

MINUTES OF THE FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at 6.30 pm on Thursday 13th July 2023 at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Fishbourne Lane, Fishbourne.

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

11 Members of the Public were in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed the members of public to the meeting, inviting them to speak if they wished, all of whom expressed an interest in items on the agenda. A request had been received to delay the presentation from Surfers Against Sewage to accommodate some later arrivals to the meeting and so the Chairman advised that the agenda could be adjusted so that Planning would be considered prior to the presentation. Following a request from a member of public, members introduced themselves before the meeting commenced.

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4428 Apologies

None received, all present.

4429 Members' Interests

Cllr Conyers declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 4443 (Citizens Advice IW) as she volunteered for them as an Adviser and whilst happy to provide some background to the request, would not participate in voting on this item. No written Requests for Dispensation were received.

4430 Minutes of the Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council held on 8th June 2023.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council held on 8th June 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk had circulated matters arising prior to the meeting confirming the bin emptying schedule at Quarr had been increased as agreed and the new noticeboard installed. A response had been received from the Forestry Commission re. New Copse confirming they had recently visited the site and reported no concerns over the woodland management.

4431 Planning

a. The following planning applications were considered:

i. Application No: 23/00882/HOU

Location: The Willows Ashlake Copse Road PO33 4EY

Proposal: Proposed detached garage

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

ii. Application No: 23/01011/HOU

Location: 46 Fishbourne Lane PO33 4EX

Proposal: Demolition of garage; Proposed two storey side extension; proposed dormer on front and rear elevation

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

b. The IWC's Draft Housing Affordability Supplementary Planning Document Consultation was considered

RESOLVED: That Cllr Hopper would respond to the IWC's Draft Housing Affordability Supplementary Planning Document Consultation on behalf of Fishbourne Parish Council

c. The IWC's updated Statement of Community Involvement consultation was considered

RESOLVED: That Cllr Hopper would respond to the IWC's updated Statement of Community Involvement Consultation on behalf of Fishbourne Parish Council

d. Cllr Hector's proposal to approach the IWC's Planning Department with the aim of funding two- or three-days' worth of an officer's time a year was considered

RESOLVED: That Fishbourne Parish Council formally request two- or three-days' worth of a Planning Officer's time a year to respond to enforcement cases specifically in Fishbourne.

4432 Surfers against Sewage

The Chairman welcomed Chani, the Regional Representative for Surfers Against Sewage on the Isle of Wight, who provided a passionate and informative session highlighting the issue of sewage in our seas and what can be done both as individuals and by larger stakeholders to reduce sewage discharges (presentation attached). She proposed that the PC had an opportunity when commenting on planning applications to request sustainable drainage.

RESOVLED: That consideration of sustainable drainage solutions be requested for

both planning applications considered earlier in the meeting and when considering all planning applications in the future.

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4433 Reports

- a. **Chairman's Report** – the Chairman reported his attendance at IWALC's AGM with other Island Mayors and Chairs where there was a presentation from Ian Boyd, from Arc Consulting, about the unused potential of local councils. He reported his facilitation with Island Roads to amend the diversionary route planned for the IW Festival beyond the entrance to Kite Hill Farm Campsite, and an invitation he had received to attend an event at Quarr Abbey but hadn't been able to attend. He also highlighted the WAGE (Wootton Against Gravel Extraction) community group set up to fight proposed plans for a gravel quarry at Palmers Farm and it was agreed that FPC could support the group's efforts by commenting on the planning application despite it being outside of the parish.
- b. **Clerk** – the Clerk had provided a written report which included a request she had made for regular parking enforcement visits at key times at Lower Green; request made for cuttings to be collected on the Green when cut, but that the IWC had confirmed it couldn't be done, not because of cost, but because the contractor didn't have the equipment to collect; report of an unsafe building structure on Firestone Copse Road referred to Building Control via the Environment Officer; and concerns reported about the wrapping from Wightlink's nesting fenders shredding into the creek which Wightlink have agreed to re-cover and regularly check.
- c. **Island Roads** – the Clerk had reported a meeting she and Cllrs Fontana and Talbot had had with Island Roads re. the faint line markings on the exit of the ferry terminal which they have agreed to repaint.
- d. **Other Cllrs reports including IWALC** – Cllr Conyers had provided a written IWALC report and confirmed that Freshwater Parish Councillor Anne Bamford had taken over the Chair with Steve Cooper (Mayor of Ventnor) Vice-Chair and Simon Cooke (Ryde TC) would be IWALC's representative on the IWC Scrutiny Committee.
Cllr Talbot had provided a written report which included photos of the plastic from Wightlink's fenders at the beach near the boat houses; St Faith's extreme bang-bang noise; and confirmation that the hole in the sea wall had still not been fixed
- e. **IW Cllr Dore** – Cllr Dore was not in attendance at the meeting and did not send a report.

4434 Wightlink

The Clerk shared Wightlink's response about the noise monitoring reports in that their maintenance programme appeared to be working and closer to the refit period (winter) Barry Smith would update as to what further innovations were intended. If the PC wished to arrange a meeting with IWC's Daniel Power regarding the noise monitoring reports he would be happy to attend. A member of the local group of residents directly affected by the 'bang-bang' noise updated that Chris Reed had recently been in touch with Daniel Power and Wightlink and had requested a meeting. Rather than the PC arrange a separate meeting it was suggested if possible for a member of the PC be invited to the same meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk request if a member of the PC can attend the meeting with residents, IWC's Daniel Power and Wightlink to review the noise monitoring reports.

4435 Clean-up Day

Cllr Talbot reported that the Clean-up Day held on Saturday June 24th 2023 had gone well despite low attendance. There were 9 volunteers in total who did as much as they could, Costa Coffee cups being the most significant litter collected, but that on a positive note, certain areas such as the Bridleway between Fishbourne Lane and Quarr Abbey were relatively litter free. It was proposed to align the next clean up days with the start of Spring and Autumn with the next Clean-up Day planned for March 2024.

RESOLVED: That the next Clean-up Day be scheduled for March 2024, exact date to be confirmed nearer the time.

4436 Threatening Behaviour on the Beach

Cllr Fontana provided an account of the threatening behaviour reported on the beach and though a crime number had been allocated, the police had since confirmed they would not be pursuing it further as there hadn't been any independent witnesses. Given access had already been clarified and the incident occurred outside the parish it was difficult for members to know what more the council could do.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Conyer would raise the incident with Ryde TC and the Local

Access Forum, and Cllr Fontana would suggest to the victim that they contact IW Cllr Ian Dore for his assistance.

4437 Bed levelling in Wootton Creek

The responses received in relation to Fishbourne Parish Council's letter to Cowes Harbour Commission regarding bed levelling activity reported in Wootton Creek were reviewed, Natural England's next steps to investigate considered to be the most useful to establish if damage had been done and if it could be prevented from happening in the future. A response from the Chairman and Trustee of Wootton Creek Fairway Association, Mr. Roger Sutton, expressing disappointment that he had not been consulted prior to the PC's letter was reviewed and it was proposed that Mr. Roger Sutton be invited to the next meeting of the PC to discuss the management of Wootton Creek.

RESOLVED: That Mr Roger Sutton be invited to September's PC meeting to discuss the management of Wootton Creek.

Cllr Hector left the meeting at 19.47

Experiences shared since incident served as a reminder to all that the PC were a group of volunteers acting as a collective body.

4438 Newsletter

Cllr Talbot updated on submissions received so far for the next edition of the Newsletter. Cllr Conyers offered to produce a list of contacts of 'where to go for help' and that Cllr Hopper would be sending an article about himself as the new Chairman of FPC.

