

MINUTES OF THE FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at 6.30 pm on Thursday 9th November 2023 at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Fishbourne Lane, Fishbourne.

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

One member of the Public – Mr Roger Sutton (Chairman and Trustee of Wootton Creek Fairway Association)

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4481 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Woollin who was unwell.

4482 Members' Interests

No Declarations of Interests or written Requests for Dispensation were received.

4483 Minutes of the Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council held on 12th October 2023.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council held on 12th October 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk had circulated matters arising prior to the meeting which included: confirmation that the fallen sign reported in the layby on Elenors Grove opposite Quarr had been actioned by Sophia Hellyer (EO) and she had since raised a job with Island Roads to cut back the vegetation which was obscuring it; that the stonework at the slipway had been referred to the IWC for repair who confirmed it would be discussed with the coastal team to establish what can be done with the remainder of this year's budget; and a meeting had been held with residents Martin Beford and Dave Wise on site re. the new oak posts for the Green, and Dave had kindly agreed to store and fit them as and when required.

4484 Wootton Creek Fairway Association

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Roger Sutton, Chairman and Trustee of Wootton Creek Fairway Association, to talk about the management of Wootton Creek. Roger explained that Wootton Creek Association had been formed as a voluntary organisation in 1937 at the request of the Board of Trade and with the consent of the King's Harbour Master, under the terms of the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act 1865, for controlling moorings, allotting berths and all matters governing the Creek. In 1969 at the request of the Crown, the Committee of the Association was reconstituted to form a fully representative and statutory body known collectively as the Wootton Creek Fairway Association (WCFA) made up of various representatives of yachtsmen, owners of riparian property; houseboats; moorings and small boats, the yacht club, RYA and borough councils (to be updated). WCFA hold the regulatory lease for the mud in its entirety west of mean water, and also various leases with Southern Water, Wootton Parish Council and the Isle of Wight Council. Questions were asked about ownership of pontoons and it was confirmed that those west of the Creek were privately owned, but not the mud they sat on. Moorings were allocated to boats under 32ft only and each boat owner was responsible for installing and removing their own ground tackle. There was currently 12 houseboats and all mooring licenses were renewed annually. Any development west of the Creek would require permission from WCFA, but to the east, although WCFA may be consulted to ensure that navigation wasn't obstructed, permission in the usual way was required from the Isle of Wight Council and MMO. Roger was thanked for attending the meeting and he asked members to contact him should they have any further questions.

4485 Planning

a. The following decision was noted:

Application No: 23/01503/TW

Location: New Copse House, Fishbourne Lane PO33 4EZ

Proposal: T1 - Weston red cedar - Fell to ground level - 70% dead

T2 - Lawson cypress - Fell to ground level - 70% dead

T3 - Lawson cypress - Reduce crown by 3m - Exposed and over long limbs

T4 - Apple - Fell to ground level - Dead

T5 - Oak - Reduce by up to 4m - Over long limbs and decay at the base of tree

T6 - Macracarpa - Remove deadwood and reduce low limb over drive by 3m - Safety

T7 - Memosa X2 - Fell to ground level - Poor tree and taking light

T8 - Eucalyptus - Fell to ground level - Poor tree

T9 - Willow - Fell to ground level - Dead

- T10 - Ash - Fell to ground level - Ash dieback
- T11 - Oak - Reduce over long limbs above garage by 3m - Safety
- T12 - Western red cedar - Fell to ground level - 70% dead

Decision: Granted

- b. To receive an update from Planning Enforcement re. funding additional capacity for Fishbourne. The Clerk confirmed still no response had been received from Ollie Boulter re. funding 2 to 3 days' worth of an officer's time for Fishbourne despite further requests made. Cllr Conyers advised that Ryde Town Council had not yet decided about funding additional enforcement capacity, but joining forces with neighbouring T&PCs such as Ryde Town Council might be an option for FPC in the future.

