**HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2 February 2017**

**15 Minute Public Forum**

An item was raised regarding the IOWSR annual discount offer,

 for residents of Havenstreet and Ashey, for 2017.

 **17/17 Present:**

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

 C.Binnie (Clerk), C.Morris (Guest Speaker), and 8 member of the public.

 **18/17 Apologies**

 Apologies were received from Cllr. Simon.

 **19/17 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.

Cllr Hattersley declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 29/17, a) i), and took no part in its consideration. Cllr. Lyons took the Chair for that item.

 **20/17 Minutes**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2017 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the meetings.

 **21/17 Presentation**

Caroline Morris, Assistant Director of Primary Care and Corporate Business for the IOW Clinical Commissioning Group gave an interesting and informative presentation on the future delivery of GP services.

 **22/17 Parishioners Correspondence**

No correspondence had been received.

 **23/17 Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman reported that she had attended the monthly market in the Community Centre; and that she, Cllr Lyons, and the Clerk had attended a Housing, Planning and Development workshop earlier that day.

 **24/17 Members Questions to the Chair**

No questions were raised.

 **25/17 Policing Items**

The Clerk reported on behalf of the police that there were no current policing matters relevant to Havenstreet, and that they had confirmed that their “Crime Reports” website, detailing traffic incidents, no longer existed.

 **26/17 Isle of Wight Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Gauntlett reported:

1. The IOW Council was under new leadership, and that the 2017/18 budget was being prepared.
2. The Southampton/Portsmouth/IOW devolution merger proposals had been abandoned; and that there were no new developments on any Hampshire/IOW merger proposals.

**27/17 Other Reports**

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

1. Havenstreet Community Association.

 Cllr Lyons reported there had been no meeting.

1. IOW Association of Local Councils:

Cllr Hattersley reported on the latest IWALC meeting, when the main topic had been a presentation by Caroline Morris.

 **28/17 Ashey**

Cllr Bell reported Ashey Road was now exceptionally busy, possibly as a consequence of the closure of the floating bridge.

 **29/17 Planning**

1. Consideration was given to three planning applications:
2. P/01641/16 or TCP/30792/D

IOW Steam Railway, Station Road, Havenstreet.

Proposed porch to the front of the Train Storey building.

**Resolved:** To raise no objection.

1. P/00057/17 or TCP/32000/B

Brickfields, Newnham Road, Ryde.

Variation of a previous condition to allow a store/reception area to be used as an office.

**Resolved:** To raise no objection.

1. P/00041/17 or TCP/31965/C

Coombley Copse, Downend, Newport

Variation of a previous condition to allow alterations to the approved design.

**Resolved:** To raise no objection.

1. There were no planning decision to report; but a lodged appeal in respect of the Waste Transfer and Processing Site, at land off Briddlesford Road, Newport, was noted.

**30/17 Meeting Dates for 2017-18**

**Resolved:** Subject to the two alternative dates for May and June (needed as a consequence of Parish Council elections being held on 4 May 2017), to approve the attached schedule of meetings.

**31/17 Resignation of the Clerk**

It was noted that while the Clerk had formally tendered his resignation, it was accepted that in reality he was giving notice of his intention to retire in September 2017, when he reached his 65th birthday. His last day of employment will be 30 September 2017. He had offered to retire earlier, if the Council wished to appoint a replacement Clerk prior to the elections due in May 2017.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk continue in post until 30 September 2017, and to

commence an appropriate recruitment process later in the year.

**32/17 Employee’s Pension Scheme**

The statutory requirements regarding the new work place-pension schemes were noted. The Council had already been registered with the Pensions Regulator. While as a part-time employee, the Clerk’s salary is below the minimum required for the Council to have to make pension contributions, there is still a requirement for the Council to write to its employees by 1 May 2017 to determine if they wish the Council to provide a pension scheme for them to join. The current Clerk has already indicated he has no such wish, although it was noted any future Clerk may have a different view.

 As the Clerk is the only employee of the Council, and is therefore both the employer’s representative and the employee, it was agreed it was inappropriate for the Clerk to effectively “write to himself.”

**Resolved:** To authorise the Chairman to write to the Clerk accordingly.

 **33/17 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to report.

 **34/17 Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk reported:

1. Cllrs Hattersley and Bell were attending the Rural Crime Conference being held in Newport, on 15 February 2017.
2. Island Roads had confirmed
3. they were investigating the surface water running down Church Road, Havenstreet, and would apply salt bags whenever the weather was sufficiently cold,
4. the twisted playground sign in Church Road, Havenstreet had been repaired.
5. The IOW Council had issued a notice permitting part reduction of a preserved oak tree at Ashells Mead, Main Road, Havenstreet.

 **35/17 Finance**

**Resolved:**

1. To receive and note the the IOW Council precept letter,

dated 19 January 2017.

1. To approve the attached budget for the year 2017-18.
2. To increase the precept for 2017-18 from £10,000 to £12,000, and to authorise the Clerk to reply to the IOW Council precept letter accordingly.
3. To approve/authorise payment of accounts:

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| **Cheque No.** | **Payee** | **Details** | **Amount £** |
| BACS | Community Action IOW  | Payroll services | 19.50 |
| BACS | IWALC | Annual Subscription | 144.76 |
| 636 | Clerk | Salary and Expenditure | 389.56 |
| 637 | Haven Taxis | Community Taxi Service | 310.00 |

 **36/17 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted the next meeting will be on Thursday 2 March 2017, in the Community Centre, Main Road, Havenstreet.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm