

## MINUTES OF THE FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at 6.30 pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Fishbourne Lane, Fishbourne.

Present – Cllr Hopper (Chair), Cllr Conyers, Cllr Fontana, Cllr Hector and Cllr Woollin

Mrs Katie Riley (Clerk)

7 members of the Public

### Ref Minute

#### 4495 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Talbot who was away.

#### 4496 Members' Interests

Cllr Conyers declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. 4503 (Ryde Help Centre) as she worked at Ryde Help Centre through her role as a volunteer for Citizens Advice IW and that any contribution FPC agreed to may reduce the amount that Ryde Town Council contributed, of which she was a member. No written Requests for Dispensation were received.

#### 4497 Minutes of the Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

The Clerk confirmed that the oak posts for Oak Tree Green had been delivered and were with Dave Wise for replacement, and that a drainage map of both Greens had been obtained from Southern Water and forwarded as requested to the resident concerned.

#### 4498 Bathing Water Status

The Chairman welcomed Chani, Regional Representative for Surfers Against Sewage, who explained the process to gain bathing water status which would ensure more Environment Agency testing is carried out. She advised unfortunately DEFRA had made some changes to the eligibility criteria required for Bathing Water Status and there now had to be at least 100 bathers recorded a day during the bathing season (15 May to 30 September), these couldn't include children or a capsized person, and there had to be toilet facilities within 500 metres from the site. Without the status the water could still be tested independently by purchasing a sampling kit (£38) and sending it to an accredited laboratory for testing (£35 plus £14 courier delivery). She also advised that if at least 5 people report the same incident of pollution that it would trigger an investigation which was another mechanism for change. Two members of the Wootton Creek Fairway Association were in attendance and advised that the Environment Agency currently test the Creek once a year due to its various designations. Chani queried whether this included E. coli as it would provide a good baseline if it did. They didn't think it did but could request that this be included and shared in the future. She was encouraging of stakeholders working together to share knowledge so that choices could be made and advised she was hopeful of getting Wightlink onboard, and that PGL were very keen to be involved in the interest of the children that participate in their programmes.

#### 4499 Planning

##### a. **The following tree work decisions were noted:**

##### i. Application No: 23/01603/TW

Location: Clymping, Ashlake Copse Road PO33 4EY

Decision: Granted

##### ii. Application No: 23/01665/TW

Location: 53 Fishbourne Lane PO33 4EX

Decision: Granted

b. **To receive an update on enforcement cases and consider the issues raised re. the new building that was due to replace the old houseboat Puffin, Lazy Days Marina, Barge Lane.** The Clerk had circulated an update re. the advertising sign at Fishbourne Garage which had not been taken down and that after several letters to the owners without action, the Planning Enforcement Team had concluded there was little harm generated by the structure and that it would be disproportionate to pursue further enforcement action. There was no update regarding the claim of an unauthorised pontoon, hard-standing and infilling of land at Rebel Marine but the Enforcement Team had advised they would attempt a site inspection prior to the Christmas break and would update further ASAP. Members considered the correspondence between neighbours and the IWC re. the old houseboat Puffin's replacement and that there had been no update since a site visit which had been due to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**RESOLVED: That as the Enforcement Team were engaged in this case to take no further action.**

4500 Reports

- a. **Chairman's Report** – the Chairman reported his attempt to contact the Rights of Way Manager to close footpath R1 which had become very dangerous.
- b. **Clerk** – the Clerk had provided a written report which included Christmas leave arrangements and a request for any agenda items for January's meeting to be sent to her on or before 2nd January.
- c. **Island Roads** – The Clerk had circulated an update regarding the excess water and blocked drains remaining along Fishbourne Lane despite work to flush the drains out recently. The District Steward had advised that the water was thought to be run off from the Quarr Abbey Estate, emitted from the fields through several properties onto the road. A Land Drainage Act casefile was being compiled to submit to the Local Authority but they were unable to provide any timescale on when it would be resolved. A CCTV job was scheduled for footpath R1 and the path was being routinely monitored but at the time of the meeting, despite FPC's request, Island Roads were not looking to close the footpath.
- d. **Other Cllrs reports including IWALC** – Cllr Conyers had provided a written report for IWALC. She had attended the meeting with Bob Seeley MP who had reported his attendance at the Wightlink Forum. She hadn't attended the meeting with the cabinet but advised that the Island Planning Strategy had been discussed at scrutiny committee and there was a question as to when the new edition of the National Planning Policy Framework would be published which would outline special circumstances for islands. Cllr Talbot had provided a written report including December's Parish Coffee morning which had gone very well and thanks to resident Mark Weeks who had been charging up the Christmas tree lights. Cllr Hector reported his attendance at the Wightlink Forum where there had been complaints that only 15% of ticket holders on any given booking were allowed to use their ticket passes, but that the service for disabled customers had been complimented.
- e. **IW Cllr Dore** – Cllr Dore was not in attendance at the meeting and did not send a report.

4501 Wightlink

**To receive an update and consider the response from the Leader of the IWC re. a meeting to discuss proposals set out by resident Mr. Mike Cesar regarding traffic queues and illegal parking.** The Clerk had circulated IW Cllr Phil Jordan's response which had questioned what FPC was seeking from the IWC regarding further meetings and discussions with Wightlink given that they had previously confirmed there was no breach of planning conditions.

**RESOLVED: That the Clerk update Mr. Mike Cesar with this response asking for clarity about what was being sought from a further meeting.**

It was suggested that Wightlink had got better at opening the 2<sup>nd</sup> kiosk and as a resident of Fishbourne Lane, Cllr Woollin offered to monitor the situation over the next few months. Cllr Hector advised that Wightlink were going to produce a leaflet of suggested waiting places for early arrivals which, as Martin Gulliver had confirmed he would be attending January's meeting, could be asked about then. The Clerk had received an update from resident Chris Reed who advised that as a result of the noise monitoring trial reported at the last meeting a measurement system was soon to be installed by Wightlink, situated on the walkway near the checking-in cabin, and that noise data would be shared with the group.

- 4502 Newsletter – to review the next edition of the newsletter. The deadline for submissions was thought to be 15<sup>th</sup> January and Cllr Conyers suggested writing a piece outlining the difference between the IWC and Town and Parish Councils.

**RESOLVED: In Cllr Talbot's absence for the Clerk to email her to ask if there was anything she would have raised and what if any action was required in advance of the newsletter being produced.**

- 4503 Ryde Help Centre – to consider the request for a financial contribution towards Ryde Help Centre for the year 2024/25

**RESOLVED: That the amount granted last year (confirmed to be £500) be approved plus a 10% inflationary uplift.**

- 4504 Change in Meeting Day – to consider a change of meeting day from Thursday to either Monday or Tuesday from March 2024

**RESOLVED: That the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month be approved for future meetings from March 2024 providing this suits Cllr Talbot who was not in attendance and not able to confirm her availability.**

- 4505 Car parking – to consider correspondence received regarding cars parked opposite Fishbourne Garage. It had been suggested that the parking spaces were being used by the garage as an overflow carpark.

**RESOLVED: To write to Fishbourne Garage to ask that these spaces are kept free for resident's use.**

4506 Cold Calling – to consider establishing a no cold calling zone in Fishbourne. The Chairman raised an incident reported to him in Oaklands Close where there had been some aggressive tree work sales, and queried whether the parish was a no-cold calling zone. It was confirmed not but the Clerk had asked Trading Standards what the process would be to set a no-cold calling zone up. It was thought this would involve consulting with residents to gain support. Although window stickers had been made available to residents previously, they had not been very well taken up.

**RESOLVED: That residents be asked in the next of the edition of the newsletter if they would want to see a no-cold calling zone being set up and to email the Clerk with their views.**

4507 Isle of Wight Scouts – to consider the request from Isle of Wight Scouts to support attendance at the Essex International Jamboree

**RESOLVED: That £50 be donated to Isle of Wight Scouts to support attendance at the Essex International Jamboree**

4508 Parish Award – to consider nominations for the Parish Award

**RESOLVED: That the nomination suggested by Cllr Talbot be approved and that a book token be presented to the nominee at the next Annual Parish Meeting.**

4509 Correspondence

The Clerk had circulated correspondence received including:

- Financial support for flooded homes and businesses
- IWALC November Newsletter
- Crime statistics from PCSO Steve Hull
- Island Roads' District Update (District 3)

4510 Finance:

a. To approve the Payment Schedule for December 2023

**RESOLVED: That the following Payments for December 2023 totalling £1742.64 be approved:**

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| • K. Riley (expenses – December)                               | £58.79  |
| • K. Riley (December Salary)                                   | £531.75 |
| • IWC Pensions Fund (December)                                 | £171.10 |
| • ICO (Data Protection Fee)                                    | £35.00  |
| • Clifford J Matthews Ltd (12 painted oak posts for the Green) | £936.00 |
| • S Talbot (replacement tree)                                  | £10.00  |

b. To approve the Bank Reconciliation for November 2023

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

c. To review the draft budget and precept for 2024/25

**RESOLVED: That the draft budget and precept remain the same at £17000 and be brought forward for approval at the next meeting.**

4511 Next Agenda Items

- 2024/25 Budget and Precept approval.

4512 Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting is scheduled for 6.30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and will be held in the Victoria Room, Wightlink Terminal, Fishbourne Lane.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.

Signed as a true Record

Chairman..... 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024