4486 Reports

- a. **Chairman's Report** – the Chairman reported that the lettering on the Kite Hill noticeboard had slipped since he last repaired it and he would fix it again. He had also made enquiries with Island Roads on behalf of the RVYC who had an event planned during a notice period of closure for Fishbourne Lane but established that the stud work that had required the brief closure had already been carried out ahead of schedule.
- b. **Clerk** – the Clerk had provided a written report which included: correspondence with Wightfibre following concern raised by a resident about pedestrian access in response to a letter received from Wightfibre stating that Firestone Copse Road would be closed from 6th to 24th November - Wightfibre had advised that though the works would be extensive, access for pedestrians would always be facilitated; and that she had booked a room at the Wightlink Terminal for January's meeting as the RVYC would be closed for two weeks' maintenance work.
- c. **Island Roads** – Cllr Talbot reported a 28-day job to resurface footpath (R1), which had become very dangerous following a blocked drain at its entrance on Fishbourne Lane (next to the library), had been raised, as well as a job to resolve the flooding running down the length of Fishbourne Lane on the opposite side.
- d. **Other Cllrs reports including IWALC** – Cllr Conyers had provided written reports for IWALC, IWALC's Finance Training and the Environmental and Sustainability Forum she attended on 19th October. She added that Sharon Betts was the person to contact should T&PCs be interested in taking on an IWC asset and that Lee Matthews would be emailing all T&PCs with an inventory of what was in each area. The Clerk confirmed so far nothing had been received and would follow up. Cllr Talbot had provided a written report highlighting that the tree planted at Wightlink had died and asked whether a replacement tree could be purchased. She advised Martin Gulliver had personally offered to water the new tree when it gets dry.

RESOLVED: To replace the tree at Wightlink and any others that might need replacing in the parish as and when needed in the future.

Cllr Talbot also updated on a Christmas themed coffee morning for December and that Babs Wise had agreed to hold the January coffee morning at her house since the RVYC was due to be closed for maintenance.

- e. **IW Cllr Dore** – Cllr Dore was not in attendance at the meeting and did not send a report.

4487 Wightlink

Correspondence and proposals set out in a report sent to the IWC dated 15 November 2021 by resident Mr. Mike Cesar, regarding traffic queues and illegal parking, was considered. The Clerk updated that she had written to Hanson European Caravan Transport Ltd following a report that their vehicle had been parked for 2 hours on Fishbourne Lane in October to request that it didn't happen again, and had contacted Wightlink who referred it to their freight team who would also contact the company concerned. Cllr Hector advised that Wightlink had previously agreed to sanction persistent parking offenders by not selling them tickets and suggested it would be useful for FPC to receive a copy of such letters Wightlink write to customers in these circumstances.

RESOLVED: That a Wightlink representative be invited to attend a future FPC meeting to provide an update on these issues, and that the Leader of the IWC be asked if he would be prepared to meet with the CEO of Wightlink to discuss the proposals set out in Mike Cesar's report.

The Clerk had also circulated a report shared by residents following a meeting held with Wightlink and a representative from a noise monitoring company to look at a potential noise monitoring system. The equipment had been demonstrated and was now being trialled. Measurements would be taken and shared over the next few weeks.

4488 The Garden of Remembrance

To agree on a contribution to the Royal British Legion in lieu of a new wreath.

RESOLVED: That £50 be donated to the Royal British Legion in lieu of a new

wreath.

4489 New plants

To confirm arrangements for replacing the shrubs and plants in the planter at Kite Hill.

RESOLVED: That Dave Trickey be asked to purchase new plants as and when required for the planter at Kite Hill at his discretion.

4490 Oak Tree

To consider any action appropriate to preserve the oak tree by the hut at the beach, following concern raised about the roots being undermined by water run-off. The owner had confirmed that it didn't have a TPO and it had been looked at by a professional tree surgeon who advised that it wasn't currently showing signs of stress, but that with further wet weather ahead, it could get worse and options for mitigation were a tree prop and/or canopy reduction should it become an issue. Cllr talbot suggested a ramp built with top soil over the roots to protect them might also be an option. The owner had asked if FPC would be able to obtain a map from Southern Water to establish the direction of flow of the connecting drains.

RESOLVED: That a drainage map of Lower Green and Oak Tree Green be requested from Southern Water.

4491 Correspondence

The Clerk had circulated correspondence received including: an invitation from the Isle of Wight AONB Partnership to attend the People Workshop on Thursday 23rd November at Brading Roman Villa aimed at informing the draft Isle of Wight AONB Management Plan going out to public consultation in Spring 2024; and advice received from Chani (Surfers Against Sewage) following Southern Water's presentation that there would be a consultation soon from the planning department about sustainable drainage and recommended the following website for info www.susdrain.org. Members suggested the process Chani had described to gain bathing water status for the Creek could be considered at a future meeting.

4492 Finance:

a. To approve the Payment Schedule for November 2023

RESOLVED: That the following Payments for November 2023 totalling £1185.74 be approved:

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| • K. Riley (expenses – November) | £66.89 |
| • K. Riley (November Salary) | £531.75 |
| • IWC Pensions Fund (November) | £171.10 |
| • Beardsalls (Newsletter) | £198.00 |
| • RVYC | £168.00 |
| • RBLI | £50.00 |

b. To approve the Bank Reconciliation for October 2023

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

4493 Next Agenda Items

- Bathing water status for the Creek
- Newsletter
- Draft budget
- Wightlink

4494 Next Meeting

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.56 pm.

Signed as a true Record

Chairman..... 14th December 2023