

PARISH OF FISHBOURNE

MINUTES OF THE CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 6.00pm.

Courtesy of the Chairman, Mr. Malcolm Hector, refreshments were provided.

Present: Cllr Hector (Chairman)
Mrs Katie Riley (Clerk)
16 members of the public

1. No apologies received.

2. The Chairman presented his Annual Report (attached to these minutes).

3. Mr. Barry Smith, Wightlink's Director of Safety, Health & Environment – DPA.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Barry Smith (BS) who provided a presentation explaining his role as Designated Person Ashore (DPA), how it fits into the Wightlink model, and how he can assist with ongoing issues raised through the Parish. As DPA he is legally responsible for ensuring both the safe operation of each vessel and monitoring the safety and pollution-prevention aspects of the operation of the vessel. Martin Gulliver (MG) and line manager Dean Murphy (DM) run the terminal, but BS will get involved at a higher level if there are compliancy issues. He recommended that he is copied into correspondence with MG and DM so that he can help move things on as appropriate to ensure good relations. There will be new vessels in the future which he will keep the Parish informed about and the challenge for Wightlink and the UK Marine industry as a whole is to reach zero emissions by 2050.

The Chairman raised the issue of refrigerated lorries (one or two reported incidents where chillers haven't been turned off overnight). BS confirmed there is a criteria in place and if not being enforced he needs to know. Similarly issues with trailers parked in Fishbourne Lane that have occurred on occasion, though outside Wightlink's jurisdiction, as a customer of Wightlink, BS would still get involved. Questions were asked as to whether Wightlink has an Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Statement given the Biosphere Reserve Designation for the whole of the Isle of Wight, to which he confirmed yes, they were very much involved and would send further information. He was thanked for meetings and efforts so far re. the 'bang-bang' noise but was asked whether it would ever be eliminated, to which he confirmed there would always be some noise but yes, it could be reduced by 80% which was well received.

BS thanked the Parish for inviting him. He said he was genuinely sorry for the problems that have occurred and that as things evolve there will always be problems, but they want to be good neighbours and would work hard to find solutions.

4. Open session:

The Chairman presented Miss Katie Andrews, winner of Fishbourne's photographic competition, with her award before opening the floor for questions.

Residents raised an issue with the posts on Oak Tree Green which have rotted away and that FPC had agreed to look into costs to replace them. The Clerk would investigate options for consideration at the next meeting.

The line markings as you exit the ferry terminal were raised as they have become very faint and it was asked if the council were going to repaint them? The Clerk would ask.

The pedestrian crossing in the Chairman's report was queried as to whether it was needed, generally considered not to be a welcome addition, but that it had been looked at by FPC due to a Fishbourne Lane resident having difficulty crossing the road and getting to the bus stop.

The issue of speeding was discussed and that any calming measures would only be considered by the IWC if there was a safety concern which would require evidence. Speed Watch is a police initiative which would help build the required log and enforcement picture but that residents are needed to volunteer to make it happen. It was commented that residents need to know about this. Though it has been in the newsletter previously, it would be useful to advertise this again, and will be added to the next edition.

There being no further questions the meeting closed at 6.44 pm.