

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2019** at **Arreton Community Hall** at **7.00pm**.

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

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

**123/19 Apologies for Absence**

IWC Cllr Mosdell

**124/19 Chairman acceptance of office**

Cllr Kimber read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**125/19 Questions from the public**

There were no questions from the public. The one person who was present introduce himself as Cllr Roy Bevan, the newly elected Chairman of Newchurch Parish Council.

**126/19 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (13<sup>th</sup> May)**

It was noted that Cllr Kimber was reported as being present when it was also noted that he had sent his apologies. With this correction the minutes of the meeting held on May 13th were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Healy, seconded Cllr Cooper.

**127/19 To receive regular reports**

- (a) IWC Councillor – in the absence of IW Cllr Mosdell there was no report.
- (b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – the drain in the road is still blocked and needs clearing. The Clerk will contact Island Roads. The rabbit holes still need attention although Brighstone Landscaping have said that they will fill in the worst of them. The Clerk will contact Perreton Farm to see if they are regularly clearing the rabbits from their side of the fence. Cllr Orchard noted that the grass in the Churchyard had been cut but not the Cemetery.
- (c) Highways and footpaths – Cllr Roberts reported that the footpath A14 had been cleared. Cllr Kimber reported that in April the IW Council and the Ramblers replaced 41 steps (using wooden pegs and boards) on footpath A39, which drops down from St George's Down to the main Newport road. The existing steps were in poor condition and becoming hazardous. This followed a report made by Cllr Kimber to the IW Council.
- (d) IWALC/Chairman's report – there was no IWALC report this month.

The Chairman reported that Eric Hemming, the Chair of the Primary School governors has apparently made a formal request to the IW Council for pre-planning-application advice on a change of use of land which is owned by Isle of Wight Council. He wishes to make progress on the provision of more parking with the minimum of delay. A resident has been in contact with the Clerk to strongly object to making the field between the pub and the school a car park.

The Chairman received a telephone invitation from Southern Water to a workshop to be held next Monday at Lakeside Hotel, Wootton. The promised agenda has not arrived but was said to cover how Southern would communicate with vulnerable customers.

The Chairman asked if the draft minutes could be sent round sooner and it was agreed to send them by e-mail to all except Cllr Cooper, who would receive a paper copy.
- (e) Clerk's report – Agenda and Minutes Record: the Clerk has twice contacted Brighstone Landscaping regarding the rabbit holes in Gore Cemetery. There was no response to the first message and the relevant member of staff was then on leave.

Other matters: Planning permission has been granted for the signs at Blackwater Garage. Any illuminated signs shall only be lit during opening hours and up to half-an-hour after.

The Clerk has contacted the planning officer responsible to point out that comments came from Arreton PC and not Newport and Carisbrooke.

The Clerk has contacted the Church regarding the faculty for the tombstones and is arranging a meeting with one of the Churchwardens in the Churchyard.

There has been correspondence regarding the school parking but a further meeting has yet to be arranged.

The Clerk attended a meeting with Helen Miles (the IWC Monitoring Officer), other members of the of the IWC Legal Services team and other clerks. It was an interesting meeting that mainly covered standards, bullying, the Code of Conduct and what the Monitoring Officer can usefully do, which is not a great deal at present. However, there are Government proposals in the offing, which may bring back some of the powers that existed previously.

The Clerk has received an e-mail regarding the implementation of 5G across the Island from the Stop 5G IoW Implementation Group. They have asked to either address the meeting or to raise points in question time.

Several members of the Parish Council and the Clerk attended our late Chairman's funeral last week.

Training: nothing to report.

**128/19 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 137/19** The Clerk asked for an item to be raised.

#### **129/19 Finance**

The finance report for May was received and the balance in the current account was noted as £16,696.55. The following payments were agreed:-

Zurich Municipal (insurance)	£290.47
Staff costs (salaries etc.)	£407.91

#### **130/19 Planning and Appeals**

To consider any applications recently received:-

Reference	19/00210/HOU
Alternative Reference	Not available
Application Received	Wed 08 May 2019
Address	South Cottage Blackwater Road Newport Isle of Wight PO30 3BE
Proposal	Proposed two storey extension

It was agreed to object to this application on the following grounds:-

- 1) Lack of information - there are no planning or design/access statements.
- 2) Given the area, an ecology report is requested
- 3) Is the current septic tank sufficient to cope with any increase in use? Has it been replaced recently? There are no details in the application.
- 4) Given the increase in size, is there potential for more traffic on and off the site? It is a blind exit.
- 5) The design of the new extension is not in keeping with the area.

**131/19 Appointments to outside bodies**

The following appointments were made:-  
Arreton Trust – Cllr Orchard and Cllr Verey  
Arreton Community Hall Trust – Cllr Dodson, Cllr Healy and Cllr Kimber  
Arreton School Trust – Cllr Calloway and Cllr Roberts  
IWALC – Cllr Calloway and Cllr Kimber  
It was decided not to appoint a representative to the Community Environment and Plastics Forum at this stage and the Clerk will forward information.

**132/19 Hedges**

A complaint has been received regarding hedges growing over the footpath on the main road. The Clerk will contact Island Roads.

**133/19 New septic tank regulations**

A request has been received to highlight the fact that new septic tank regulations will come into force in January 2020. As the subject had been raised recently with the IW Council, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Katherine Baldwin to see if they have contacted the Environment Agency regarding publicity. Cllr Kimber will raise the point at a Southern Water workshop next week and the matter will also be raised with the *IW County Press*.

**134/19 Donation**

It was agreed to make a donation of £100 .00 to Leukaemia UK in memory of Mick Thirkettle – proposed Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Cooper.

**135/19 UKOG**

The Clerk has contacted UKOG regarding the proposed visit for IW Council and Arreton councillors. This will be organised by UKOG once negotiations with local landowners have finished.

**136/19 To note the date of the next meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Cllrs were asked to note that this meeting will be preceded by the annual inspection of the burial grounds, commencing at 6pm in Gore Cemetery.

**137/19 Any other matters raised by Councillors for discussion only**

The Clerk raised the question of receiving notifications of meetings by e-mail and Cllrs Calloway, Dodson, Roberts and Verey indicated that they would like to do so.

There being nothing else raised, the meeting concluded at 8.35pm.

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17<sup>th</sup> June 2019

..... Chairman

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