



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WHIPPINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD AT 7.15PM ON THURSDAY 11TH JULY 2019 AT THE WHIPPINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE ALVERSTONE ROAD WHIPPINGHAM

MEMBERS PRESENT: -Cllr Kirwood-Slack (Chairman), Cllr Walter, Cllr Clerk, Cllr Thursby-Pelham and Cllr Taylor also in attendance Cllr Hendy IWC.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Hendy to the meeting.

1421/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Baker-Smith

1422/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

1423/19 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH JUNE 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th June 2019 were approved and duly signed.

1424/19 TO WELCOME CLLR HENDRY AND TO RECEIVE HIS ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Hendy reported that having just been elected he was settling in and things had been slow to get him a Council email. He now had a Councillor email and also a webpage with his contact details on it. At the moment he was finding his way around.

1425/19 TO COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION AND ANY THAT ARE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING AND TO NOTE DECISIONS

19/00390/HOU 27 Alvestone Road Whippingham. Demolition of a conservatory and proposed replacement.

RESOLVED:-

That the Council has no objection to this application.

Councillors complained about the new Isle of Wight Council Planning website as it was a nightmare to use.

1426/19 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

a. Summary of payments and receipt for June 2019

RESOLVED:-

That the summary of payments and receipts for June 2019 were approved.

b. Payment of bills

RESOLVED:-

That the following bills be paid :- HALC £45.00 Care in the Gardens £310.04

c. Pay Grant for Minibus

RESOLVED:-

That the mini bus grant of £1,500.00 be paid.

1427/19 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

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➤ **Meeting with Crossway Developers**

The Clerk reported on her meeting with Crossway Developers. She was informed that no flats were to be put on the site. There are a number of concerns about this development including a large green area parallel to the main road that another 14 houses could be put on if the developers go back for additional planning at a later date.

A joint meeting with East Cowes is to be held on the 16th June 19 at 2.30pm at East Cowes Town Hall.

➤ **Letter received from Lord Gardener via Bob Seely MP**

Lord Gardener's letter was read out to the Councillors. The Clerk was waiting dates from Natural England as to when they could attend a meeting with the Parish Council.

➤ **Grass cutting at The Heights**

After receiving a complaint about the state of grass at The Heights it has been found out that grass cutting has been reduced from 8 cuts per year to 5 cuts per year. This Council had no notification it was happening. The grassed area where the children play is very long.

Cllr Kirwood-Slack reported he had phoned Island Roads and they responded immediately and cut the hedge back at the entrance to Folly Lane as it was very overgrown and motorists could not see out of the junction.

➤ **HALC News letter**

Noted

➤ **Review of Polling Districts and Places**

Councillors discussed this item and were very happy with the present arrangements for Whippingham.

➤ **Thank you letter from Citizens Advice**

Noted

1428/19

CLLR TAYLOR TO INFORM THE COUNCIL OF MEETING WITH SOUTHERN WATER

Cllr Taylor reported that he had emailed a copy of the CEO Environment Agency speech Jaws of Death to all Councillors. He reported the new CEO of Southern Water was an Engineer. Southern Water has to review what they do and how they do it to achieve a resilient water future. If this is not done we could lose one third of our sources to climate change and face a potential shortfall of 245 million litres per day with a huge cost to the economy.

There are problems with chalk streams they are under threat. Water companies have to reduce or end extraction from chalk streams.

Southern Water want to create a resilient future for people in their area and intend to invest more than £800 million to improve water resources across the Island and Hampshire. Their aim is to reduce consumption to 120 litres per person per day by 2020 and an average of 100 litres per day by 2040.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Taylor for his report. Councillors expressed concerns that the lack of infrastructure especially such things as water, doctors, school places are not taken into account by our planners who don't seem to recognise it as a problem.

1429/19

MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Councillors asked Cllr Hendy to be aware of the following areas of concern in the parish:-

Speed Limits, Accidents and black spots, Woodhouse Copse, Coastal Path, Parking in Saunders Way and Cycle way black spot to Newport.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Hendy for attending and informed him he was welcome to attend any meeting of the Council.

Signed

Date

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