

Havenstreet and Ashey Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Havenstreet and Ashey Parish Council held on Thursday 6th January 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: 38 Members of public

Public Forum:

- Mr Orchard raised his concern about the proposed closure of Waterside Swimming Pool, Ryde.

Resolved: This would be put on the Parish Council's Agenda for February's meeting.

- Irene Robson from Raven's Oak attended the meeting and invited the Councillors to a Site Visit.

Resolved: Cllr V Hattersley to arrange visit.

Meeting commenced at 7.05 pm

959/11 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr N Mills.

960/11 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.

961/11 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2010

RESOLVED: The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meetings held and duly signed by the Chairman.

962/11 ISLE OF WIGHT STEAM RAILWAY

Cllr Hattersley welcomed Peter Vail, General Manager, Jim Loe and other representatives from the Steam Railway to the Parish Council Meeting.

Local residents expressed their concern regarding excess levels of noise from the increasing calendar of events being held by the Railway. Peter Vail admitted that there had been problems last season but they were taking steps to minimise the levels and deal with this problem. They had been in contact with the same Sound Company as the Bestival and it was suggested that they work closely with them in order to minimise the effects to the local residents. Various measures had been introduced from better siting of the speakers and ensuring when events were held the different organisers kept to the Railways guidelines for using PA equipment.

The Steam Railway agreed to provide the Parish Council with a list of the 2011 events and outline which ones would impact on traffic and have potential sound issues and take steps to minimise these issues to Havenstreet residents. A smaller meeting would be arranged for Councillors and a couple of residents to progress on this matter.

Concern was expressed about the increase of coaches driving through the village. It was explained that the coach companies are informed to come in from Briddlesford Road thus avoiding the village. The Parish Council requested that Coach Companies were reminded to use the Briddlesford Rd way to the Railway and not the route from Binstead. Mr Vail confirmed that a survey had been carried out by the Bus Museum regarding the volume of traffic through the Main Road in Havenstreet and would contact them for agreement to provide the Parish Council with a copy of the March 2010 traffic survey.

A local resident asked if the Railway would be willing to provide a footpath on their land in order people could gain access to the Bridleway and Footpath beyond the bend. The road was very dangerous in this area to walk on. Mr Vail agreed to take this suggestion to the Board of Trustees.

Mr McGaw from Asheley asked about access over the Asheley Railway crossing and the recent appeal. Mr Vail agreed to forward this information to him.

With regard to the recent Planning Application for the entrance opposite Guildford Farm to be used as an alternative entrance for the August Bank Holiday Steam Show. It was stated that The Railway only wished to use it for a limited amount of events during the year in order that traffic could be moved off the Main Road more efficiently. Residents were concerned that this would increase.

The discussion came to a close and Cllr V Hattersley thanked the Railway Representatives for attending the meeting.

963/11 HIGHWAYS IN PARISH

(Please note this item was brought forward in order PC Nick Massey, PCSO Katy Berry and Linda Shorter, Community Support Office could offer their assistance with this item before leaving the meeting.)

The proposed speed limit of 40 mph for Asheys was discussed. PC Massey was asked about accidents along the stretch of road who stated that minor accidents are not recorded. It was requested that the proposed speed limit was extended to the West side of East Asheys Lane and West Station Lane to Smallbrook Roundabout. PC Massey would be requesting for this to be enforced and when operational would request for speed checks to be carried out to ensure the new speed restrictions were adhered to.

Linda Shorter reported that speed restrictions were being looked at in East Asheys Lane too but as yet no notification had been received.

Resolved: Highways to be contacted about continuing double white lines along the length of the Downs Road and confirmation of Parish's request for 40 mph in Asheys.

PC Massey also reported that Neighbourhood Action Groups (Local Action Groups) were to be set up and the first meeting would be held on 18th January at the Steam Railway. Various representatives from a wide range of organisations would be representing their community. Cllr V Hattersley would be attending on behalf of the Parish Council and Peter Vail as a representative of a local business.

PC Massey is also the area's Wildlife Crime Officer and Hunt Liaison Officer. Areas affected such as agricultural establishments can obtain posters from PC Massey and enrol to join the scheme. There had been reports of a decrease in the Red Squirrel population and it was stated that this was possibly due to an increase of Buzzards on the Isle of Wight. It was emphasised that they are a protected species and cannot be shot.

Cllr Blezzard asked how the budget cutbacks were affecting the Police it was reported that these were not fully known as yet but the Chief Constable had confirmed that the front line would remain untouched.

