**HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**At 7.30pm on Thursday 7 September 2023**

**15 Minute Public Forum**

**Present:**

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

R Priest (Clerk),IW Cllr C Mosdell and 2 members of the Public.

**44/23/24 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**45/22/23 Declarations of interest**

Cllr S Lyons was vice-chair of the Community Association, Cllr Hull regarding St Peters, Cllr Hattersley regarding HCAand Cllr M Lyons was a member of IWALC and his wife involved in HCA. There were no other declarations in addition to those previously disclosed on declaration forms.

**46/23/24 Minutes**

**Resolved unanimously:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2023 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the meeting.

**47/23/24 Questions to the Chair**

Cllr S Lyons welcomed IW Cllr C Mosdell to the meeting and brought forward IWC Report. Cllr Mosdell updated members on the slow return of officers to County Hall, following Covid and the summer break, the delays in getting responses and decisions from the Planning Department, which has staffing retention and recruitment issues; the financial pressures facing the Authority and changing in arrangements, with Hampshire CC, regarding Children Services and Schools. Cllr C Gauntlett was seriously concerned about the impact on Island children and education provision, and asked Cllr Mosdell to reflect this at the next Full Council meeting.

Cllr S Lyons updated members on discussions within the Community Association for an event to mark the King’s Birthday in November, progress on the access protection bar outside of the community Centre with Island Roads planning a site visit before installation, and progress on preparation of a parish newsletter.

**48/23/24 Ashey**

Members noted discussions with Ashey Garage regarding installation of defibrillator with Island Charity taking forward project, prior to arranging training for members and volunteers. Cllr K Hull noted residents in Station Road wished the Road Sign, removed by IWC when damaged, would be returned in preference to residents funding replacement sign.

**49/23/24 Planning**

Members noted correspondence circulated by the Clerk.

**50/23/24 Councillor Reports**

Cllr M Lyons noted recent IWALC Topic meeting on IWC transferring responsibilities to Parish Councils, and there was no LAF meeting until October. Cllr V Hattersley updated members on Community Centre events, including successful Wine and Cheese event, quiz on 22 October, Jumble Sale on 7 October, and 90th birthday party of local resident, as well as planning for a local celebration of local resident that recently passed away.

**51/23/24 Clerk’s Report & Correspondence**

The Clerk updated members on Recreational Ground issues, and request for site meeting with new Environment Officer, planned meeting in October with grounds contractor regarding the meadow and wish to reduce in size, the placement of the picnic bench following health & safety considerations, and the installation of the new Vicar for St Peters Dave Morgan.

Members noted IWC Consultations on Licensing and Council Tax Reduction Scheme, invitations to Steam Railway and Best Kept Village events, and arrangements for 2024 Remembrance Day services in the Parish.

**52/23/24 Finance**

**Resolved:**

1. Members confirmed accounts and reconciliation until 31 August 2023.
2. Members comparisons regarding Insurance Provision, and confirmed extension of arrangement with existing provider.
3. Members confirmed contractor for maintenance of the Glade and other areas as appropriate within the Parish.
4. Raine Elliss updated members on upgrade to laptop, as well as discussions with Ashey Garage regarding Defib project, and updated members contact details list prior to publication.
5. Members discussed succession planning and agreed reduction in Clerk’s hours to 4 a week, with remaining 4 hours to fund Locum Administrative support until 2025 Parish Elections, with new council to discuss and agree longer term way forward.
6. Members noted savings made and the financial position of the Council.

**53/23/24 Date of Next Meeting**

The Chairman confirmed date of next meeting as 7.30pm on Thursday 5 October 2023, followed by Thursday 2 November 2023, Thursday 4 January 2024, Thursday 1 February 2024, Thursday 7 March 2024,Thursday 4 April 2024 and Thursday 2 May 2024.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.