has contacted the NFU regarding posters concerning dogs. Some have been promised but have not yet arrived.

The Clerk has reported the missing road sign at Blackwater to Island Roads.

The Clerk has contacted the organisers of the Garlic Festival regarding speeding sports cars in Blackwater.

Other matters: the planning applications for 1 Red Lion Cottages and the houses opposite the Methodist Chapel have been approved. The application for a car park on the cycletrack at Blackwater has been refused.

The Chairman and the Clerk had a meeting at the Primary School to discuss arrangements for the WWI events and the Chairman, Cllr Calloway, Mrs Pat Phillips and the Clerk also met to make arrangements (see agenda item 170/18).

Nothing further has been heard about the AgeUK report or from PCC Consultants. The Clerk will chase these.

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Kimber, attended the Annual Civic Service at Newport Minster on September 16th.

The Clerk has received a letter from the IW Library Service to say that the Mobile Library will no longer stop at Cherry Wood View with effect from January 2019. The two remaining customers are able to make alternative arrangements.

158/18 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 172/18

The Chairman asked for an item to be raised.
With regard to agenda item 160/18, both Cllr Orchard declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Sandy Lane application as he knows the applicant. Cllr Calloway declared a non-pecuniary interest in the applications for the farm shop and the grain silos as she knows the applicant.

159/18 Finance

The finance report for September was agreed but the balance in the current account has not been noted as the bank statement has not yet arrived. The following payments were agreed:-

Staff costs	£392.42
<i>IW County Press</i> (advert)	£58.56
Brighstone Landscaping (grounds maint.)	£300.00
NS&I (transfer)	£2,000.00

160/18 Planning and Appeals

To consider any applications recently received:-

Application No	Location	Proposal
TCP/25118/D - P/01101/18	land adjacent to, Hale Manor Farm, Hale Common, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30	Proposed Grain Stores (including Preparation and Processing), Grain Silos, Dryers and Associated Infrastructure; Proposed Upgrades to Existing Access Route and Associated Hardstand/Landscaping
TCP/30633/A - P/01091/18	Part OS parcels 7733 & 8349, land at Hale Manor Farm, Hale Common, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30	Proposed farm shop, cafe/restaurant (with ancillary counters); proposed car park and access
TCP/01413/M - P/01046/18	Blackwater Service Station, Blackwater, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO303BQ	Variation of condition no 2 on P/01113/17 to allow amendments to approved scheme
TCP/25941/D - P/01024/18	Cherry Tree Cottage, Sandy Lane, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO303BS	Demolition of garage; proposed detached dwelling with balcony; detached garage; vehicular access.
TCP/33590 - P/00958/18	land adjacent to Bridleway A9, Heasley Farm, Heasley Lane, Arreton, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30	Proposed granite memorial to Battle of Britain Pilot

It was agreed that there were no objections to the applications for the Battle of Britain memorial stone, the farm shop or the grain stores. There was no objection to the application for changes to the plans for Blackwater Service Station but it was agreed that the Clerk should request that conditions 3, 4 and 6 as applied to the original application should be applied to this one. They relate to opening hours and lighting. With regard to the application for a new dwelling next to Sandy Cottage, the Parish Councillors felt that whilst they had no objection to a new house on the land, they could not support this application as the house was too large and the style was out-of-keeping with the area. In addition, there did not appear to be an adequate turning circle for cars within the grounds of the property.

161/18 Standing orders

The Financial Standing Orders were approved. Consideration of the General Standing Orders was deferred to the next meeting as the changes are substantial and all councillors should have their say.

162/18 Risk Assessment

This was deferred to the next meeting as Cllr Kimber had made some alterations but was not present to discuss them.

163/18 Data Protection policies

The Data Protection Policy, the Data Retention and Disposal Policy, the Retention of Documents Appendix A and the Privacy Policy were all approved.

164/18 Grounds maintenance contract

This item was deferred in the absence of Cllr Kimber, who was working on the wording.

165/18 Casual vacancies

An Arreton resident, Mr David Healy, has volunteered to be co-opted to fill the first vacancy on the Parish Council and it was unanimously agreed that he be accepted. There was no request for a by-election to fill the second vacancy and so the Clerk will request volunteers for co-option.

166/18 Christmas Story Writing Competition

It was unanimously agreed to support this competition, run by the IW Society for the Blind, again and to sponsor up to 25 children from Arreton Primary School at a cost of £2 per pupil.

167/18 Boundary Commission Review

The Boundary Commission for England have published their plans to change ward boundaries on the Island. The proposal is for Newchurch to be one ward and for Arreton to be partnered with Godshill. The Parish Councillors expressed their regret at being separated from Newchurch, with whom there is a natural geographical affinity. It was felt that the Commissioners had concentrated solely on numbers and failed to take the identities and interests of local communities into account. It was also requested that the ward be named Central Wight or Arreton and Godshill / Godshill and Arreton rather than just Godshill.

168/18 Shale gas exploration

The Clerk circulated the questionnaire regarding the proposal that shale gas exploration be allowed under permitted development. A reply against the proposal was drafted and the Clerk will circulate the final version for approval before sending it.

169/18 Local award

The Chairman proposed that an award be given to those residents who gave outstanding service to the Parish. Suggestions such as a New Year's Honours List or the awarding of the Freedom of the Parish were made and these will be investigated further.

170/18 World War I centenary

A meeting was held between the Chairman, Cllr Calloway, Mrs Pat Phillips and the Clerk to discuss the arrangements in more detail. Members from St George’s Church have also been in touch and a further meeting will be held.

171/18 To note the date of the next meeting, 12th November 2018

172/18 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

Cllr Thirkettle raised the question of the Arreton School Trust, on which the Parish Council is represented, as it does not appear to have met for some time.

There being nothing else raised, the meeting concluded at 8.50pm

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