**HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**At 7.30pm on Thursday 5 October 2023**

**15 Minute Public Forum**

 **Present:**

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

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

**54/23/24 Apologies**

There were apologies from IW Cllr C Mosdell.

**55/22/23 Declarations of interest**

Cllr S Lyons was vice-chair of the Community Association, Cllr Hull confirmed no further involvement with 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.

**56/23/24 Minutes**

**Resolved unanimously:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2023 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the meeting.

**57/23/24 Questions to the Chair**

Cllr S Lyons welcomed resident Gavin Hampton from the Parish Speedwatch project, who outlined duration of the project, the equipment to be used, volunteers part of the project, and equipment that may help with the project, and would update members on the scheme and funding could be included in budget for 2-24 onwards.

Cllr S Lyons updated members on meeting with Island Roads and siting of benches near silver birch in the recreation ground; publication and distribution of new parish newsletter; clarified that Cllr Hattersley would attend Shrine on remembrance day, Cllr Hull and Gauntlett Ashey Cemetery, and Cllr S Lyons St Peters, and the Clerk would clarify attendance of Clergy and arrange wreaths.

Members noted concerns regarding fouling on the Rec and that Environment Officer had been made aware, and IW Roads had removed branch from Railway Bridge Sign and improved visability.

**58/23/24 Ashey**

Members noted that google Maps was showing Ashey Station on on-line maps, and the forthcoming closure of Ashey Road would impact on the Garage.

**59/23/24 Planning**

Members noted correspondence circulated by the Clerk.

**60/23/24 Councillor Reports**

Cllr M Lyons noted recent IWALC training group meeting, with Finance Training being planned, appointment of new Communications Officer, recent IW Rail & Bus Users Group meeting, and Community Action Rural Housing Enabler project.

Cllr V Hattersley updated members on Community Centre events including Jumble Sale, musical evening, as well as recent Best Kept Village success and BBC Radio Solent award, as well as Heritage Railway of the Year award for local Railway

**61/23/24 Clerk’s Report & Correspondence**

The Clerk updated members on Recreational Ground issues,

Members noted correspondence circulated by the clerk and Raine Elliss, and noted arrangements for November Meeting.

**62/23/24 Finance**

**Resolved:**

1. Members confirmed accounts reconciliation until 30 September 2023.
2. Members noted increased charges and this needed reflecting in the 2024 Budget which would be discussed at future meeting.
3. Members thanked the Clerk for arranging cutting of the Glade and work at the Rec, with meeting with contractors to be organized before Spring.
4. Raine Elliss updated members on upgrade to laptop, as well as discussions with Ashey Garage regarding Defib project and members unanimously confirmed taking forward the quote received up to the value of £1500 with qualified and experienced contractor.
5. Members discussed succession planning and confirmed reduction in Clerk’s hours to 4 a week, with remaining 4 hours to fund Locum Administrative support until 2025 Parish Elections through STC.

**63/23/24 Date of Next Meeting**

The Chairman confirmed date of next meeting as 7.30pm on Thursday 2 November 2023, then 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 8.45pm.