**HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3 July 2014**

**15 Minute Public Forum**

No issues were raised.

**83/14 Present:**

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

 C.Binnie (Clerk). No members of the public attended.

**84/14 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 90/14c, by reason of being a member of the Havenstreet and Wooton Bridge Community Bus Joint Management Committee.

**85/14 Minutes**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2014 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as being an accurate record of the meeting.

**86/14 Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman reported:

1. She and the Clerk had attended a meeting with the Bestival organizers. The 2014 format was to similar to previous years, and no other significant issues were raised.
2. She, the Vice-Chair and Clerk were to attend resilience training.
3. Preliminary notification had been received that Havenstreet had won the medium sized village category in the IOW Best Kept Village competition.
4. The question of volunteers had been raised. The Clerk confirmed that the Council did not have a volunteer policy; nor did it appoint volunteers to undertake work on its behalf.

**87/14 Questions to the Chair**

 The following questions were raised:

1. In response to a question and report from Cllr Bell about Ashey Road, the Clerk reported that the obscured 40mph signs had already been reported to Island Roads, and that he would also report the overgrown hedges obstructing the view of traffic exiting the Green Lane junction.
2. In response to a question from Cllr Simon, it was confirmed that the operation of a business from home was dealt with by the IOW Council Planning Dept.

**88/14 Policing Items**

On behalf of the police, the Clerk reported the previous months

reported crimes/incidents that had occurred in the parish, which included five minor road traffic accidents. They would also make arrangements for a Speedwatch session in August.

**89/14 Isle of Wight Councillor’s Report**

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

1. He was meeting with Tony Toynton, IOW Council Highways PFI Contract Manager, regarding Island Roads.
2. There might be some difficulties with the proposed devolution of services.
3. Funding of Community Bus services could cease in 2015/16.
4. There were on-going discussions with South West Trains regarding the future of the Island Line, and the possible extension of the IOW Steam Railway.
5. Government Ministers were visiting the Island regarding children’s/school services.

**90/14 Other Reports**

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

1. Havenstreet Community Association

The Chair and Vice Chair had attended the last HCA meeting, and it was noted the BBQ had been postponed.

1. IOW Association of Local Councils

The Chair reported she had attended the last IWALC meeting. Training for Councillors and Clerks, and Quality Status for Parish Councils were being introduced in the Autumn.

1. Community Bus Partnership

The Chair and Cllr Gauntlett expressed concerns about the current community bus service. It was agreed the Clerk would arrange a meeting of the H&WB Community Bus Joint Management Committee.

**91/14 Newsletter**

Further consideration was given to the newsletter. The content, as

produced by the Clerk, was approved, and it was agreed to arrange for the commercial printing of 400, for distribution by Councillors and post. The future purchase a quality printer to enable the clerk to print the newsletters himself, was also agreed (Minute 94/15e below also refers).

**Resolved:** To authorize the commercial printing of the 2014 newsletter at an approximate cost of £120.

**92/14 Planning**

1. The following planning application were considered:

Proposed two storey rear extension at Taverners, Church Road, Havenstreet.

**Resolved:** To raise no objection.

1. The following planning decisions were reported:

i) Puffapatch Stables, Station Road, Havenstreet – Approved.

ii) Overbrae, Main Road, Havenstreet – Approved

iii) Sans Souci, Main Road, Havenstreet – Approved

iv) Robeck Caraven Site, Gatehouse Road, Ashey – Refused

**93/14 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported the following correspondence:

1. From Victim Support, thanking the Council for its donation.
2. An invitation from IOW Steam Railway to attend the opening of their Visitor Information Point on 11 July 2014

**94/14 Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk reported:

1. He had received a response from Iain Thornton of Island Roads confirming that Deacons Lane / Gatehouse Road were not suitable for restrictive road signs, and that it was for the police to enforce speed and width restrictions.
2. He had submitted H&APC’s comments on the Ryde Area Action Plan Consultation document to the IOW Council Planning Policy Dept.
3. He had arranged for the clearance/cutting of The Glade, Ashey.
4. The receipt of a Temporary Event Notice for the IOW Steam Railway, at Ashey Station, 6-10pm, on 19 July 2014.
5. The receipt of invitation for a representative to attend a workshop on ground maintenance, at County Hall, on 23 July 2014. It was agreed the Chair or Vice Chair would attend.
6. There was to be a Pennyfeathers public open day, 10am-2pm, at Ryde School, on Saturday 12 July 2014.

**95/14 Finance**

1. The receipt of a VAT refund of £869.78 for the year 2013/14, was noted.
2. The 1st Quarter accounts for the year 2014/15 were received and noted.
3. The Clerk presented a draft Financial Risk Assessment document for the year 2014/15.

**Resolved:** To approve the FRA 2014/15 document, authorize the Chair and Clerk to sign it.

1. Consider the implementation of internet banking.

**Resolved:** To authorize the Clerk to commence internet banking, subject to his authorization be limited to downloading bank statements, and moving funds between accounts only.

1. Consideration was given to the purchase of a printer (minute 91/14 above refers).

**Resolved:** To authorize the Clerk to purchase a printer at an approximate cost of £150

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

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| **Cheque No.** | **Payee** | **Details** | **Amount £** |
| 515 | Mr C Binnie | Salary and Expenses | 376.73 |
| 516 | Havenstreet Community Assoc. | Room Hire | 12.00 |

**96/14 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted the next scheduled meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday 4 September 2014, in the Havenstreet Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm