

Havenstreet and Ashey Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Havenstreet and Ashey Parish Council held on Thursday 3rd February 2011 at 7.00 pm at The Community Centre, Havenstreet.

Present:

Chairman: Cllr V Hattersley

Councillors: Cllr E Bell, Cllr B Blezzard, Cllr H Johnson and Cllr C Gauntlett

Parish Clerk: Caroline Edom

Members of public: 17 Members of public

Public Forum:

- Mr Watts requested that Planning Aid was invited to attend a Parish Meeting.

Resolved: Parish Clerk to contact them for further information.

- Mr Orchard raised the problem about the potholes and state of Stroudwood Road.

Resolved: Parish Clerk to contact Highways.

- Mrs Johnson reported that the road by Ashey Cemetery was untidy.

Resolved: Parish Clerk to contact Highways.

Meeting commenced at 7.08 pm

977/11 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr N Mills and Cllr V Churchman.

978/11 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Blezzard is a member of another Parish Council and a member of the IWALC Executive Committee.

Cllr Gauntlett is a member of Ryde Town Council.

979/11 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 6th and 26th JANUARY 2011

RESOLVED: The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meetings held with one amendment to minutes on 6th January 2011 and duly signed by the Chairman.

980/11 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Concern was expressed about the risk regarding Councillors delivering newsletters on some of the Parish's roads. A quote is to be obtained regarding leaflets to be distributed by the Beacon. The Beacon also to be contacted requesting more copies to be given to Ashey Garage.

Resolved: Cllr E Bell to discuss with Ashey Garage numbers required. Parish Clerk to contact Beacon for quote. Risk Assessment to be carried out regarding Councillors distributing Parish Newsletters.

981/11 REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING

i. **IW COUNCILLOR VANESSA CHURCHMAN** – The Chair read out a report sent from Cllr V Churchman in her absence regarding updates on Council Cutbacks.

ii. **POLICE OR ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OFFICER**

PC N Massey was unable to attend the meeting to give his report.

iii. **CHAIRMAN CLLR VERONICA HATTERSLEY**

Cllr V Hattersley reported on the LAGS meeting which she attended on 18th January at the Steam Railway which is a Police initiative to provide Local Action Groups to small groups of the community. One issue raised was the concern of the Downs Road and the need to have double white lines on the entire length. Cllr Johnson to attend next meeting as a representative from Ashey with Cllr Hattersley.

The 2 no Acer 5220 laptops have now been sold to Computer Plus for £220.

iv. **THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – CLLR CONRAD GAUNTLETT**

Cllr Gauntlett did not attend the Associations meeting in February so Julia King, Chairman of HCA kindly gave an update. They are intending to upgrade the Kitchen Facilities at the centre in order that 60 people are able to be catered for. Quotes are being obtained and funding being looked into. Additional storage facilities have been completed. There is a Jumble Sale being held on Saturday 5th March and a Chinese New Year evening to be held on Thursday 10th March. Tickets to be obtained from Julia on 883036.

v. IWALC

CLr Blezzard gave a report on the IWALC report circulated on 20th January 2011.
Please find full report attached to minutes.

982/11 FINANCE

i. SETTING OF PRECEPT FOR 2011/12

The precept was agreed to be set at £7778 which is a reduction of £821 from 2010/11.

ii. TO AGREE PAYMENTS AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
324	Clerk Salary – January 11	£230.84
325	Foundation Media	£250
326	Urbaser Ltd	£62.40
327	Clerk Salary – February 11 (Takes into account overpayment of £6.03)	£224.81

iii. ROLLING PROGRAMME OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2011/12

The Parish Clerk asked the Councillors for their ideas of expenditure for the new financial year.

Resolved: Councillors to report to Parish Clerk.

983/11 NEWNHAM FARM – PROPOSED SOLAR FARM

A public consultation for proposed solar park at Newham Farm was held on 1st February at Havenstreet Community Centre. It was well attended and gave detailed information regarding the proposed site which has been chosen because of a number of factors. The site's location has the benefit of high annual sun hours compared to more northern areas. It also is close to and crossed by existing power lines which will distribute the green energy produced into the National Grid. The location is not within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Heritage Coast or a nature reserve or SSSI. Until the Planning Application is received the Parish Council is unable to make any comments. This application is one of 90 for the whole country.

RESOLVED: Parish Council to contact Low Carbon Solar UK regarding any benefits which could be provided for the community eg panels for Community Centre or Railway.

984/11 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL SERVICES

i. LIBRARY SERVICES

Cllr Blezzard read out a proposed response from the Parish regarding the cuts to this service.

Resolved: Copy to be sent to IOW Council and Jeremy Hunt MP. Last paragraph to be deleted.

ii. WATERSIDE POOL AND PUBLIC TOILETS

Cllr V Hattersley thanked Cllrs Bell and Blezzard for attending the handover of the petition for keeping Waterside Pool open to County Hall. It looked hopeful that this facility would be kept with input from Ryde Town Council and the Swimming Pool Trust which has been set up.

Resolved: Letter to be sent supporting Swimming Pool Trust for keeping this pool open.

