

## MINUTES OF THE FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at 6.30 pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Fishbourne Lane, Fishbourne.

**Present** – Cllr Hopper (Chair), Cllr Conyers, Cllr Fontana, Cllr Talbot and Cllr Woollin  
Mrs Katie Riley (Clerk)

4 Members of the Public were in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed the 4 members of public to the meeting and invited them to speak on any matters that they wanted to bring to the Council's attention. An issue with large 8 wheeled lorries using Firestone Copse Road was raised which has been a problem especially when diversionary routes have been in place and has resulted in banks and ancient hedges being eroded. On one occasion the gate to a resident's Farm was damaged. On investigation it is thought that the lorries in question belong to the Forestry Commission. The Chairman requested that the Clerk contact the Forestry Commission on the resident's behalf to enquire and request that large vehicles are not sent down this road in future. Another resident queried whether members of the public would be invited to speak during agenda item 4416 (Wightlink noise monitoring report) to which the Chairman confirmed that they would. Concern was expressed regarding recent levelling work over the protected seabed in Wooton Creek by Cowes Harbour Commission, and queried as to whether there had been any licensing for the work. There was concern that if the relevant authorities were not notified that it could happen again. The Chairman requested that the Clerk write to Cowes Harbour Commission and ask why the work was carried out and who had been notified about it.

### Ref Minute

#### 4411 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Hector who had been delayed on the mainland.

#### 4412 Members' Interests

Cllr Conyers declared an interest in agenda item 4414 as she knew the architect of the planning application as a friend and neighbour. No written requests for Dispensation were received.

#### 4413 Minutes of the Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual General Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council, and the Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council, all held on 11th May 2023.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual General Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council, and the Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council, all held on 11th May 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

The Clerk had circulated matters arising prior to the meeting confirming advice she had received that the IWC had instructed the tendering of a quote to repair the seawall and would notify the Parish Council with timescales in due course, and that there had been no responses so far from local businesses about listing their business in the next edition of the newsletter. The Clerk is still to contact the Forestry Commission re. New Copse Woodland Management, and still to investigate Green Canopy Plaque options which members agreed to review together at the next parish surgery.

#### 4414 Planning

The following planning application was considered:

Application No: 23/00844/HOU

Location: Green Acre, Kite Hill PO33 4LE

Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension

**RESOLVED: That Fishbourne Parish Council raise no objection to this application.**

#### 4415 Reports

a. **Chairman's Report** – there was no report from the Chairman

b. **Clerk** – the Clerk had provided a written report and updated that she had refreshed the noticeboards with posters promoting the coffee morning and the spruce up day and posted some news items on the website, including photos from the APM, to try and bring it up to date a bit. There was no confirmation yet from Quarr Abbey as to when the new noticeboard would be ready. A new incident of flooding on Fishbourne Lane had been reported to Southern Water and responded to, and the Clerk had been informed about the bed levelling work carried out in Wootton Creek on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and would enquire about it with Cowes Harbour Commission as agreed prior to the meeting starting.

c. **Island Roads** – it was confirmed that the faint line markings on the exit of the ferry terminal raised at the APM had been reported to Island Roads but had yet to be done, and

that the lining at Lower Green had now been completed. It was commented that a green jeep is frequently parking illegally at Lower Green which the Clerk will report.

