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**A MEETING OF WHIPPINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON THURSDAY  
11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019 AT 7.15.PM AT WHIPPINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE ALVERSTONE ROAD WHIPPINGHAM**

**41 Local Residents were in attendance including our Member of Parliament Bob Seely.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:- Cllr Kirwood-Slack(Chairman), Cllr Walter, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Clark and Cllr Thursby-Pelham.**

Prior to the meeting a delegation of residents from Medina Park attended to discuss problems with Folly Lane. They asked the Parish Council for their help to get the problems in Folly Lane sorted as it was an un-adopted lane and it was not being repaired and causing problems. They had found out who owned various part of the lane.

The Parish Council said they would be happy to facilitate a meeting with the land owners, representatives of Medina Park, and an Isle of Wight Council Officer to see if a solution could be agreed and implemented.

**The Chairman changed the running order of the agenda and brought forward agenda item 1394/19 and said there would be no time limit on this item so people present could raise their concerns.**

**1394/19 COASTAL PATH**

The meeting was informed that the Council has been in contact with Bob Seely MP who has been very helpful with the problem that has arisen suddenly at the Height. A copy of the Council's letter that was sent to him is on their website. Natural England's lack of consultation with these property owners and its recent proposal to re-route the coastal path through the Heights and between 2 properties has caused a great deal of distress.

Residents were given the opportunity to raise their genuine concerns and ask questions, which they did.

It was asked since there is a road sign saying coastal path at Alvestone Road why are they doing another route when people will be unable to see the Isle of Wight coast from the proposed new route and also the effect it will have on people's lives living at the Heights.

Problems were raised along the whole route of the proposed Coastal path in Whippingham especially going through a triple SSI's that was in the top 11 in the country. Also raised was the lack of consultation with some property owners on Barton Estate.

Bob Seely was able to ask residents questions and seek clarification on many points. He was concerned at the lack of parity and fairness when it came to who had been consulted and who had not by Natural England.

The meeting discussed what could be done to help support the residents with the problems this proposal would create.

Whippingham Parish Council agreed to write a strongly worded letter setting out all the problems and issues that had been raised together with suggestions that had been made at the meeting. They would also raise what questions that needed clarification and answers to in their letter to our MP, Bob Seely.

By the Council doing this he then could raise the issues discussed tonight with Lord Gardener (who was responsible for the implementation of the Coastal path) and also get some clarification especially on the legal questions raised and also the issue of the unfairness of Natural England being its own judge and jury which breaches natural justice.

The Council thanked our MP for dashing down from Parliament to be at this meeting tonight. It was totally unexpected and greatly appreciated.

- 1391/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies for absence was received from Cllr Baker-Smith who was on holiday.
- 1392/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
There were no declarations of interest.
- 1393/19 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**  
The minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were approved and duly signed.
- 1395/19 TO COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION AND ANY THAT ARE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING AND TO NOTE DECISIONS**  
No planning applications received at this moment in time.
- 1396/19 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS.**
- a. Summary of payments and receipt for March 2019**  
The summary of payments and receipts for March 2019 were approved. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Council was bringing forward a balance of £14,883.69 into 2019-20.
- b. Payment of bills**  
It was agreed the following bills be paid:- Visionict £151.20
- 1397/19 TO REPORT BACK ON MEETING WITH ISLAND ROADS. (Cllr Taylor and Cllr Thursby Pelham)**  
Council received a report of the meeting with Island Roads from the Councillors who attended. They considered the meeting to have been unsatisfactory.  
What they did find out was that Natural England had not been in contact with Island Roads at all regarding the coastal path.  
The Chairman thanked Cllr Taylor and Cllr Thursby-Pelham for attending the meeting.
- 1398/19 CLERKS REPORT AND TO REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL AND OTHERS PRIOR TO THE MEETING INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING FOR DECISIONS TO BE MADE**
- **Road safety Brocks Copse Road. Decision to be made.**  
The Council noted the cost of the various proposals Island Roads had sent through.
  - **Letter from Mrs Jones**  
The letter was noted.
  - **War Memorial**  
A letter has been received saying it is a Grade 2 listed Memorial.
  - **Medina Valley Branding letter received.**  
This was noted
- 1399/19 MATTERS RAISED BY ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLORS.**
- Woodhouse Copse**  
It was reported that this has been fenced off and more fencing subsequently added as well as and a new access made.  
Clerk to contact Enforcement Officer.
- Isle of Wight Randeray**  
This is to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May 19. It is organised by a CIC and money raised will go to local charities.
- Email problem**  
The Clerk reported about a problem on the Council's email but our supplier has dealt with it.

Signed

Date