**N HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held**

**At 7.30pm on Thursday 15 May, continued 22 May 2025**

**15 Minute Public Forum**

**Present:**

 K Hull (Chair), A Barry, and V Hattersley

 R Elliss (Clerk) and 4 members of the Public.

15 May 2025 Meeting was in quorate, and 22 May 2025 was a continuation of 15 May 2025 Meeting.

**1/25/26 Election of Chair**

The clerk thanked all members for their support during the previous year. Cllr K Hull and Cllr V Hattersley voted unanimously, and Cllr A Barry signed the Acceptance of Office.

**2/25/26 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr C Mosdell.

**3/25/26 Election of Vice-Chair**

Cllr K Hull was elected Vice-Chair for the ensuing year and signed the Acceptance of Office.

**4/25/26 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations, and the Clerk reminded councilors to return their signed forms in New Councilor folders received.

**5/25/26 Minutes**

Resolved unanimously: That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2025 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the meeting.

**6/25/26 Vacancy on Parish Council to initiate co-option process**

Cllr K Hull, Cllr V Hattersley, and Cllr A Barry voted unanimously Conrad Gauntlett and Mick Lyons as new members to The Parish council and they both signed the Acceptance of Office.

**7/25/26 Representation on Outside Bodies**

**IWALC** - Members unanimously agree for Cllr A Barry to represent Havenstreet & Ashey PC on IWALC. Cllr A Barry Thanked Cllr M Lyons for his past representation to IWALC. The clerk would write to IWALC accordingly.

**HCA –** Members unanimously agree for Cllr V Hattersley to serve on the HCA.

**8/25/26 Members Questions**

*No Substantive decisions can be taken under this item*

**9/25/26 Police Items**

No police were in attendance, and members noted PSCO attends HCA regularly meeting with residents. The clerk will continue to send invites for Parish meetings.

**10/25/26 Ashey**

Cllr K Hull advised members of the Private Road / No access to Steam railway. Clerk will contact Island Roads for further advise.

**11/25/26 Planning**

Members noted correspondence circulated by the Clerk.

**12/25/26 Correspondence**

The Clerk noted correspondence previously circulated for a donation request to The Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day 2025. Members voted, (Four For and One against) on a contribution of £150. Clerk will arrange payment as soon as possible.

**13/25/26 Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk’s report was red to members.

**14/25/26 Finance**

**Resolved:**

1. To receive the Internal Auditors Report for the year ending 31 March 2024-2025 and members agreed the report.
2. Members confirmed completion of the Certificate of Exemption, as neither gross annual income nor gross annual expenditure exceeds £25,000.
3. Members approved the Asset Register for 2024/25, and the Chairman signed the Register.
4. Reconciliation for the year ended 31st March 2025, and noted the Year end accounts for the year end ending 31st March 2025.
5. Members approved Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) of the External Audit Annual Return, and authorized the Chairman to sign Section 1 on behalf of the Parish Council.
6. Members approved Section 2 (Accounting Statement) of the External Audit Annual Return, and authorized the Chairman and the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO/Clerk) to sign on behalf of the Parish Council.
7. Members confirmed the dates of the period for the exercise of public rights as Tuesday 3 June to Monday 14 July 2025 in accordance with guidance.
8. Members noted receipt of Precept of £20,568.00 from IW Council.

**15/25/26 Date of Next Meeting**

The Chairman confirmed, the schedule of meetings as at the Community Centre at 7.00pm on:

Thursday 5 June 2025

Thursday 3 July 2025

Thursday 4 September 2025

Thursday 6 November 2025

Thursday 5 February 2026

Thursday 5 March 2026

The meeting ended at 8:55pm.