**HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5 March 2015**

**15 Minute Public Forum**

No issues were raised

**35/15 Present:**

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

C.Binnie (Clerk). M.O’Sullivan and D.Taylor (guests)

2 members of the public.

**36/15**  **Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**37/15 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; and Cllrs Hattersley and Gauntlett declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 45/15c, and 48/15, by reason of being members of the Havenstreet and Wooton Bridge Community Bus Joint Management Board.

**38/15 Minutes**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2015 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the meeting.

**39/15 Presentation**

Mark O’Sullivan and Daniel Taylor of Age UK Isle of Wight, gave an interesting and informative presentation on their “”good neighbour scheme,” followed by a question and answer session.

**40/15 Parishioners Correspondence**

No items of correspondence had been received.

**41/15 Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman reported:

1. she and the Clerk had attended the CTP Planning training session
2. the CTP training sessions for councilors had been cancelled due to lack of support
3. she had attended the Saturday market, an HCA meeting, and an AONB meeting.

**42/15 Questions to the Chair**

Cllr Gauntlett raised a question regarding Sec 137 donations to organisations such as Age UK. It was agreed to put the item on the agenda of the next meeting.

**43/15 Policing Items**

No policing items were reported**.**

**44/15 Isle of Wight Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Gauntlett reported that the IOW Council had approved its overall budget for 2015/16, but details of the inevitable cuts were still to be finalised. In particular there was no news on likely cuts to community bus services.

**45/15 Other Reports**

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

1. Havenstreet Community Association

Cllr Lyons reported the first edition of the new joint newsletter had been completed, and thanked the other Councillors for their help with delivering them. Helpful feedback had been received. She also reported there were plans to hold a Royal Garden Party on 5th September, which the High Sheriff had agreed to open. It was also noted there would be a need for substantial work on the roof of the community centre in the near future.

1. IOW Association of Local Councils:

Cllr Hattersley reported there had been no meeting, but that she and the clerk were attending the spring conference/seminar on 16 March.

1. H&WBJCBMB:

There had been no meetings.

**46/15 Ashey**

Cllr Bell reported The Glade had now been cleared, and that consideration was being given to the lay-by litter bin.

**47/15 Planning**

No new planning applications had been received since the last meeting.

The following planning decisions were reported:

Brickfields Cottage, Newnham Road, Ryde – Approved

Bridge Farm, Rowlands Lane, Havenstreet - Approved

**48/15 Community Bus Service**

The Clerk reported on the community bus service. Although the situation regarding the IOW Council’s funding of community buses remained unclear, Southern Vectis remained confident they would continue to receive funding until September. Southern Vectis therefore intended to continue to operate the Route 34 bus on Mondays and Thursdays, and to introduce the new Route 34a bus on Tuesdays, from 17 March, and were in the process of publishing their summer timetables accordingly.

He also reported that Wooton Bridge Parish Council had agreed to share the cost of the Route 34a drivers.

**49/15 Correspondence**

NoCorrespondence had been received.

**50/15 Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk reported:

1. The Island Roads published schedule of road re-surfacing, and the opportunity for Parish Councils to make representations to seek local variations to the schedule. It was noted Church Road, and Main Road, Havenstreet, were both already in the schedule, so it was agreed not to make further representation.
2. As a consequence of the new Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, changes had been made to the website to incorporate the new publishing requirements. He had also purchased a book, “Governance and Accountability – Practitioners Guide 2014” from the SLCC Bookstore, at a cost of £20 + p&p.

**Resolved:** To endorse the purchase of the book.

**52/15 Finance**

1. Consideration was given to the 2015-16 Financial Risk Assessment document.

**Resolved:** To approve the attached 2015-16 Financial Risk Assessment document.

1. The receipt of a £4.94 subscription overcharge from IWALC, was noted.
2. **Resolved:** To authorize the following payments:

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| **Cheque No.** | **Payee** | **Details** | **Amount £** |
| 548 | C. Binnie | Salary & Expenses | 388.25 |
| 549 | Premier Garden Services | Ground clearance, The Glade, Ashey | 114.00 |
| 550 | H.C.A. | Room Hire | 12.00 |

**53/15 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted the next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday 2 April 2015, at the Havenstreet Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm