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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WHIPPINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD AT 7.00PM ON THURSDAY  
10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019 AT THE WHIPPINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE ALVERSTONE ROAD WHIPPINGHAM**

**To welcome Cllr Matthew Price as a co-opted member to the Council Meeting**

The Chairman welcomed Matthew Price to the meeting as a co-opted Whippingham Councillor. The Meeting was informed that Cllr Price's Isle of Wight Council seat covers the part of the Parish that is at Island Harbour and that was where there was a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

**PRESENTATION/UPDATE BY NATURAL ENGLAND OFFICERS ON THE PROPOSED COASTAL PATH AT WHIPPINGHAM  
PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCING**

**31 Local Residents were present to hear the presentation by Natural England Officers.**

**The Chairman welcomed the Natural England Officers to the meeting and asked them to give their presentation on the proposals for the Coastal Path.**

The Officers informed the meeting it was an ongoing process that Natural England had been tasked to do. They are adapting the route and they do understand the frustrations that are being felt in Whippingham. They are trying to get the balance right. They reported that they could not go through Osborne and also the Registered Parks and Gardens. They are speaking to English Heritage as they don't want to be on the road.

The residents informed them in no uncertain terms that they had not told people nor talked to them about the various proposals. The residents felt very strongly that everyone should have been written to at the same time. Some people had still not received a letter notifying them of proposals that would affect them. It was felt that they were being picked off a few at a time and no one could see a whole picture.

People present raised the point time and time again that what was being proposed for Whippingham was not a coastal path as you cannot see the sea from any part of the various routes that had been put forward including going between two houses at The Height which leads to garages. Many people raised the question about their privacy being invaded and also the additional vulnerability of some of our elderly residents as well as the amount of farming land it would remove from cultivation.

The Officers informed the meeting that the Act of Parliament for the Coastal Path that had been passed meant that legally they had to produce a coastal path for the Island as near to the coast as possible.

Questions were raised about the triple SSI area, woodland as well as the nesting bird's area. Also raised was the uncertainty that was badly affecting the health of some of our residents due to the length of time all this was taking.

The Officers informed the meeting that it was very unlikely to use the woodlands. The Officers were reminded that it was not just the Heights or Barton Estate that had to be dealt with in separate parts it was all parts of the Parish that had to be treated in the same way that makes up our village of Whippingham.

Questions were raised by the Council that it had requested copies of the legal opinion that had been quoted previously to them. The Officers agreed that it would be sent to the Parish Clerk who would put it on the Council's website for residents to read. The meeting was also informed that they were hoping for February 2020 for this to be completed but if they cannot get this area right they will not publish their plan then. It was agreed there would be a

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further meeting with Natural England when more proposals are known. That meeting would be advertised on the Council's website.

The Officers were thanked for coming to the Council and answering question that had been put to them by our residents

Cllr Kirwood-Slack thanked everyone for coming and raising questions about the Coastal Path proposals and said the Council would keep in touch via our website.

**MEMBERS PRESENT :-**Cllr Kirwood-Slack (Chairman)Cllr Thursby-Pelham, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Price and Cllr Clark. Also present was Cllr Hendry Isle of Wight Council

**1440/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Walter had sent his apologies

**1441/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Price declared an interest on any item on the agenda appertaining to the Isle of Wight Council.

**1442/19 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September were approved and duly signed.

**1443/19 TO RECEIVE CLLR HENDRY'S ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL REPORT**

**Cllr Hendry reported**

The main things he has been looking at since our last meeting are as follows:

- Crossways he is continuing to work behind the scenes to try and prevent this scheme from going ahead. iWight Developments are hosting an event on Wednesday 16th October between 16:00-20:00 at CECAMM. his event will provide local residents with an opportunity to view further information about the proposals and also give them a chance to speak to members of the project team, who will be on hand to answer any questions they may have. Further information can be found at the end of this report.
- Saunders Way Link Road Barratts & Island Roads had a meeting discussing the progress of the road. After much chasing the update that was provided by is Island Roads to the Council was: We are still awaiting the final conclusion of some technical issues by Barratts and then the subsequent completion of the adoption agreement and TRO by the Local Authority.
- He will continue to chase this issue Costal Path he has been in further discussions with the residents of Whippingham regarding the proposed change to the coastal path.
- On Thursday 10th October I will be attending Whippingham Parish Council where Natural England will be present to discuss the plan.
- Getting in contact The best way to get in contact with me regarding Isle of Wight Council business is by emailing me on: [Stephen.hendry@iow.gov.uk](mailto:Stephen.hendry@iow.gov.uk)

**1444/19 TO DISCUSS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THIS MEETING WITH NATURAL ENGLAND AND AGREE WAY FORWARD/ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN.**

It was agree to write a thank you letter to Natural England for attending our meeting. The Council will continue to be vigilant in scrutinising any future proposals. The Council was frustrated at the lack of further proposals and lack of answers that could be given.

**1445/19 TO COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION AND ANY THAT ARE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING AND TO NOTE DECISIONS**

**19/00903/FUL** Parish(es): Whippingham Ward(s): Whippingham and Osborne Location: 1 Padmore Farm Folly Lane Whippingham. Proposed Barn

**Councillor Price took no part in this agenda item.**

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Councillors discussed this planning application and felt that it was totally inappropriate sited as it was encroaching on ancient woodland. It also was out of proportion it was too large. Councillors objected to this application and asked that it be refused.

**Cllr Price returned to the meeting.**

**1446/19 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

**a. Summary of payments and receipt for September 2019**

**RESOLVED:-**

That the summary of payment and receipts for September 2019 were approved.

**b. Payment of bills**

**RESOLVED:-**

That the following bills be paid:- Travel to Conference £37.40, Wight Confidential £6.90, Banners £103.30, Care in the Garden £443.50

**1447/19 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**

- **Letter received from Residents of Medina Park and Council to discuss the way forward with this ongoing Folly Lane problem.**

It was agreed that this would be forwarded to Cllr Hendry to get legal advice on the points raised by the residents of Medina Park and the Clerk would inform them of this.

- Letter from Hampshire Fire and Rescue. Councillors are to respond by filling in the questionnaire
- The Clerk informed the Council she had been presented with a National Award at the SLCC Conference for Mentoring. Councillors congratulated her.

**1448/19 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS.**

Cllr Taylor raised the question about problems over a water pipe from 6 Cottages and asked if any information could be obtained from Southern Water. Cllr Price would supply the Clerk with a contact as Southern Water who may be able to help.

Clerk

Date

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