Cllr V Hattersley and Cllr Blezzard reported that they had attended a meeting about the proposed closure of certain public toilets on the Island. The cost of running one public toilet is £10,000 per year. The concern is that being a Holiday Island this will have a direct effect on Tourism and local businesses who rely on this trade. Ryde Town Council is taking steps to keep the proposed closed toilets open. Cllr Churchman is very concerned about this too and will be voicing the Parish's concerns.

iii. WIGHTBUS AND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Cllr Blezzard and Cllr Gauntlett are involved in attending meetings and researching the options to the Parish when the Wightbus service is withdrawn at the end of August.

It was agreed to carry out a survey which is essential in order that funding can be applied for. Cllr Gauntlett and Cllr Blezzard will organise this. The Parish will need to fund this but there are sufficient funds for this to be carried out.

Many residents had contacted the Parish Council regarding the loss of this service and the huge impact this will cause not only to the residents, but nursing homes staff and residents as well as businesses including the IOW Steam Railway whose visitors and volunteers rely on the bus service.

Various ideas were discussed including:

- Provision of feeder service by taxi to Binstead
- Discounted service to locals for use on the IOW Steam Railway in order bus connections could be used from Wootton or train from Smallbrook to Ryde.
- If the 37 bus could be rerouted through Havenstreet although it would have to be a single decker bus due to the Railway Bridge.

Resolved: Cllr Gauntlett to provide lists of addresses for people to write to. Parish Council to write to Southern Vectis regarding provision of service through the village.

985/11 RECREATION GROUND

It was decided that in the new financial year a sub-committee would be set up to look into ways of providing more facilities to meet the needs of the whole community. Julia King expressed her interest in being involved as a representative from Havenstreet Community Association.

Resolved: Recreation Sub-Committee to be set up.

986/11 ISLE OF WIGHT GAMES – PIXEL

The pixel map has been created in response to requests from individuals and businesses wishing to support the NatWest Island Games 2011. Each pixel costs £10 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL TO PURCHASE 1 PIXEL TO SUPPORT THE EVENT.

987/11 ST PETER'S CHURCH – SIGN AND HEDGE

St Peter's Church have requested that a brown sign is put up in order that people are aware of the direction of the church from the Main Road. The Hedge also requires attention.

Resolved: This to be looked at in more detail. Parish Clerk to seek grant information for the Church.

988/11 EVENTS: BESTIVAL AND ISLE OF WIGHT STEAM RAILWAY

A meeting had been arranged with The Bestival regarding the closure of footpaths and provision of access to the Bestival. This was arranged for Wednesday 16th February 2011.

Peter Vail thanked the Parish Meeting for inviting The Railway to attend January's meeting. It had been most helpful in forging links with the Village and railway.

The Diamond Jubilee is to be held on the weekend of 4th and 5th June and it is hoped that a celebration can be planned which involves both the village and railway.

989/11 TO REVIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND ANY PLANNING PERMISSIONS GRANTED

P/00105/11 – Isle of Wight Steam Railway, Havenstreet

This renewal of Planning Application was supported by The Parish Council.

It was noted that the planning permission for a new entrance to the IOW Steam Railway had been refused by the Council and has also been turned down by Appeal.

990/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH SURGERY

It was requested that the illuminated speed indicators are switched around on the Main Road of Havenstreet by a resident.

Resolved: Parish Clerk to investigate.

991/11 CLERKS REPORT

i. EMAILING OF AGENDAS TO COUNCILLORS

It was agreed that these would be emailed now instead to councillors in order to reduce postage costs. This was now being carried out by other Parish Councils.

Resolved: This would be amended on the Parish's Standing Orders.

ii. CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED

Items were read out to the meeting.

iii. WEBSITE

A cheque was raised for the deposit and it was hoped that the website would have the first stage up and running by the end of March. This will provide information at this stage of dates of meetings, minutes and agendas from the previous year and a Home Page.

It was requested for any information to be given to the Parish Clerk which could be included on it.

992/11 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This is to be held on Thursday 24th March 2011. 7.00 to 9pm and held in the Calbourne Room, at the Isle of Wight Steam Railway. Light refreshments will be provided. Jim Loe from the Railway has kindly agreed to give a short presentation, Cllr Johnson is to give a small talk on the history of the Asheys Racecourse. The Bestival would also be invited to give us an insight of the The Bestival weekend.

993/11 TRANSPORT PLAN

The Parish Meeting agreed to make the following comments:

- More electric points for cars required.
- Make car parking charges higher for bigger vehicles
- A quarter of Island residents do not have cars therefore a better public transport system is required with more options.
- Another ferry operator is required to improve competition.
- Better link to be installed between East and West Coves.
- Improved maintenance of Island roads.

994/11 HIGHWAYS PFI – ASSETS MAINTAINED BY PARISH

These were agreed as Bus Shelter, Benches, Notice boards, and Memorial Cross at Asheys Cemetery.

Resolved: Response to be made to the I W Council regarding their request for clarification of the above.

995/11 GREAT POPPY PARTY WEEKEND

The Royal British Legion is encouraging people to host a Poppy Party on the weekend of 12th June. It was noted that this was the same weekend as the Isle of Wight Festival. If anyone wants further information about organising one please contact the Parish Clerk.

996/11 TO CONFIRM DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council to be held will be on Thursday 3rd March 2011 at 7.00 pm at Havenstreet Community Centre.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting concluded at 9.00 pm

Signed:.....

Dated: