

**MINUTES OF THE FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 10th September 2020 by Video Link at 6.00p.m.**

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

Public Questions: - No public present

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- 3924 Apologies
Cllr Honeywill and IW Cllr Kilpatrick
- 3925 Members' Declarations of Pecuniary and Non pecuniary Interests and Requests for Dispensation of Pecuniary Interest
None were identified
- 3926 Minutes of the Meetings
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th July 2020 and the Planning Meeting, held on 13th August were presented.
RESOLVED: that, the minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2020 and the Planning Meeting, held on 13th August, are approved as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman.
- 3927 Councillor Vacancies
Two expressions of interest had been received and it was agreed to co-opt Cheryl Fontana and Weronika Nowak to the Parish Council.
RESOLVED: that, Cheryl Fontana and Weronika Nowak are co-opted onto Fishbourne Parish Council until May 2021
- 3928 Planning
New Plans
20/01264/HOU Swallow Falls, Firestone Copse Road, Proposed two storey rear extension.
Councillors raised no objection to the application but remarked that the plans did not have enough detail to fully comment on the proposal.
RESOLVED: that, Fishbourne Parish Council raised no objection to the application. However, they felt the plans were difficult to understand and lacking in detail to comment fully.
- 20/01026/HOU 64 Fishbourne Lane (revised plans)
RESOLVED: that, Fishbourne Parish Council would raise no objection to the revised plans.
- Changes to the Current Planning System
Members were very concerned about the proposals to increase the housing numbers to 1000 per year with an already struggling infrastructure and little provision for affordable housing.
RESOLVED: that, Fishbourne Parish Council objects in principle to the increase in housing numbers for the Isle of Wight, particularly as there appears to be little provision for affordable housing. The infrastructure of the Island is already struggling and without new schools, medical centres and increased employment opportunities, this increase is not sustainable. There is a need for smaller, affordable developments to

encourage young people and families to stay on the Island. Several areas are heavily populated with second homeowners and this needs to be discouraged and controlled to stimulate local communities. In addition, the Island has recently been awarded biosphere status and if this is to be retained, building must be ecological and sustainable, rather than being forced by numbers. In addition, it would advantageous if the CIL system was adopted, rather than keeping to the current Section 106 agreements, as this would give local communities more control in their areas.

3929 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.
3. Island Roads – Cllr Hopper met members of the Fire Service to discuss access to the Lower Green. They agreed that if cars were parked in a certain area access would be impossible. This will be reported to Island Roads.
4. Cllr Talbot reported on a first return to face to face meetings of the WCFA. It was noted that recently there had more recreational activity on the Creek. Cllr Talbot also mentioned the air lift incident on the Lower Green and the suggestion that a removable post may aid the emergency services in the future. This will be investigated.

3930 Newsletter

The next newsletter has a deadline of 17th September and the new Councillors were invited to write a short item introducing themselves.

3931 Wightlink Ferries

The continuing problems of traffic queuing on Fishbourne Lane were discussed. Although it was hoped to hold a public meeting, the changes to the social distancing rules make this impossible unless it is held online. Cllr Hopper offered to discuss this matter with IW Cllr Ward and the Chairman will speak to Bob Seely MP before a decision is made hold a video meeting.

3932 Lower Green

The Clerk is continuing to press for the agreed parking restrictions to be implemented. Island Roads will be contacted to request restrictions to stop cars blocking access to the Lower Green from Oak Tree Green, to aid emergency access. As Island Roads had turned down the request for markings on the turning circle, it was agreed to install a sign near the circle asking people not to park.

RESOLVED: that, a sign would be installed near the turning circle stating 'Please do not park in this turning circle'

3933 Tree Planting

Cllr Talbot reported that trees could not be planted on the land adjacent to the RVYC as first hoped. It was agreed to approach Quarr Abbey once more about planting on their land. Cllr Fontana agreed to take this forward.

3934 IW Council Tax Reduction Scheme

The consultation was noted but no comment was made

3935 IW Parking Strategy

It was agreed to comment on the Parking Strategy, highlighting the need for retaining the short-stay free parking strategy in town centres. This helps the local businesses and Members felt it would be very short sighted to end the practice. They felt it should be expanded to cover all towns centres so there is parity across the Island and to encourage people to use local shops. In addition, there should be an offer of a reduction in parking charges for electric vehicles. It was felt the barriers in the bigger towns could be reduced now that people are used to wearing face masks and social distancing and this would allow for the reinstatement of disabled parking bays.

3936 Drilling on the Island

The proposal was discussed, and it was felt that if this was to go ahead it would lead to further disruption along Fishbourne Lane, as all production would have to be taken off Island. Following the problems this summer with traffic and restriction of access to resident's property, further disruption would be unacceptable.

RESOLVED: that Fishbourne Parish Council would object to the proposals to drill for oil and gas on the Island, on the grounds of the potential for excessive traffic on already overloaded access to the Wightlink ferries, which would cause unacceptable disruption to the parish.

**Cllr Fontana made a declaration of pecuniary interest after the meeting as a shareholder of UK Oil and Gas, although she was not familiar with proposals for the Island. Cllr Fontana took no part in the discussions. **

3937 Correspondence received

None received

3938 Finance:

- September Payment Schedule

RESOLVED: that the payments for September, totalling £1421 are approved.

- Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation is approved

3939 Future Agenda Items

Wightlink – Tree planting – Bird Interpretation Board project - IWALC representative – Notice Board in Firestone Copse Road/Glade area

3940 Next meeting

RESOLVED: that a licence for Zoom video conferencing is purchased at an annual cost of £119.90

The date of the next monthly meeting was confirmed as Thursday 8th October 2020 at 7pm by video link.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.16pm

Signed as a true record

Chairman

08.10.20