

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
held on 9th June 2026 at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Fishbourne Lane,
Fishbourne, at 6.30 pm.

Present – Cllr Hopper (Chair), Cllr Babu, Cllr Dugdale, Cllr Fontana, Cllr Talbot and Cllr Woollin
Mrs Katie Riley (Clerk)
One member of the public - Mr. Steve Whalley (Public Realm Officer)

The Chair welcomed Mr. Steve Whalley (Public Realm Officer) to the meeting and invited him to share his report (appended to the minutes). Dog fouling previously reported along Quarr Lane appears to have improved and he has dealt with some overflowing bins and general littering along the main roads, and an abandoned bike. Members recommended he includes the footpath by the library in his patrol which whilst under the remit of Rights of Way he confirmed he was happy to do and thanked the Parish Council for contributing to the Public Realm Service for 2026-27.

35/26-27	No apologies received, all members in attendance.
36/26-27	No declarations of interest or written requests for dispensation received from members.
37/26-27	To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting, both held on Tuesday 12 th May 2026. RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting, both held on Tuesday 12th May 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
38/26-27 a.	<u>Planning</u> The following application was considered: Application no. 26/00622/FUL Location: Fishbourne Car Ferry Terminal, Fishbourne Lane PO33 4EU Proposal: Installation of sheet pile wall on eastern side of berth; installation of new Cavotec Moormaster on the existing berth structure RESOLVED: THAT Fishbourne Parish Council support this application but would like to highlight the potential noise impact that local residents may experience during the period of time when piling is due to take place, and would therefore request a condition be applied to the application (if planning officers are minded to approve it) that limits piling activities to a certain period of time during the hours of daylight, perhaps 10-12 and 2-4pm, in order to give residents respite from intrusive noise nuisance. Please could the Parish Council be notified as early as possible once a date for works is known in order that residents can be informed. The Clerk reported she had submitted a consensus of no objection, arrived at through an exchange of emails between members, to the following application: Application no. 26/00527/HOU Location: 124 Fishbourne Lane PO33 4EU Proposal: Proposed alterations to front elevation to include new garage door; alterations to fenestration and materials; replacement roof; alterations to porch to include new steel frame lantern and glass fan light
b.	To review any current enforcement issues RESOLVED: THAT local enforcement issues continue to be monitored.
39/26-27 a.	To receive the following reports (for information only): Chairman – the Chairman reported on his letter of response to a

<p>b.</p> <p>c.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>d.</p>	<p>resident's concern regarding recent bank holiday traffic issues. Members suggested the resident may benefit from membership of the Solent Transport User Group in order to receive up to date information, and also the forthcoming State of the Island Debate which would include cross-Solent travel as part of a wider Travel and Tourism focus.</p> <p>Clerk – the Clerk had passed on reports received at the Annual Parish Meeting about a smell at the café at Quarr. This had been caused when a grease trap in the bio-digester was being cleared but all was now working properly, and subsequently a leak around the trough in the cow field, and this was also being dealt with. She advised the sea wall had been repaired and all the planters had been newly planted for the summer. 13 applications had so far been received for the Biosphere Walk, and several nominations for a 'favourite tree'. It was suggested this would make a nice piece for the newsletter.</p> <p>Other Councillor reports, including IWALC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Fontana had attended IWALC's Executive Meeting on 28th May 2026 at the Riverside Centre where it was confirmed that 30 of the Island's 33 Town and Parish Councils had signed and paid up for the new year and that the AGM would take place on 25th June which Cllr Hopper agreed to attend. There had been discussion about the challenges of managing the pre-election period for Town and Parish Councils and that there had been incidents of candidates using council business to promote themselves on social media. It was reported that IWALC had lost its representation on the IWC Planning Committee which was disappointing, and there was discussion about the future of the IWALC/IWC working relationship with new Councillors and a new system ahead. The length of the recent IWC AGM, which had lasted over 4 hours without concluding all of its business, had been criticised. • Cllrs Dugdale and Babu confirmed they would both be attending IWALC's new/refresher councillor training on Saturday, June 13th. • Cllr Talbot had attended the latest WCFA meeting where a representative from PGL spoke about concerns from some schools about the quality of the water in the creek and asked if the water could be tested more frequently. He was asked if they would be willing to contribute to the cost of the testing which they would and it would be helpful to do more testing particularly in the summer when it is in more use. Cllr Talbot would be attending the next Tree Warden Network meeting instead of Vince Carter as he was away, and she enquired about the status of the Environment and Sustainability Forum which there had been no communication about since February this year. The Clerk would write and ask. <p>IW Councillor Ian Dore was not in attendance and had not provided a report.</p>
<p>40/26-27</p>	<p><u>Wightlink</u></p> <p>To review any current issues ahead of the next partnership meeting scheduled for Wednesday 22nd July. Two coaches had been observed parked on both sides of Fishbourne Lane when there had been delays this week and it was commented that Wightlink did seem to be having more problems recently with staff shortages and mechanical issues affecting the running of the ferries and traffic buildup on Fishbourne Lane. The question was asked about the contingency plan for large vehicles when there were problems and this would be raised at the next partnership meeting. The question would also be asked about how easy it is to change the wording and colour of the variable information signs which can be a bit wordy and difficult to read at times when driving.</p> <p>RESOLVED: THAT contingency plans for large vehicles and the wording of the variable information signs be raised at the next partnership meeting scheduled for 22nd July.</p>

41/26-27	<p><u>Fishbourne Lane Noticeboard</u> The Clerk had circulated costs for the repair and replacement of the noticeboard at the top of Fishbourne Lane from Ryde Town Council, Greenbarnes and Wonderwall Ltd.</p> <p>RESOLVED: THAT a new noticeboard wide enough to fit the current posts be purchased through Greenbarnes up to the value of £1000 excluding VAT.</p>
42/26-27	<p><u>Laptop</u> To approve a budget for the Clerk to purchase a new laptop.</p> <p>RESOLVED: THAT a maximum budget up to £500 be approved for the Clerk to purchase a new laptop.</p>
43/26-27	<p><u>Website</u> To approve the accessibility statement and consider ways to ensure the Fishbourne Parish Council website is fully compliant with the required current standard.</p> <p>RESOLVED: THAT the accessibility statement be approved and the Clerk review ways to improve the site's accessibility to ensure it is fully compliant with the required current standard.</p>
44/26-27	<p><u>Newsletter</u> The following suggestions were made for August's edition of the newsletter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Favourite trees • Peacock sightings • Cllr Babu's introduction • Abbeyfield Independent Living • Parish Award • Chairman's Annual Report • Biosphere Walk • Wednesday Walkers
45/26-27	<p><u>Correspondence</u> The Clerk had circulated correspondence received including information from Tree Warden Vince Carter about community tree planting grants and whether the Parish Council would want to look at a dedicated replacement planting programme in conjunction with relevant landowners such as Quarr Abbey who have been felling diseased Ash trees and might be interested. For consideration at July's meeting.</p>
46/26-27	<p><u>Finance:</u></p> <p>a. To approve the Bank Reconciliation for May 2026 RESOLVED: THAT the Bank Reconciliation for May 2026 be approved.</p> <p>b. To approve the Payment Schedule for June 2026 RESOLVED: THAT the following payments totalling £1831.68 scheduled for June 2026 be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Action IW (June payroll) £805.39 • K. Riley (June expenses) £60.79 • RVYC (APM refreshments) £100.50 • DT Groundcare (Planting and watering) £90.00 • DT Groundcare (New plants) £271.00 • Island Roads (Quarr Bins) £504.00
47/26-27	<p>The following agenda items were requested for the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Tree Planting • Newsletter
48/26-27	<p>The date of the next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 14th July to be held at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Fishbourne Lane, at 6.30pm</p>

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.06 pm

Signed as a true record

Chairman..... 14/7/26