**HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th February 2019**

**15 Minute Public Forum**

 No items were raised.

 **18/19 Present:**

 Cllrs V Hattersley (Chair), S Lyons, M Lyons, K Hull and L Bell.

 R Priest (Clerk) and 3 members of the Public.

 **19/19 Apologies**

Cllr Gauntlett & IW Cllr Churchman.

 **20/19 Declarations of interest**

Members declared an interest in items 33/19 B and C, and the Clerk/RFO granted dispensation for these items and documentation filed.

 **21/19 Minutes**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd January 2019, be taken as read, confirmed and signed, by Cllr Hattersley as being an accurate record of the meetings.

 **22/19 Parishioners Correspondence**

A resident raised concerns regarding hedge trimmings in the highway near Firestone Copse on Road to Wootton, and the Clerk would advise Island Roads accordingly; as well as Forestry Commission regarding damaged board.

Concerns were also raised regarding vehicles overtaking vehicles for disabled people, members gave advice regarding dash-cameras to record incidents and forward to Police as evidence.

Mr Bell thanked the Council for their efforts to highlight traffic concerns in Ashey, and thanked Island Roads for their response, he asked that further concerns could be forwarded regarding increased width of vehicles (inc Lorries and coaches), need for flashing signage in both directions, and the significant implications of the proposed Smallbrook development, both in building phase and subsequent commuter increase.

 **23/19 Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman noted recent presentation of Best Kept Village (Medium sized) Award, and South East England In Bloom Certificate, by the High Sheriff, with awards on display in White Hart and Community Centre.

The Chairman noted the Island Plan consultation, and thank Cllr M Lyons for draft comments, and the Clerk, and members highlighted concerns about Parish inclusion as a Sustainable Rural Settlement given the Parish does not have a shop or Bus service; there were significant concerns over brownfield sites designated for development, as a lack of footpaths, impact on roads and infrastructure, and a need to ensure significant public realm investment to enable any development to proceed, and it shouldn’t be left to developers alone to address community needs. The Clerk would circulate draft submission before closing date.

The Chairman updated members on the situation, and meetings with the Church and Community Association, regarding the newsletter and possible alternative methods of communicating with residents within the Parish, which may include improvements to notice boards and better use of monthly market, and facebook page of Community Association.

Cllr S Lyons noted need for year on review of Age Friendly Report, possibly linked to local resilience plan going forward, and the Clerk would arrange; and the Chairman confirmed attendance at forthcoming celebration.

The Chairman also noted potential Sunflowers Project involving the front gardens of local residents, and could extend to areas of the Rec.

 **24/19 Members Questions to the Chair**

Members noted recent rain issues in Church Road and the Clerk would contact the Church and Island Roads accordingly. The Clerk would also contact Southern Vectis regarding previous meeting on need for Bus Service.

 **25/19 Policing Items**

Members remain concern regarding Police visibility in the Parish and the clerk would contact appropriate officers.

 **26/19 Isle of Wight Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Churchman forwarded concerns regarding local developments, and members thank Cllr Churchman for Report and update at next meeting.

 **27/19 Other Reports**

Havenstreet Community Association – The Chairman and Vice-Chair noted the forthcoming meeting, and launch of photography club with 23 attendees.

Cllr M Lyons updated members on recent correspondence with the MP regarding Southern Water Roadworks, Costs of Patient Travel across the Solent, and the need to reduce housing targets for the Island down from 600 to 300 with 90% targets for affordable housing for Islanders; as well as concerns for the poor level of service provided by ferry companies serving the Island.

Cllr M Lyons noted the Dark Skies initiative (Clerk to circulate poster), the launch of St Mary’s patient discharge service, and discussed the Emergency Plan Seminar, and members agreed to have a future agenda item linked to Age Friendly project.

 **28/19 Ashey**

Cllr Hull thanked colleagues for support ensuring hedges and fences replanted, and continued concern with road surface water and flooding in Ashey.

 **29/19 Planning**

a/ **TCP/29919/F – P/01442/18** Ravens Oaks Farm, Carters Road, Installation of PV Panels. Members did not object.

b/ Members noted planning decisions made.

**30/19 Correspondence**

Cllr Hattersley updated members on correspondence with Island Roads, and that they supported consideration of shelving in Shelter freeing up seats, as well as protecting outside of shelter and moving notice board.

**31/19 Recreation Ground**

Members highlighted concerns regarding infestation of moles at the Recreation Ground, and supported the actions taken, as well as removal of broken bench, and members agreed to consider new metal bench in 2019/20.

Members also discussed the inclusion of a Meadow for the Summer, and the Clerk would arrange for a site meeting with contractors in March to discuss area to be allocated to Meadow, and Cllrs S & M Lyons would investigate possible shed and shelter options

**32/18 Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk noted the forthcoming Budget options and the balance between increasing demands and the limited resources of the Parish.

**33/18 Finance**

a/ Members noted the 3rd Quarter Accounts and reconciliation, and approved:

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| Cheque No | Payee | Details | Amount £ |
| 698 | Haven Taxis | Subsidised travel service | 512 |
| 699 | Island Roads | Emptying Dog Bin @ Ashey Road |  84.60 |
| 700 | Community Action | Clerk Salary Dec 18 and Jan 19 | 592.66 |
| 701 | HCA | Room Hire Dec 18 and Jan 19 |  30.00 |
| 702 | R.Priest | Clerk Expenses Dec 18 & Jan 19 | 209.70 |

b/ Members discussed Budget options for 2019/20, including provision of new bench, first aid training linked to age friendly and resilience projects, with community responders option, and to use reserves, if appropriate, to support a budget of £12,000, precept of £11,902 net of grant (£98), and review needs in future years. Members noted Defibrillator available in Northbrook House and the Parish could provide better signage.

c/ Members agreed precept of £11,902, net of grant, and the Clerk would contact the billing authority.

**34/19 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted the next scheduled meeting will be at 7pm, on Thursday

7th March 2019, in the Community Centre, Main Road, Havenstreet.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm