**HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6 March 2014**

**15 Minute Public Forum**

No issues were raised.

**33/14 Present:**

 Cllrs Hattersley(Chair), Bell, Gauntlett, Lyons, and Mills.

 C.Binnie (Clerk), and 9 members of the public.

**34/14**  **Apologies**

 Apologies were received from Cllr Simon.

**35/14 Declarations of interest**

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

Cllrs Hattersley and Gauntlett declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 42/14c, by reason of being a member of the Havenstreet and Wooton Bridge Community Bus Joint Management Committee.

**36/14 Minutes**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2014 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the meeting.

**37/14 Presentation**

A presentation was received from Malcom Smith, of Island Roads, on

the progress being made by Island Roads. He responded to questions

from Councillors and public about the resurfacing of Church Road; Ashey Road; Flooding and Drainage; Tarmac and road thicknesses; footpaths and grass/hedge trimming; flooding and drainage; Main Road, Havenstreet; and the Stockades.

**38/14 Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman paid tribute to the late Mr Vivian Orchard, a former Havenstreet resident who had recently passed away. He had been a regular attendee at Parish Council meetings, and a lively contributor to the public forum. A memorial service is to be held later in the year.

The Chairman reported:

1. She, Cllr Lyons, and the Clerk had attended the recent IWALC/SLCC conference.
2. She, Cllrs Gauntlett and Lyons, and the Clerk had attended a recent Discretionary Services meeting with officers of the IOW Council’s Leisure and Open Spaces Department.
3. She had attended a Bestival 2013 wash-up meeting with the
4. Bestival organizers. They had confirmed a £500 donation, and access to their volunteers for community use, were still available.

**39/14 Questions to the Chair**

 No questions were raised.

**40/14 Policing Items**

The Chairman reported on behalf of the policethat they had dealt

 with the car parking issue in Main Road, Havenstreet.

**41/14 Isle of Wight Councillor’s Report**

In his capacity as the Isle of Wight Councillor for Havenstreet and Ashey, Cllr Gauntlett reported:

1. The last two months in the IOW Council had been dominated by budget setting. There had been a 2% increase in Council Tax.
2. The proposed 20mph speed restriction for Main Road, Havenstreet was due for review by the IOW Council Highways Dept. in March/April.

**42/14 Other Reports**

To receive the reports of H&APC representatives on outside Bodies:

1. Havenstreet Community Association

There had been no recent meeting, but the HCA were holding a jumble sale on 22 March.

1. IOW Association of Local Councils

The Chairman had been unable to attend the last meeting.

1. Community Bus Partnership

There had been no recent meeting.

**43/14 History of Havenstreet and Ashey Book.**

Further consideration was given to the request for a contribution towards the cost of producing the book. Further to Minute 26/14,

the Clerk outlined the legal position.

**Resolved:**

a) The Council is of the opinion that to make a grant will bring benefit

 and credit to the area or inhabitants,

b) To make a Sec 137 grant of £300,

1. That the Council is satisfied this amount is reasonable and commensurate with the benefit derived.
2. To make the payment when a suitable invoice/statement has been presented to the Clerk – *added by minute 54/14 of the meeting held on 3 April 2014*

**44/14 Newsletter**

Further consideration was given to the production of the newsletter.

It was agreed to abandon the current format and distribution, and replace it with a smaller news-sheet, to be produced after the annual meeting in May, and distributed via the website, and by leaving copies at suitable pick-up points in the parish. It was also agreed to investigate further the cost/benefit of placing an annual report in the Beacon.

Councillor Bell left the meeting at 8.20pm.

**45/14 Allotments and Wild Flower Garden**

Considerationwas given to the provision of allotments and a wild flower

 Garden on part of the recreation ground.

It was agreed:

a) to seek the demand for allotments by way of an item in

 the news-sheet,

 b) that Cllr Lyons would draw up a detailed scheme/plan for a wild

 flower garden on the Recreation Ground, for consideration at the

 next meeting.

**46/14 Planning**

1. A planning application to demolish a playroom, utility, and w/c; and build single storey side extension to provide a family room and w/c, at Guildford Farm, Station Road, Havenstreet, was considered:

**Resolved:** To raise no objection to the application.

1. A pending planning application for a change of use at Brickfields was noted. Subject to the IOW Council’s agreement on submitting any comments after the closing date, the application would be considered at the next meeting, otherwise an additional meeting would be called.
2. It was noted that a Community Consultation Day, arranged by Christopher Scott Ltd, Chartered Surveyors and Development Consultants, was being held in the Havenstreet Community Centre, on 16April.

**47/14 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that no correspondence had been received.

**48/14 Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk reported:

1. The Parish Meeting and AGM were to be held on 8 May 2014, in the Calbourne Room, IOW Steam Railway, Havenstreet. The Chairman was contacting a possible speaker.
2. The Local Government and Accountability Act had been enacted. When it becomes operational, it would have implications for finance, banking, audit, and recording of meetings.
3. The IOW Council green bag service to Parish Councils was ending. Paper copies of planning applications are to be sent by post.
4. The IOW Council was consulting on two draft planning policies, the Children’s Services Facilities Contributions, and the Solent Special Protection Area. The closing date for comments was

7 April.

Councillor Gauntlett left the meeting at 8.50pm.

1. The Chief Executive of Visit Isle of Wight Ltd was available to visit parish councils to discuss tourism issues, should they wish.

1. The Society of Local Council Clerks was encouraging parishes to enter the annual Best Kept Village Competition.
2. The Clerk of Wooton Bridge Parish Council had resigned, as she was moving to Devon. The post was to be advertised.

**49/14 Finance**

1. **Resolved:** To authorize the following payments:

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| **Cheque No.** | **Payee** | **Details** | **Amount £** |
| 498 | C.Binnie | Salary and Expenses | 372.10 |

1. It was noted that the clerk is paid on NJC Scale 4, SP18-21, and that with effect from 1 April 2014, the Clerk will receive an annual incremental salary increase, from SP18 to SP19 (£17980pa), paid on a pro-rata basis for 30hrs per month, equating to £9.22 per hour / £276.60 per month gross.

**50/14 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted the next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday 3 April 2014, at the Havenstreet Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm