

**MINUTES OF THE FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 11th February 2021 by Video Link at 7.00p.m.**

Present – Cllr Hopper (Acting Chairman) Cllr Talbot, Cllr Fontana, Cllr Nowak
Mrs Warr (Clerk),
Members of the public – 1

Public Questions: - No questions were asked

REF MINUTE

4001 Apologies

No apologies were received

4002 Members' Declarations of Pecuniary and Non pecuniary Interests and Requests for Dispensation of Pecuniary Interest

None were identified

4003 Minutes of the Meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 21 were presented and a small amendment was agreed to item 3397 to correct a typing error for Cllr Hopper's name.

RESOLVED: that, the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2021, are approved as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman.

4004 Planning

IWC Decisions - Granted

It was noted that 20/01719 Lazy Days Boatyard – Proposed renewal and revised layout of mooring pontoons and environmental mitigation, had been approved

Appeal Lodged

It was noted that an appeal had been lodged for the refusal of the application regarding the removal of condition 3 on 20/01095/HOU (20 Firestone Glade) restricting permitted development rights.

4005 Reports

a. Chairman's Report – the Chairman was not at the meeting and had not circulated a report.

b. Clerk - The Clerk verbally reported on a quiet month. It was noted that AJ Wells have experienced a delay in producing the bird interpretation board due to printer issues. They are resolving the situation internally.

c. Island Roads – this was covered in item 4008

d. Cllr Talbot submitted a report and a copy is attached to these minutes. It was agreed to submit a comment on the oil and gas drilling planning application in Arreton. It was felt that the potential increase in construction and eventual exploration traffic would have a detrimental impact on the parish of Fishbourne and particularly Fishbourne Lane. The need to transport heavy machinery would be via the ferry ports and as the routes through Fishbourne are congested on a regular basis, any further increase would be unsustainable for the area.

e. Cllrs Fontana and Nowak reported on two IWALC meetings and copies are attached to these minutes. The item from the meeting on 28th January, suggesting parishes may wish to donate 5 laptops to the school's campaign, was discussed. More information will be obtained before any decision is made.

4006 Newsletter

Cllr Talbot reported that she had been asked to write about the history of the Fishbourne car ferry. Due to the amount of information her husband (Nigel Talbot) had uncovered it was suggested that a special edition of the newsletter, solely featuring this item, should be produced. Wightlink had been sent a copy of the edition and had not responded. It was agreed that a rider should be added stating that Wightlink had had the chance to comment. The Chairman agreed to be the contact for any comments from residents.

RESOLVED: that a special edition of the newsletter covering the history of the Fishbourne car ferry would be printed and distributed.

4007 Land at junction of Kite Hill and Firestone Copse Road

The IWC had been approached regarding buying or licencing the two areas of land at the junction of Kite Hill and Firestone Copse Road. They had declined the offer but suggested the Parish Council could liaise with Island Roads to suggest further enhancement of the area. It was agreed to initially focus on the left side of the junction (from the turning into Firestone Copse Road). A track has been made along the wall, behind the foliage, where walkers have used this as a short cut, and it was agreed to ask for this to be made into a permanent path. A request would also be made for a planter to be installed at the front of the foliage. The Parish Council will offer to contribute to these enhancements.

RESOLVED: to request a planter is installed on the green space on the left hand side of the junction of Kite Hill and Firestone Copse Road and for Island Roads to consider the possibility of a permanent path adjacent to the wall in the same area.

4008 IWC Cabinet on the Road

Cllrs Hector, Hopper and Talbot attended the IW 'Cabinet on the Road' held on 4th February. It was agreed this had been a constructive session and all the submitted questions were discussed. The background to the problems of residents parking along Fishbourne Lane and on the Lower Green were highlighted and IW Cllr Ward has asked for a review of the decision along Fishbourne Lane to refuse a residents parking area and will chase the regulation order on the Lower Green. The destruction of the hedgerows by Island Roads using the flail cutter was discussed and Cllr Talbot agreed to send more photos through to IW Cllr Hastings.

4009 Census 2021

Posters will be displayed advertising the Census on 21st March and it was agreed that councillors would help to reassure and signpost residents who require assistance with information.

4010 Policies

Standing Orders and Financial Regulation for 2021 were reviewed and adopted without amendment.

RESOLVED: that Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for 2021 are adopted without amendment.

4011 Correspondence received

A request for a donation had been received from Suicide prevention and Intervention IW. This will be an agenda item next month.

4012 Finance:

- February Payment Schedule
RESOLVED: that the payments for February, totalling £756.84 are approved.
- Bank Reconciliation
RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation is approved

4013 Future Agenda Items

- Donation Request
- Enhancement of the green space at the junction of Kite Hill and Firestone Copse Road

4014 Next meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was confirmed as Thursday 11th March 2021, 7pm by Zoom.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed as a true record

Chairman

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