- d. **Other Cllrs reports including IWALC** – Cllr Conyers had provided a written IWALC report and advised that she had attended the meeting of the IWC Cabinet earlier in the day which a report would be circulated from. IWALC’s AGM is due to take place on 29 June and preceded by a meeting of mayors and chairs which Cllr Hopper confirmed he would attend. Cllr Talbot had provided a written report which included feedback from the Environmental and Sustainability Forum (16<sup>th</sup> May) which concentrated on the Shoreline Management Plan and what the IW Council was doing with its partners, and her attendance at the Wootton Creek and Fairways meeting where the bed levelling work had been discussed. She highlighted the forthcoming clean-up day to consider how litter pick equipment would be distributed to volunteers on the day and it was suggested that everyone meet at the club. The clean-up poster displayed around the parish invites volunteers to contact a member of the Parish Council to let them know that they are taking part and so equipment could be co-ordinated in this way too. She raised the fact that the tubs will need regular watering and refreshing, and that the small one needed repairing. She will buy some more plants and is watering the trees at the Fishbourne Lane end of the parish but the tubs on Kite Hill will need watering, either through the help of residents or a paid contractor. The Clerk will investigate some options, as will Cllr Conyers, for consideration at the next meeting.
- e. **IW Cllr Dore** – Cllr Dore was not in attendance at the meeting and did not send a report.
- 4416 **Wightlink** - The Clerk confirmed that Mr. Barry Smith had provided Wightlink’s ESG statement as requested at the APM, and an update on the replacement lighting had been provided by Mr. Martin Gulliver confirming all would be completed by the end of the summer. Mr. Martin Gulliver had also offered for councillors and members of the public to ring him should there be future incidents of illegal parking in the vicinity of the ferry terminal so that he could talk to the drivers and contact the companies involved if they didn’t oblige. The noise monitoring reports provided by IWC’s Regulatory Officer, Daniel Power were considered. Local resident Mr. Chris Reed who lives close to the terminal had remained at the meeting after the public forum to provide some background about the bang-bang noise of vehicles embarking and disembarking which can be heard as far as 500 yards away. The reports seem to conclude that although the noise is significant, it is not a statutory nuisance, and so the IWC have limited grounds to instruct Wightlink over it. Mr. Reed acknowledged that Wightlink do continue to say that they want to be good neighbours and are working to resolve the issue, but he would appreciate the Parish Council keeping the pressure on.
- RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Mr. Barry Smith of Wight link in light of the report and ask what measures are being taken to mitigate the noise.**
- 4417 **Annual Parish Award** – to consider the idea of an Annual Parish Award to recognise the contribution made by a resident of the parish each year
- RESOLVED: That an Annual Parish Award is agreed to coincide with the Annual Parish Meeting starting next year.**
- 4418 **RVYC Open Day: Sailing for People with Disabilities** – to consider making a financial contribution to support the RVYC Open Day: Sailing for People with Disabilities due to be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- RESOLVED: That a £1,000 contribution is agreed to support the RVYC Open Day: Sailing for People with Disabilities due to be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023**
- 4419 **Victim Support** – to consider making a financial contribution to Victim Support
- RESOLVED: That a £200 contribution is agreed to support Victim Support**
- 4420 **Isle of Wight Pride** - to consider making a financial contribution to Isle of Wight Pride
- RESOLVED: That a £50 contribution is agreed to support Isle of Wight Pride.**
- 4421 **Village Green posts** – to consider options to replace the Village Green posts. The Clerk updated that local resident Mr. Martin Bedford had kindly sourced a quotation for 12 replacement posts after raising the issue at the APM that several needed replacing, and that the IWC who maintain the Green were also sourcing quotations with agreement that they would replace them, but that no further update had been received so far.
- RESOLVED: That providing the replacement posts are in keeping with the original posts (the Clerk to confirm with the IWC) to await the IWC’s action. The Clerk to inform Environment Officer, Sophia Hellyer, and request timescales when possible.**
- 4422 **Climate Strategy** - to consider ways in which FPC can reduce its climate impact and work towards the Island-wide net zero target of 2040. It was commented that when this was considered last year it was agreed that FPC would take into consideration the environmental impact of any project, which they have done and continue to do.

**RESOLVED: That FPC are actively involved in a number of activities including representation on the Environment and Sustainability Forum, taking action over recent activity in the Creek, tree planting, and putting pressure on Wightlink to reduce noise and light pollution and will continue to monitor.**

In addition, it was suggested that Southern Water's impact could be regularly reviewed and bathing water quality applied for given the designation of the creek.

4423 Quarr Abbey Bins – to receive an update on bin servicing at Quarr Abbey and confirm the winter and summer schedule.

**RESOLVED: To continue with the existing service for the dog bin at Quarr Abbey (emptied twice a week in the winter and three times a week in the summer), and increase the emptying of the litter bin from once a week to twice a week throughout the year.**

4424 Correspondence

The Clerk had circulated correspondence received including a request from a local resident for a Traffic Management Plan to be put in place ahead of the IOW Music Festival which was forwarded to the IWC for action. A report of a lorry parked in Ranalagh Drive on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May had also been received which the Clerk referred to Wightlink's Barry Smith for his attention as an example of an increase in the number of vehicles seen recently parked illegally along Fishbourne Lane and Ranalagh Drive, and she requested the attention of Parking Enforcement in this area.

4425 Finance:

a. To note any receipts.

**RESOLVED: That receipts of £100 of unspent funds following the King's Coronation Party from Mr Martin Bedford, and £1,379.52 VAT refund from HMRC, be noted.**

b. There were no additional payments made in May 2023

c. To approve the Payment Schedule for June 2023

**RESOLVED: That the following Payments for June 2023 totalling £1061.90 be approved:**

K. Riley (expenses – June)	£74.89
IWC Pensions Fund (June combined pension contribution)	£171.10
K. Riley (June Salary)	£536.15
HMRC (NI & Income tax)	£21.40
DW Hospitality Ltd (APM refreshments)	£40.36
Beardsalls (newsletters)	£218.00

d. To approve the Bank Reconciliation for May 2023

**RESOLVED: That the Bank Reconciliation for May 2023 be approved and the Chairman be authorised to sign on behalf of the Parish Council.**

4426 Next Agenda Items

- Newsletter
- Planting and watering (Kite Hill planters)
- An update on activity reported in Wootton Creek
- Wightlink's response to noise monitoring reports

4427 Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting is scheduled for 6.30pm on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Fishbourne Lane.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.13pm.

Signed as a true Record

Chairman..... 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023