**Havenstreet and Ashey Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4 April 2013**

**15 minute Public Forum**

The following issue was discussed:

Smallbrook junction road-works, traffic accident at Ashey Road, Island

Roads, housing needs survey, farm milk sales.

**054/13 Present:** Cllr Hattersley (Chair), Cllrs, Bell, Blezzard, Gauntlett, Johnson and Mills. Chris Binnie (Clerk). Cllr Churchman (IOWC).

PC Carolyn Whiteman, PCSO Katie Berry. 10 members of the public

**055/13 Apologies**

No apologies were received

**056/13 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Hattersley declared a non-pecuniary interest in the remaining items on the agenda by reason of being a member of the IWALC Executive Committee.

Councillor Blezzard declared a non-pecuniary interest in the remaining items by reason of being a member of another council, the IWALC Executive Committee, and the Havenstreet and Wootton Bridge Community Bus Joint Management Committee.

Councillor Blezzard declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 63/13 by reason of being a member of the Havenstreet and Wootton Bridge Community Bus Joint Management Committee.

**057/13 Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meetings held on 7 March 2013 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the meeting.

**058/13 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**059/13 Chairman’s Reports**

The Councilnoted the Chairman’s report on her attendance at the monthly

market/surgery. She reported numerous parishioners had raised concerns

about a housing needs survey form circulating in Havenstreet, which they

believed had originated from the Parish Council. It was agreed to issue a

press release disassociating the Parish Council from this survey.

The Chairman also wished to place on record her thanks to Councillors

Johnson and Blezzard, who were not standing for re-election.

**060/13 Questions to the Chair**

No questions were raised

**061/13**  **Isle of Wight Councillors Report**

Councillor Churchman reported the IOW Council was now politically suspended, and would only make essential operational decisions pending the Elections on 2 May.

**062/13 Other Reports**

The Council noted the reports from:

a) Havenstreet Community Association:

i) Pending repairs to the Community Hall boundary wall

ii) Bunny Day

iii) St Georges Day

b) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils:

i) Right to Bid presentation

ii) Costal Management Centre

c) Police Officers

i) Thefts from sheds.

**063/13 Community Bus**

It was noted the new timetable would come into operation on 8th April.

Cllr Gauntlett was to visit local resident, Mrs Halder, following the receipt of her correspondence.

It was also noted the next meeting of the Wooton Bridge and Havenstreet Joint Management Board is due on 5 June 2013, which would consider bus sponsorship and the future of the Board.

**064/13**  **Havenstreet Recreation Ground**

The Chair reported that she and Cllr Blezzard had met with a supplier of playground equipment and they were awaiting a quote for the items selected.

It was noted IOWC had removed the broken sign for repair.

Further to minute 48/13, it was also noted an updated version of the lease had been received:

**RESOLVED:**

1. To seek the independent views / legal advice of HALC on the content of the proposed lease.
2. To seek clarification regarding insurance should the proposed lease be agreed.
3. To re-consider this item at the June or July meeting, depending on the outcome of 1 and/or 2 above.

**065/13 Smallbrook Junction Roadworks**

Cllr Churchmangave an update on the Smallbrook Junction roadworks. The surface dressing had been delayed by the abnormally cold weather. Concern was expressed that there had been little improvement on visibility. The police officer present confirmed there had been no reported accidents at the junction.

**RESOLVED:**

Subject to the works being completed, to review this item at the June meeting.

**066/13 Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported:

1. The Councils new laptop had been purchased and was in use. He would work on improving the Parish website whenever time permitted.
2. There were no planned traffic closures or roadworks due.
3. That he had posted the statutory Election notices on the notice board, and that new guidance for councillors on Personal Interests had been received.

**067/13 Finance**

**RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the following:**

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| **Cheque No** | **Payee** | **Details** | **Amount** |
| 445 | Chris Binnie | Clerk Salary and expenses | £361.90 |
| 446 | IOW Assoc. Local Councils | Annual Subscription | £112.22 |
| 447 | Island Computer Systems Ltd | Purchase of Laptop | £535.20 |
| 448 | Society Local Council Clerks | Annual Subscription | £86.00 |
| 449 | IWSR Trading Ltd | Room hire / buffet for Annual Meeting | £137.50 |

**068/13 Planning**

No planning applications had been received since the last meeting

**069/13 Correspondence**

Correspondence received regarding Island Roads and the Best Kept Village competition was noted.

**070/13 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next monthly meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday 6 June 2013, at the Havenstreet Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm