**HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10 September 2015**

**15 Minute Public Forum**

The following issues were raised:

The increase in, and speed of traffic using Main Road, Havenstreet, and in particular over Blackbridge bridge, since the weight restriction imposed on Wooton Bridge.

Damaged playground sign in Church Road, Havenstreet.

The possibility of a footpath adjacent to the IOWSR car park.

**140/15 Present:**

Cllrs Hattersley (Chair), Lyons and Gauntlett.

C.Binnie (Clerk). 4 members of the public were present.

**141/15**  **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bell and Simon.

**142/15 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 item 13/150c, by reason of being a member of the Havenstreet and Wooton Bridge Community Bus Joint Management Board.

**143/15 Minutes**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting on 30 July 2015 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the meetings.

**144/15 Presentation**

Katharine Arblaster, from the Recreation, Leisure and Public Spaces Department of the IOW Council, gave an interesting and informative presentation about her

role as the Environment Officer for the area that includes Havenstreet and

Ashey. Of particular interest was the information on playground equipment safety inspections, and her possible role in assisting with a wild flower garden.

**145/15 Parishioners Correspondence**

No correspondence had been received.

**146/15 Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman reported she was due to attend

1. The civic celebratory church service to mark the reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
2. Human Resource training
3. A Police and Crime Commissioners consultation event.

**147/15 Questions to the Chair**

No additional questions were raised, but it was agreed to refer the items raised in the public forum above, to Island Roads and the IOWSR.

**148/15 Policing Items**

The Clerk reported on behalf of the police sightings of two suspicious males in the village, and accompanying crime prevention advice.

**149/15 Isle of Wight Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Gauntlett reported on Pennyfeathers, the Waste Plant, Brickfields, refuse arrangements, and IOW Council devolution.

**150/15 Other Reports**

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

1. Havenstreet Community Association

Cllr Lyons reported the tea party had been attended by 150 people, and had raised £430 for the Alzheimer Café and St. Peters church. There was to be a jumble sale on 10 Oct, the AGM on 13 Oct, and a Halloween BBQ on 31 Oct.

1. IOW Association of Local Councils:

There had been no meetings

1. CBP and H&WBJCBMB:

There had been no meetings.

**151/15 Ashey**

The Clerk reported the dead Ash tree at The Glade was too big and too close to the highway for Premier Garden Services to deal with, so he had referred it to Island Roads.

**152/15 Community Bus**

It was noted the route 33, 34, and 34a bus services had ended on 4 September, leaving Havenstreet without any bus services. Cllr Lyons was particularly concerned about the loss of the route 33 bus, and the impact on school travel. Cllr. Gauntlett reported that good progress was being made on establishing an alternative voluntary community bus service, similar to the FYT bus service. When registered, it would operate a 16-seat mini-bus in Ryde, Wooton and Havenstreet, 5 days per week, using volunteer drivers. It would need joint funding from Ryde Town, and Wooton Bridge and Havenstreet and Ashey Parish Councils. It was agreed to include an item on the agenda of the next meeting to consider the business plan and funding requirements.

As an interim measure, consideration was given to funding the trial of a 7 seater taxi service, operating a return trip, twice a week from Havenstreet to Ryde.

**Resolved:** To fund two return trips per week, up to a maximum of £20

per return trip.

**153/15 Planning**

1. No new planning applications had been received since the last meeting.
2. The following planning decisions was reported:

St.Huberts, Ashey Road, Ashey – approved

Pondcast Farmhouse, Pondcast Lane, Havenstreet – approved

Darric, Main Road, Havenstreet - approved

**154/15 Correspondence**

No correspondence had been received.

**155/15 Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk reported:

1. The Bestival arrangements had been published on the website.
2. He had attended an SLCC training session on VAT and Pensions.
3. Amey waste collection drop-in events.
4. IOW Council consultations on parking strategy, housing strategy, and local council tax support.
5. He had placed the annual order for the painting/varnishing of the goal-posts and parish seats.

**156/15 Finance**

**Resolved:**

1. To note the receipt of the External Auditors certificate and report. It was noted it found the Parish Council’s financial and governance affairs to be in order, and made no adverse comment.
2. To note the acquisition of a Lloyds Bank for a business debit card. Its use would be restricted to paying invoices where they could only be paid by debit card, rather than BACS transfer or cheque, eg. IOW Council.
3. To note the receipt of £137.86 from Wooton Bridge Parish Council, their half of the latest installment of the cost of providing drivers for the route 34a community bus.
4. To approve a Sec 137 donation of £50 to support the St Peters Church coffee morning.
5. To note/authorize the following payments:

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| **Cheque No.** | **Payee** | **Details** | **Amount £** |
| BACS | BDO LLB | External Audit fee | 120.00 |
| BACS | Southern Vectis | 34a bus drivers: August | 275.71 |
| Debit Card | IOW Council | Recreation Ground and Environment Officer | 2565.24 |
| 569 | Premier Garden Services | Grass cutting, The Glade | 72.00 |
| 570 | HCA | Room Hire | 16.00 |
| 571 | Clerk | Salary and Expenditure | 382.23 |

**157/15 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted the next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday 1 October 2015, in the Community Centre, Main Road Havenstreet.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm