

**MINUTES OF THE FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 12th November 2020 by Video Link at 7.00p.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

Lucy Nicholas, the Community Action Resilience Coordinator for the area, gave a short outline of the project. The team are working with communities, not only during the pandemic, but to help build resilience for other events such as floods, severe weather and local emergencies. It was acknowledged that the Fishbourne support hub had restarted but demand was low. Lucy highlighted services that had been successful through Aspire. These included a befriender service and she said training was available if more details were required. Lucy will circulate contact details via the Clerk.

REF MINUTE

3958 Apologies
None

3959 Members' Declarations of Pecuniary and Non pecuniary Interests and Requests for Dispensation of Pecuniary Interest
None were identified

3960 Minutes of the Meetings
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th October 2020 were presented.
RESOLVED: that, the minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2020 and are approved as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman.

3961 Councillor Vacancy
There had not been any response to the advert regarding the councillor vacancy. It was agreed to highlight this in the next newsletter and talk to residents who had expressed an interest in the past.

3962 Planning
RESOLVED: that, the following comments are agreed:
20/01549/HOU - Hill House, Elenors Grove - Proposed single storey rear and side extensions and two storey side extension; first floor front extension with material alterations.

Fishbourne PC resolved to raise no objection to the application, however concern was expressed on the possible impact on the root system of the mature tree in the back garden. If the IWC is minded to approve the application we would request a condition that a recognised root protection system is installed, in order to minimise damage to the root system of the mature tree during construction and after building work is completed.

20/01596/RVC - 20 Firestone Glade - Removal of condition 3 on 20/01095/HOU restricting permitted development rights

Fishbourne PC resolved to object to the application, as it is felt that future buildings could be added under permitted development rights and the site could become a series of workshops. The Parish Council request that the condition remains, and that further development should have planning approval.

20/01629/HOU, 19 Firestone Glade - Proposed part two storey, part single storey rear extension, a first floor side extension which wraps around to incorporate a first floor front facing addition above the garage.

Fishbourne Parish Council resolved to object to the application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site, out of keeping with the neighbouring properties and lack of adequate parking provision.

It was noted that two planning applications would be advertised on 13th November that concerned river developments and pontoons. It was agreed to obtain professional advice before any parish council comments are agreed.

3963 Reports

- a. Chairman's Report – the Chairman made a short report and a copy is attached to these minutes.
- b. Clerk - The Clerk reported on several items and a copy of the report is attached to these minutes. A first draft of the text for the bird interpretation board was well received and Members made some small suggestions to be put forward for the next draft.
- c. Island Roads – No reply had been received from Island Roads regarding a timeline for the parking restrictions on the Lower Green. Cllr Hopper agreed to take this forward and push for a meeting with the IWC Cabinet Member, if necessary. Concern was raised over possible suspicious activity involving a taxi arriving in the early morning along the Lower Green. It was agreed to talk to the residents along the Green about property surveillance measures.
- d. **Cllr Talbot** attended a WCFA meeting and it was noted that a complaint about raw sewage being discharged into Wootton Creek. The law says this is allowed for small craft so not a lot can be done. She drew their attention to the small thefts in the parish, as they were all adjacent to the water. The Environmental and Sustainability Forum is still suspended. Cllr Talbot arranged the garden of remembrance again for this year and 10 crosses had been added. The small ceremony included a reading and the last post was played. It was agreed to donate £30 to the British Legion in lieu of buying a wreath.
Cllr Fontana submitted a report on the IWALC AGM and a copy is attached to these minutes.

3964 Wightlink Ferries

It was noted that the reports in the IW County Press and on BBC South regarding the problems with the backlog at the terminal had been useful but there had not been any updates on the enforcement complaint made to the IWC. Cllr Hopper had made enquiries about the air pollution and it was agreed to explore this further with a view to setting up a monitor in time for the 2021 season. Residents were still complaining about light pollution from the terminal at night and the Chairman will contact them to discuss further and gather evidence.

RESOLVED: that, options for a solar air pollution monitor for Fishbourne Lane would be investigated.

That, the Chairman would gather further evidence of light pollution from the ferry terminal and report this to Wightlink

3965 Turning Circle Signage

Two suggestions from residents of the Lower Green for signage at the turning circle, were discussed. It was agreed to obtain a design and consult with the residents further.

RESOLVED: that, a design would be obtained for signage at the turning circle advising 'no parking, turning for vehicles'

3966 Notice Board in Firestone Copse Road/Glade area
Cllr Nowak had made some investigations regarding a suitable site for a notice board and it was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Nowak would visit the residents to ascertain their views.

RESOLVED: that, the Chairman and Cllr Nowak would visit residents to ascertain views regarding erecting a notice board in the Firestone Glade area

3967 Tree Planting and Tree Management

Options for a Christmas tree were discussed. It was agreed that planting a small rooted tree was the most sustainable and environmentally friendly option. A 5/6ft tree, with roots, from Thompsons Nursery would cost £49.99. The green adjacent to Firestone Copse Road was agreed as the best site and a set of solar lights would be purchased. Residents adjacent to the site would be informed to ensure any concerns are addressed.

RESOLVED: that, a 5/6ft rooted Christmas tree and solar lights would be purchased to be planted on the green adjacent to Firestone Copse Road and Kite Hill.

Concern was raised about the way Island Roads had cut the hedges along the roadside. Large pieces of hedge had been removed by the flail cutting and it was agreed that this was unacceptable. It was proposed to ask for support from the other town and parish councils before approaching Island Roads. This would be taken forward through IWALC.

RESOLVED: that, support would be requested, through IWALC, to make representations Island Roads regarding the unacceptable flail cutting of roadside hedges.

3968 Volunteer Support Hub

This was covered during the discussion at the start of the meeting with Lucy Nicholas. Cllr Talbot was warmly thanked for taking the lead with the group and for her prompt actions at the start of this lockdown.

3969 Correspondence received

None received

3970 Finance:

- November Payment Schedule

RESOLVED: that the payments for November, totalling £745.40 are approved.

- Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation is approved

3971 Future Agenda Items

Budget – Notice Board

3972 Next meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was confirmed as Thursday 10th December 2020 at 7pm by video link. There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.46pm

Signed as a true record

Chairman

10.12.20