A Scheme Notification Notice was received from Highways and Transport and Confirmed that the following roads would be resurfaced from 4th April 2011:

GreenLane/West Lane Asheys, East Asheys Lane, Combley Road, Stroudwood Road, Rowlands Lane (from Stroudwood to Railway Bridge).

964/11 REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

i. **IW Councillor Vanessa Churchman**

Cllr Churchman gave updates to the recent proposals regarding cuts to various services on the Isle of Wight. She confirmed that the IOW Games would be going ahead and supported the suggested of the Parish Council purchasing pixels in support of the IOW Games. Details to be obtained and put on the Agenda for the next meeting. Cllr Churchman also stated that she would contact the Council regarding the overflowing bottle bank in Havenstreet.

ii. **Police or Environment and Neighbourhoods Officer – This was reported in Item 963/11**

iii. **Chairman Cllr Veronica Hattersley**

Cllr V Hattersley thanked Cllrs H Johnson and N Mills for taking the Christmas Tree down. She reported that she had met the new vicar for St Peter's the Reverend Christopher Etherton.

Cllr V Hattersley would be attending the next IWALC meeting with Cllr B Blezzard the following week and would report back to the meeting.

iv. **The Community Association**

Cllr Gauntlett reported that there had been no HCA meeting and the next one to be held would be 1st February 2011.

v. **IWALC – Copy of report by Cllr Blezzard from Meeting held on 16.12.10 attached to minutes.**

965/11 SETTING OF PRECEPT 2011/12

This item was postponed until the next Parish Council meeting to be held in February in order to take into account the proposed Isle of Wight Council's budget cuts.

966/11 FINANCES-The following finances were agreed:

Chq No	Amount	Payee
321	£230.84	Clerk's Salary – December
322	£32	HCA – Hire of Hall x 2
323	£74.40	JRB – 2 boxes dog bags

967/11 WIGHTBUS AND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Cllr Gauntlett raised his concern about the proposed loss of the Wightbus service to Havenstreet. He had attended a meeting and stated that a survey would need to be carried out in order funding could be applied for. Cllr B Blezzard reported that Wightbus was definitely stopping 31st August and this was confirmed by residents who use this service.

The council has a statutory duty to provide a service for school children for them to attend schools especially as there are no footpaths that children could use to walk safely to school.

Residents rely on the Wightbus service to get to Newport and Ryde. Northbrooke House, Holmdale Residential Home, The Railway and The White Hart Pub employee staff who need to access the village as well as visitors to these businesses.

Resolved: Letter to be sent to the Council outlining the concerns of the Parish Council and Residents of Havenstreet and requesting assistance with this matter.

968/11 RECREATION GROUND

This item would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting to be held in February.

969/11 TO REVIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND NOTE ANY PLANNING

PERMISSIONS

Refusal of list building consent – P/01222/10 – 2 West Ashey Cottages, Ashey Rd

It was reported that Plans would stop being delivered by courier service to the Parish Clerk from 14th January. Either the plans would have to be downloaded from the computer or collected the day of the meeting and returned the following day.

Resolved: Cllrs V Hattersley and B Blezzard volunteered to carry this out before each meeting.

970/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM MONTHLY PARISH SURGERY

There was nothing to report as the Parish Surgery to be held on the 18th December 2010 was cancelled due to the snow.

971/11 CLERKS REPORT

I. Maintenance of Benches

Town and Country Maintenance from Havenstreet had been successful in their bid for maintaining the benches and notice boards of the Parish. These would be put on a rolling programme and if weather conditions were favourable this would be completed by March 2011.

II. Correspondence sent and received

The Isle of Wight Council had forwarded their Transport Plan which can be viewed on their website. This would be on the Agenda for February's meeting.

III. Website

Foundation Media would be designing the new Havenstreet and Asheay Parish Website after obtaining two satisfactory references. A cheque would be required for the £250 deposit. The old website had now been taken off line by the IWC. Two businesses had been in contact with their details to be included in the business listing site of the website. The first stage of the website would be the Home Page, Dates of Meetings and Minutes and Agendas then additional pages could be added. A request from the Parish Clerk for photographs and any information for the site was made.

972/11 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Cllr V Hattersley carried out the safety checks for the Christmas Tree over the Christmas period.

973/11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 3rd February 2011 at Havenstreet Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Chairman:.....

Dated: