

Minutes of a meeting of Arreton Parish Council held on **Monday 11th October 2021** at **7.00pm** in **Arreton Community Hall**

Present: Cllrs Calloway, Gurney-Champion, Orchard, Roberts and Verey

In attendance: Sheila Caws (Clerk)

In the absence of Cllr Kimber, Cllr Calloway took the chair.

156/21 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Cooper (on the mainland), Cllr Healy (unwell), Cllr Kimber (on the mainland) and IWC Cllr Ellis (unwell).

157/21 Questions from the public

In the absence of any members of the public there were no questions.

158/21 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting (13th September 2021)

The minutes of the meeting held on September 13th were confirmed and signed – proposed Cllr Gurney-Champion, seconded Cllr Verey.

159/21 To receive regular reports

- (a) Isle of Wight Councillor – in the absence of IWC Cllr Ellis there was no report.
- (b) Cemetery and Churchyard matters – work on the tombs in the Churchyard is due to begin tomorrow.

Whilst at the Cemetery, Brighstone Landscaping cleared out the grills under the gate but they are in a poor state of repair. Brighstone Landscaping will provide a quote for their replacement.

A small number of rabbits have re-appeared in the Cemetery and it was agreed that the pest control contractor be asked to visit again at the end of the month.

- (c) Highways and footpaths – Cllr Calloway reported that three parcels of land to the west of the Robin Hill/*Hare and Hounds* junction are for sale, including the field bordering the road. She has contacted the IW Council as it seems an ideal opportunity to purchase a strip of land to widen the road. The Clerk was requested to write to Cllr Phil Jordan (the IWC Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport and the Infrastructure), Island Roads and the ward councillors of the neighbouring parishes.
- (d) IWALC – There was a meeting on 30 September but neither the Chairman nor Cllr Calloway could attend. Subjects covered were procedural save for discussion and approval of IWALC's submission on the recent Draft Island Planning Strategy. If anyone is interested, the Chairman can circulate IWALC's comments.

The next meeting is on Thursday 30th October, a topic meeting which will be attended by Cllr Phil Jordan, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure, to brief members on the impact of changes to the Island Roads PFI. The Chairman plans to attend.

Chairman's report – in his absence, the Chairman sent a report which was read out by the Clerk. He started with an apology for missing the second meeting in a row, due to family circumstances.

There is very little to report. He has sent the Clerk his ideas as to what should be the points made at the upcoming UKOG IW Council Planning Committee meeting, assuming that the Parish Council has the right to speak. However, until the report by the Council planners for the Planning Committee is available, it is not worth spending too much effort on this.

There has been correspondence relating to Southern Water's performance in terms of the operation of combined sewage overflows and discharges of partially treated sewage from sewage works the Chairman has read with a professional interest. He does not think that

there is much that the Parish or the IW Councils can do until the next five-year investment plan is being prepared, which will be in a year or two.

The Chairman cleaned the gate locking hole at Gore Cemetery; it was full of sediment meaning the gate could not be locked.

- (e) Meetings reports – Cllr Calloway and the Clerk attended a presentation on the Draft Island Planning Strategy at Newchurch Village Hall.

Cllr Verey attended a meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Forum via Zoom. There was a presentation on the re-instatement of sea-grass around the Island.

There were further presentations from Tom Murphy, the IW Hedging Champion on the care of hedges; the IW Tree Audit Officer, Tony Gilling, on replacing urban trees and Matthew Woodcock, from the Forestry Commission SE on ash die-back, the parish planting scheme and the importance of planting the correct species.

- (f) Tree Working Party - it was agreed to purchase six cherry trees from Ashridge Nurseries at a cost of £234.90 excl. VAT.
- (g) Clerk's report – Agenda and Minutes Record: the Clerk has contacted Island Roads regarding the positioning of the new dog bin in Heasley Lane and also to enquire as to whether the contract has been updated to include the new bin. This is being investigated.

The Clerk has checked the latest planning applications for Cheeks Farm but none of them appear to include any conditions on the entrance.

With regard to the flooding, the Clerk has only heard from one resident with information and photographs. However, the IW Council has launched a flood investigation and the Clerk has passed the information on to residents, with a request that they pass it on to others that they know were affected.

Other matters: the planning applications for a dwelling at Cheeks Farm and a barn at Greenacres Farm have been approved. The latter includes the condition requested by Island Roads, as amended by the Parish Council.

As with last month, nothing appears to have been done about the dead tree outside Dovecotes in Merstone. It is still marked as 'open' on the Island Roads website. The Clerk will try and find out if any further information is available.

The Clerk has asked Neil Pitman from Brighstone Landscaping for a quote to remove the tree trunks in the eastern hedge at Gore Cemetery as such a task is not part of their contract. Cllr Calloway and the Clerk attended a presentation in Newchurch Village Hall by the Planning Unit on the draft Island Plan.

160/21 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 176/21 – one item was requested.

161/21 Finance

The finance report for September was received and the balance in the current account was noted as being £11,795.58 at the end of September. The following payments were agreed:

Staff costs	£513.80
Ringway Island Roads (dog bins)	£419.76

161/21 Planning and appeals

Reference	21/01609/HOU
Alternative Reference	Not Available
Application Received	Mon 09 Aug 2021

Address	Arreton Manor Farmhouse Arreton Street Arreton Newport Isle of Wight PO30 3AA
Proposal	Proposed single storey rear extension
Reference	<i>21/01737/RVC</i>
Alternative Reference	PP-10160229
Application Received	Thu 26 Aug 2021
Address	Land between 5 Huxford and Boxtree Arreton Street Arreton Isle of Wight
Proposal	Variation of conditions numbers 2, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 23 on P/00362/18 to allow amendments to the approved scheme

It was agreed that there was no objection to either application.

163/21 Burial regulations

The Clerk presented proposed amendments to the burial regulations after the Councillors had had a chance to give them some consideration. There was a discussion concerning the period of time of ownership of a plot and the Clerk will refer questions back to the Burial Registrar.

164/21 Bank signatories

It was agreed to add Cllr Gurney-Champion to the list of bank signatories.

165/21 BACS and CHAPS payments

As per the Financial Regulations, it was agreed to continue the usage of BACS and CHAPS payments should they be necessary.

166/21 Defibrillators

In the absence of the Chairman, it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting,

167/21 Litter bins

Cllr Calloway visited Arreton Barns again and the Clerk was requested to write to the Manager.

A request has been received for a litter bin at the bus stop outside Blackwater Mill Residential Home. The Clerk will investigate costs.

168/21 Community events

The Barn Dance will be held on December 3rd possibly at Haseley Manor Barn.

169/21 Verges

The Clerk contacted Island Roads with regard to the cutting of verges and it was agreed to leave the management regime as it is with two cuts per year on most verges. There was some discussion on SINC sites and the Clerk will endeavour to find out about the cutting regime for those that border the roadside.

It was agreed that the Clerk would set up a meeting with the District Steward with regard to the brambles at Arreton Cross.

170/21 Coastal Path signage

The new National Coastal path will incorporate parts of the existing IW Coast Path. A consultation on signage is underway, organised by the Local Access Forum, and it was agreed

that the members preferred the option of keeping the existing signage with the addition of a finial or a plaque to acknowledge the National Path.

171/21 DeFRA

There was no response to the DefRA Local Nature Strategy but the Clerk was requested to contact the Hampshire and IW Wildlife Trust with regard to the nature of the work that they are undertaking on St Georges Down.

172/21 Draft Local Transport Plan

No comments were made.

173/21 Newsletter

The Clerk will draft a flyer to encourage more residents to receive the Newsletter and will include details of the Barn Dance.

174/21 Jubilee Beacon

Godshill PC do not as yet have any firm proposals for a Jubilee Beacon. It was suggested that a Parish Lunch could be held.

175/21 To note the date of the next meeting, 8th November 2021

176/21 Any other matters raised by councillors for discussion only

The UKOG application for an exploratory oil well in the Parish will come before the IW Council Planning Committee on October 19th. A meeting will be held to discuss the Parish Council's submission – details to be confirmed.

There being nothing else raised, the meeting concluded at 9.09pm.

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