**HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting held**

**At 7pm on Thursday 4 November 2021**

**15 Minute Public Forum**

Items covered in Parishioners Correspondence, attendance was limited

due to Covid guidance

**Present:**

Cllrs V Hattersley (Chair), S Lyons, K Hull, C Gauntlett, B Blezzard, and M Lyons.

R Priest (Clerk), and 1 member of the Public.

**60/21/22 Apologies**

The Chairman outlined Covid arrangements to members and public present. IW Cllr C Mosdell sentapologies.

**61/21/22 Declarations of interest**

Cllr Hattersley noted that she was also Chair of Community association, Cllr S Lyons was also involved with Community Association, and Cllr B Blezzard was also a Parish Councillor in Newchurch, member of NALC, SERCAF, HIOWLGA and partner involved in HCA, Cllr M Lyons member of IWALC and LAF. There were no other declarations in addition to those previously disclosed on declaration forms.

**62/21/22 Minutes**

Members unanimously agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2 September 2021 and the chairman signed them as a true and accurate record.

**63/21/22 Parishioners Correspondence**

Parishioners Correspondence would be covered by Chairman’s Report.

**64/21/22 Policing Items**

Members noted previous report and clerk would seek updated report.

**65/21/22 Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman noted the meeting with Island Roads at the Recreational Ground, and discussions with contractors regarding the meadow. The new benches were in place and the clerk would contact Island Roads regarding the plaque. The Clerk had also contacted Care in the Garden regarding new picnic tables and would visit the centre to confirm details.

Members agreed to purchase the NHS Defibrillator following circulation of costs, and this would include pads for children, and members also agreed provisionally to training in the new year.

Lead Councillors reported on their specific areas of interest:

Scams – Cllr S Lyons circulated details of current scams of concern.

Planning – Cllr B Blezzard noted the response to the draft Planning Strategy had been submitted and thanked members for attending the briefing at the centre.

HCA – Cllrs Hattersley and S Lyons updated members on recent events including Saturday Market, plans for a talk on the village, and arrangements for Christmas, with the Tree being in place for the Christmas programme.

Ashey – Cllr K Hull noted discussions with the Railway on signage, and hopefully arrangements in place to install a sign to inform road users of the status of the road and stop traffic causing road safety issues; and also ongoing internet issues, the Clerk would contact wightfibre regarding update on their grant to improve rural accessibility. Concern was also raised re Bloodstone Copse and the clerk would contact Brading PC.

Members discussed the ongoing issues regarding surface water on Church Road, Cllr M Lyons and Cllr B Blezzard had a virtual meeting with IW Cllr P Jordan and, following the Parish Council Meeting, Cllr M Lyons would write to Cllr Jordan with the background to the issue, and request urgent action is taken. Members noted the offer, by the Parish Council, to part fund the project proposed by the Church and Island Roads in February 2021, and only prevented by Southern Water at the time. The clerk would write to Island Roads and the Church and request a meeting, as well as details of the reasons why the project did not proceed. Members also noted the need for gritting and salt bags due to the weather conditions and the clerk would also write on this matter.

Members noted the ongoing concern with road safety in the Parish, and the delay by IW Council in reviewing Road Safety in the Parish and across the Island, the Clerk would ask Cllr Mosdell to clarify the current situation in her written report to members.

The Chairman outlined arrangements for the Remembrance Services at the Shrine, Church and Ashey Cemetery, and clerk distributed wreaths for the services.

Members discussed possible projects for the Queen’s Platinum Jubliee in June 2022, and would include budgetary provision in 2022/23 Budget, this may include trees in the Village and Ashey, and members are mindful of the Covid situation on planning future events.

**66/21/22 IW Councillors Report**

Cllr Mosdell apologized for absence and would send written report.

**67/21/22 Other Reports**

a/ HCA – Members noted recent meetings and Cllr C Gauntlett would be the Lead Member in the future.

b/ IWALC – Cllr Blezzard and Cllr M Lyons reported on recent IWALC events

c/ Local Access Forum – Cllr M Lyons reported on deferred Coastal Path project, Disability Access initiatives and West Wight Projects, as well as concerns over Beryl scooters and 30th anniversary of Walk the Wight.

**68/21/22 Ashey**

Cllr K Hull updated members on recent issues.

**69/21/22 Planning**

1. Consideration was given to the following planning applications:

i/21/02007/FUL demolition of existing bungalow, and proposed replacement dwelling at Longcommon Farm, Stroudwood Road. Members discussed the proposal and agreed there were no comments to be made.

Ii/ 21/02101/1APA proposed conservatory at Ashell’s Mead, on Havenstreet Main Road. Members noted the proposal and made no comment.

**70/21/22 Correspondence**

The Clerk updated members on correspondence since previous meeting.

**71/21/22 Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk’s report was covered by items earlier in the agenda.

**72/21/22 Finance**

a/ Members noted the finance report until 31.10.2021, and the clerk would circulate electronic copies, updating website and noted cost savings during Covid, and agreed the payments schedule included in the finance report.

b/ Members noted receipt of VAT Return of £496.45.

c/ Members discussed initial options for the 2022/23 Budget n and the clerk would draft 0%, 5% (inflation), and 10% increase options for next meeting, and noted decision on precept would need to be made at February meeting.

**73/21/22 Date of Next Meeting**

The Chairman, noted attendance on forthcoming training course and confirmed schedule of meetings as at the Community Centre at 7pm on:

6 January 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm