

**MINUTES OF THE FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 9th July 2020 by Video Link at 7.00p.m.**

Present – Cllr Hector, Cllr Hopper, Cllr Talbot and Cllr Honeywill
Mrs Warr (Clerk),
Members of the public – 0

Public Questions: - No public present

REF MINUTE

3906 Apologies
None.

3907 Members' Declarations of Pecuniary and Non pecuniary Interests and Requests for Dispensation of Pecuniary Interest
None were identified

3908 Minutes of the Meetings
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th June 2020 were presented.
RESOLVED: that, the minutes of the 11th June 2020 are approved as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman.

3909 Councillor Vacancy
It was noted that no applications had been received for the co-option vacancy. It was also noted that Cllr Dennis had not attended any council meetings within the last six months and therefore has lost his position on the parish council. It was agreed to report the vacancy to the IWC Council and include information in the newsletter.

3910 Reports

1. Chairman's Report – the Chairman made a short report and a copy is attached to these minutes.
2. Clerk - The Clerk circulated a report and a copy is attached to these minutes. It was noted that the upgrade to the website was progressing and it was agreed to take a few new photographs to reflect more of the parish.
3. Island Roads – The recent resurfacing of the bottom half of Fishbourne Lane was discussed. It was noted that the lettering denoting the turning circle had not been replaced. When this was checked with Island Roads it was confirmed that this lettering did not conform to the Traffic Signs Regulations so would not be reinstated. Although yellow lines were in place, this did not stop people parking and forced drivers to use the resident's driveways to turn around. It was agreed to contact Island Roads for advice and to request residents contact the Chairman when they notice this infringement, so he can request immediate enforcement.
The 'cats eyes' had been replaced in Fishbourne Lane and appear to be staying in place.
Cllr Hopper had been contacted about the increase of cyclists using the pavements on Kite Hill. It was noted that part of the pavement is sandwiched between two cycle tracks, so can be confusing for users.

4. Cllr Talbot reported from a recent meeting of the WCFA that several vessels had gone aground on the rocks as the hazard sign was not clear. A more noticeable marker would be installed.

There had not been a meeting of the IWC Environmental Forum, but it was noted that the Keep Britain Tidy campaign will be held in September.

Cllr Talbot reported that due to irresponsible use of the hut on the Lower Green, Mr Smyth had decided to board it up. Members were dismayed by this proposal as they felt the hut was of historical interest, as well as being an asset to the Lower Green. It was agreed to write to Mr Smyth and his brother, proposing that, through a legal agreement, the PC could take over the maintenance of the hut.

RESOLVED: that, the Parish Council will write to Mr Smyth proposing an agreement to maintain the hut on the Lower Green

5. Cllr Honeywill did not have anything particular to report from IWALC, as the bulletins and information were circulated regularly. There had been an enquiry from a resident about how to deal with an unkempt property and it was suggested that this should be reported to IWC Planning Enforcement.

3911 Newsletter

It was agreed to keep to the new format for the next newsletter, although it may have to reduce to four times per year if not enough articles are forthcoming.

The request from the Abbeyfield Society to advertise in the newsletter was discussed and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: that, an advert from Abbeyfield Ryde Society Ltd would be accepted for the newsletter.

3912 Noise from Wightlink Ferries

This item was discussed under the Chairman's report and as both the transport manager of Sainsbury and Wightlink had agreed to speak to the lorry drivers, it was agreed to postpone any further action. If the problem persists this will be reviewed.

3913 Lower Green

The request to plant a tree on the Lower Green was discussed and it was agreed in theory that this would be an excellent idea. The type of tree had not been outlined and it was felt that a flowering tree would add colour to the area. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would arrange to meet with the residents, on the Green, to confirm a suitable location.

RESOLVED: that, a meeting would be arranged on the Lower Green between the Chairman, Clerk and residents to agree a position for a new tree.

The recent problems with emergency vehicles gaining access to the Lower Green were discussed. It was agreed to contact the Fire Service to ask for support to lobby Island Roads for additional double yellow lines.

RESOLVED: that, a letter would be sent to the Fire Service requesting support for additional double yellow lines along the entrance to the Lower Green to ease access for emergency vehicles.

3914 New LGA Model Code of Conduct

Members noted the consultation but offered no comment.

3915 Correspondence received

None received

3916 Finance:

- June Payment Schedule
RESOLVED: that the payments for July, totalling £757.96 are approved.
- Bank Reconciliation
RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation is approved

3917 Future Agenda Items

- Vacancy for two councillors
- Lower Green issues
- Drilling on the Island

3918 Date of next meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was confirmed as Thursday 10th September 2020 at 7pm.

A full meeting will not be held in August unless timebound issues arise, however resumption of the Tuesday surgeries may be considered, if an open-air venue is available.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed as a true record

Chairman

10.09.20