4439 Old Noticeboard

To approve the disposal of the old noticeboard at Quarr Abbey

RESOLVED: That the old noticeboard be offered to Muddy Boots should they wish to recycle it otherwise approval be given to dispose of it.

4440 Village Green Posts

To consider options to replace the rotten posts on the Village Green and approve a 50:50 sharing of total costs with the IWC

RESOLVED: That further quotations be sought for the supply of 12 painted oak posts for consideration at the next meeting.

4441 Kite Hill planter

To consider options for the planting and watering of the Kite Hill planter

RESOLVED: That Dave Trickey be appointed to maintain the planter at Kite Hill with immediate effect and for a thank you on behalf of the PC be sent to the young volunteer who had been maintaining it to date.

4442 New litter bin for Kite Hill

The Clerk updated that Island Roads have continued to say they do not have the capacity to service a new bin outside the bus stop on the south side of Kite Hill despite the PC agreeing to fund it. Other options had been explored to no avail.

RESOLVED: To take no further action re. a new litter bin for Kite Hill.

4443 Citizens Advice IW

To consider making a financial contribution to Citizens Advice IW towards the expenses and costs of advisers supporting Fishbourne residents

RESOLVED: That £200 be donated to Citizens Advice IW.

4444 D-Day Celebrations

To consider how to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day on 6th June 2024

RESOLVED: To defer this item until the next meeting.

4445 Green Canopy Plaques

To confirm arrangements for installing the new Green Canopy Plaques

RESOLVED: For arrangements to be agreed by members attending the next Parish Surgery.

4446 Correspondence

The Clerk had circulated correspondence received including: thanks' received from Victim Support, IW Pride and the organisers of RVC's annual open day for people with disabilities 2023, for donations made at the last meeting; an invitation to a launch session of the IWC's Planning Services customer survey at 4pm on Tuesday 18th July at County Hall; request received from Southern Water's Pathfinder Project Manager (West), Clean Rivers and Seas Task Force, to attend a future meeting to follow up on the presentation from Surfers Against Sewage; and notification that planning permission had been granted for:

Application No: 23/00844/HOU

Location: Green Acre Kite Hill PO33 4LE
Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension.

RESOLVED: Not to comment on the IWC's Planning Services customer survey at the next meeting, and to invite Southern Water to attend the PC meeting in October to start at an earlier time of 6.00pm to enable a presentation of up to 30 minutes.

4447 Finance:

- a. There were no receipts to note.
- b. To ratify additional payments made in June 2023

RESOLVED: That the following payments made in June 2023 totalling £ 3404.70 be approved:

- Isle of Wight Pride (Grant) £50.00
- Mrs Sarah Talbot (Bedding plants) £17.99
- Victim Support (Grant) £200.00
- RVYC (Open Day 2023) £1,000.00
- Sign-Maker (Green Canopy Plaques) £282.87
- HMRC (July) £153.84
- Quarr Abbey (New Noticeboard) £1,700.00

- c. To approve the Payment Schedule for July 2023

RESOLVED: That the following Payments for July 2023 totalling £2209.10 be approved:

- K. Riley (expenses – July) £58.79
- K. Riley (July Salary – including additional hours) £961.86
- K. Riley (August Salary) £531.55
- IWC Pensions Fund (July combined pension contribution) £342.20
- IWC Pensions Fund (August combined pension contribution) £171.10
- HMRC (NI & Income tax August) £26.00
- Wight Computers (Web Hosting Annual fee) £78.00
- DW Hospitality Ltd (Clean-up Day refreshments) £39.60

- d. To approve the Bank Reconciliation for June 2023

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

- e. To approve the first Quarterly Financial Review

RESOLVED: That the first Quarterly Financial Review be approved

4448 Next Agenda Items

No additional items were raised at the meeting.

4449 Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting is scheduled for 6.30pm on 14th September 2023 at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Fishbourne Lane.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.28 pm.

Signed as a true Record

Chairman..... 14th September 2023