

**MINUTES OF THE FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Royal Victoria Yacht Club at 7.00p.m.**

**Present** – Cllr Hector, Cllr Hopper, Cllr Talbot, Cllr Honeywill, Cllr Tobin  
Mrs Warr (Clerk),  
Members of the public – 3

**Public Questions:** - Mrs Abraham asked if Kite Hill could be represented in the newsletter as, in her opinion, it appeared to be forgotten. Cllrs Talbot and Honeywill replied that information from the whole parish was welcomed and invited Mrs Abraham to contribute. Cllr Hopper agreed to write an update on matters relating to Kite Hill for the next edition.

**REF MINUTE**

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3833 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Simon Dennis and IW Cllr Kilpatrick.

3834 Members' Declarations of Pecuniary and Non pecuniary Interests and Requests for Dispensation of Pecuniary Interest

None were identified

3835 Minutes of the Meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were presented.

**RESOLVED: that, the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 are approved as a correct record and are duly signed by the Chairman.**

3836 Reports

1. Chairman's Report – A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.
2. IWC Cllr Kilpatrick – Cllr Kilpatrick was unable to attend and did not send a report
3. Councillors' reports:

**Cllr Talbot** circulated a report from IWC Environment and Sustainability Forum (copy attached to these minutes) and gave a verbal report on the recent WCFA meeting. The AGM will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> March and a marine watch has been set up in Bembridge, which may be of interest.

**Cllr Honeywill** circulated a report and a copy is attached to these minutes.

**Cllr Hopper** circulated a proposal for extensions to footpaths on eastern and western side of Firestone Copse Road, at the junction with Kite Hill. Island Roads had been approached for a site meeting but were unable to attend and had invited the PC to submit a proposal for consideration. It was unanimously agreed to submit the proposal for comment.

**RESOLVED: to submit a proposal to Island Roads for an extension to the footpaths on the eastern and western side of Firestone Copse Road and the junction with Kite Hill.**

4. Clerk - The Clerk circulated a report and a copy is attached to these minutes

3837 Members Special Responsibilities

The current responsibilities were confirmed, and Cllr Hopper offered to be the liaison for Island Roads. It was noted that deputies for representatives to outside bodies would be beneficial. The responsibilities would be discussed again and ratified at the Annual Meeting in May.

**RESOLVED: that, the Members responsibilities are agreed as:**

- **Newsletter – Sue Honeywill and Sarah Talbot**
- **IWALC – Sue Honeywill and Patrick Tobin**
- **Wootton Creek Fairways Association – Sarah Talbot**
- **IWC Environmental and Sustainability Forum – Sarah Talbot**
- **Wightlink – Malcolm Hector**
- **Island Roads – Ed Hopper**

3838 Newsletter

Cllrs Honeywill and Talbot gave some feedback on the recent edition of the newsletter. They would like more pictures and additional reputable contractors' details. Cllr Kilpatrick had been approached to write a column and further to the request in public question time, it was reiterated that contributions from all sections of the parish are very welcome. There will be an item on the VE 75 Day celebrations in the March/April copy.

3839 VE Day 75 Celebrations

- A proposal to install a tabernacle, to facilitate the erection of a flagpole on Oak Tree Green was discussed and unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED: that the proposal to install a tabernacle on Oak Tree Green is accepted and the Parish Council will fund the £145 concreting cost.**

- A request for a contribution towards the cost of live music (approx. £250) for a celebration on Oak Tree Green organised by the Fishbourne Inn was discussed and unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED: that the Parish Council will fund (up to £250) the live music at a celebration on Oak Tree Green for VE Day 75**

3840 Interpretation Board re Sea Birds

A proposal was put forward for a project to erect an interpretation board close to Fishbourne Beach, showing the visiting birds and encouraging dog walkers not to disturb the birds from feeding on the shoreline. **Cllr Talbot** agreed to discuss the proposal with the landowner and the Clerk will contact 'Birdaware Solent' for advice and possible funding opportunities.

3841 Litter bins on the Lower Green

The meeting with residents is included in the Chairman's report.

Island Roads have agreed to the proposed location and the rotation of the bins through 180 degrees, which would take the opening away from the roadway. The boundary of the common land needs to be confirmed and once this is done and the bins will be moved. It was proposed to plant bushes on each side to conceal the structure and paint the back to further soften the view for residents. This will be discussed again once the position has finally been agreed.

3842 Adoption of Telephone Box on Fishbourne Lane

It was noted that the new style phone boxes were only available for adoption if they were to house a defibrillator. As this facility is already available in the parish it was agreed not to take this proposal any further.

3843 Community Speedwatch

The Community Speedwatch initiative was discussed, and as the Chairman had previously attended the training, he was able to expand on the details. Members were dubious that a suitable position for the mobile equipment could be found, especially as police mobile units are frequently located on Kite Hill. All felt it would be more

beneficial to change the 30mph reactive sign on Fishbourne Lane to the type that show the speed actually occurring. It was agreed to approach Island Roads for the cost of an upgrade.

**RESOLVED: that, Island Roads would be approached for an upgrade to the speed reactive sign on Fishbourne Lane.**

3844 Budget and Precept 2020/21

The budget was discussed, and it was agreed to set the precept at £17,000, maintaining the level set for 2019/20. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes

**RESOLVED: that the precept for 2020/21 would be set at £17,000**

3845 Correspondence received (for information only)

A letter of thanks from the Isle of Wight Music, Dance and Drama Festival had been received, for the donation towards the 2020 event.

Information from the Environment Agency had been received, regarding maintenance works on the river, this will be circulated to Councillors.

3846 Finance:

- February Payment Schedule

**RESOLVED: that the payments for February, totalling £1245.49 are approved.**

A copy of the Schedule is attached to these Minutes.

- Bank reconciliation and budget statement

**RESOLVED: that the statements are accepted**

3847 Future Agenda Items

No new items were identified.

3848 Date of next meeting – the date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.03pm

Signed as a true record

Chairman .....

12.03.20