

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
held on 14th July 2026 at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Fishbourne Lane,
Fishbourne, at 6.30 pm.

Present – Cllr Hopper (Chair), Cllr Dugdale, Cllr Fontana and Cllr Talbot
Mrs Katie Riley (Clerk)
Five members of the public including 3 Officers from Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Constabulary

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting and invited them to speak before the meeting started. A resident of Fishbourne Lane introduced herself and there was discussion about the difficulties for residents living opposite the garage without driveways and use of the very limited parking available on the road. Members advised that 'Residents Only' parking restrictions have been explored before on their behalf but the criteria has required at least 50% of residents living on the Lane supporting the application which had been unachievable.

49/26-27	Apologies were received from Cllrs Woollin and Babu who were both on the mainland.
50/26-27	No declarations of interest or written requests for dispensation received from members.
51/26-27	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 th June 2026. RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th June 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
52/26-27	East Wight Rural Beat The Chair welcomed new Police Officer for Fishbourne, PC Andy Emery, and colleagues PCSOs Karen Allen and Jack Dyer to the meeting. PC Andy Emery advised he had recently transferred to the Rural East Neighbourhood Policing Team, having previously worked in First Response for nine years, and explained the different approach of the Neighbourhood Policing Team aiming to make communities safer through engagement, offender management, safeguarding and problem solving. He would be happy for members of the public to contact him directly to discuss any issues via his phone 07392 289467 or email andrew.emery.27557@hampshire.pnn.police.uk and would be happy for these details to be published in the next newsletter, but stressed the importance that this was only for sharing information, not for reporting crimes. Crimes must be reported through the website Contact us Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary or by calling 101. Members raised the issue of vandalism that had occurred to the shelter on the Lower Green which had been reported, frequent gathering of young people, and drug use. PC Emery advised that they were targeting drug use twice a month through Operation Anti and could target the Lower Green as part of this operation. Parking enforcement on the Lower Green was raised regarding the two cars repeatedly parked during restricted hours and that despite residents offering their driveways for Enforcement Officers to use, the problem wasn't going away. PC Emery said he would ask some questions of the IWC to see if he could help. Noisy exhausts were raised and PC Emery advised that only Traffic Officers who were PG9 trained had the power to do anything about this - he would speak to the two Traffic Officers on the Island. If speeding, he could issue a Fixed Penalty notice resulting in 3 points being added to

	licenses and if caught again the car could potentially be taken away.
53/26-27	Planning The following decision was noted: 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 Decision: Granted b. To review current enforcement issues – members reported there had been no further issues. RESOLVED: THAT current enforcement issues continue to be monitored c. To agree on any comments to the main modifications recommended by the Planning Inspectors considered necessary to make the Draft Island Planning Strategy 'sound'. RESOLVED: THAT Fishbourne Parish Council have no comment to make regarding the main modifications recommended by the Planning Inspectors considered necessary to make the Draft Island Planning Strategy 'sound'.
54/26-27	To receive the following reports (for information only): a. Chairman – the Chairman reported that the abandoned car on Ashlake Farm Lane had finally been removed, and that he had attended the IWALC AGM where the new leader of the IWC, Jonathan Bacon, had been in attendance and there had been discussion about closer links with the IWC. He and other parish councillors had attended a stakeholder drop-in at the Community Garden at Quarr Abbey which the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust had recently taken responsibility for. Cllr Fontana reported that they were keen to engage with the community to find out people's ideas about how the space can be used to support people and nature and it was suggested that they be invited to write an article for the next newsletter. b. Clerk – the Clerk reported her dealings with various companies about a new noticeboard for the top of Fishbourne Lane and that she had placed an order with Noticeboards Online following a consensus reached with members since the last meeting. The font and colour for the header panel still needed to be agreed. White had been recommended by the supplier against a dark green background and members suggested red for the council's squirrel logo. The Clerk confirmed that Dave Trickey would be able to pick it up from the terminal on delivery, install the new one, and dispose of the old one. c. Other Councillor reports: Cllr Fontana reported on a very successful Quarr Walk, 30 people had turned up on the day, and that she would be providing a write up with photos taken by the Biosphere Festival organisers for the newsletter. Cllr Talbot reported on her attendance at the latest WCFA meeting and that pleasingly recent water test results had been good. It was hoped that PGL would also contribute to future water testing in order that more testing could be carried out. She had received an invitation to the next Environment and Sustainability Forum on the 13th August which she would try to attend. d. IW Councillor Ian Dore was not in attendance and had not provided a report.
55/26-27	<u>Wightlink</u> To review any current issues ahead of the next partnership meeting scheduled for Thursday 23rd July. Further correspondence had been received from a resident at Ranalagh Drive requesting various questions

	be asked at the next partnership meeting. It was proposed out of courtesy to Martin Gulliver that an abridged version of these questions be sent to him for review ahead of the meeting which the Clerk would action. One of the questions which related to an overhanging tree branch obscuring the variable information sign at Kite Hill was for Island Roads to deal with and the Clerk would pass this request to them. RESOLVED: THAT the Chairman respond directly to the correspondent, and the need for better signage to direct drivers into two lanes when the 2nd Kiosk is open be raised at the next partnership meeting scheduled for 23rd July, as well as contingency plans for large vehicles, and flexibility on the colour and wording of the variable information signs as agreed at the last meeting.																
56/26-27	<u>Newsletter</u> The Chairman had provided his annual report for the newsletter. Cllr Talbot advised she was still waiting for an article from Eric Johnson about Abbeyfield. On this note, Cllr Dugdale enquired whether it would be appropriate to display some posters about Abbeyfield on the noticeboards as there were several vacant rooms which provided supported living that might be of interest to residents. Cllr Dugdale advised about a performance of Handel's Messiah from Ryde Chorus on 17th December at Newport Minster for residents to either attend and sing or attend and simply listen which she would send details about for the newsletter. She confirmed it was a very friendly group and would benefit from some new members if residents were interested. She would also submit plans for the next two monthly walks. Cllr Fontana would provide an article about the Biosphere Walk with photos.																
57/26-27	<u>Correspondence</u> The Clerk had circulated correspondence received which was noted.																
58/26-27	<u>Finance:</u> a. To approve the Bank Reconciliation for June 2026 RESOLVED: THAT the Bank Reconciliation for June 2026 be approved. b. To receive the first quarter financial review RESOLVED: THAT the first quarter financial review be noted c. To approve the Payment Schedule for June 2026 RESOLVED: THAT the following payments totalling £4508.33 scheduled for June 2026 be approved: <table> <tr> <td>• K. Riley (PC Word New laptop)</td><td>£399.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>• Community Action IW (July payroll)</td><td>£859.47</td></tr> <tr> <td>• K. Riley (July expenses)</td><td>£60.79</td></tr> <tr> <td>• DT Groundcare (watering)</td><td>£180.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>• Wight Computers (webhosting)</td><td>£96.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>• Noticeboards Online (noticeboard)</td><td>£2019.20</td></tr> <tr> <td>• Community Action IW (August payroll)</td><td>£859.47</td></tr> <tr> <td>• C. Dugdale (Coffee morning expenses)</td><td>£34.40</td></tr> </table>	• K. Riley (PC Word New laptop)	£399.00	• Community Action IW (July payroll)	£859.47	• K. Riley (July expenses)	£60.79	• DT Groundcare (watering)	£180.00	• Wight Computers (webhosting)	£96.00	• Noticeboards Online (noticeboard)	£2019.20	• Community Action IW (August payroll)	£859.47	• C. Dugdale (Coffee morning expenses)	£34.40
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59/26-27	No agenda items were raised, but the Clerk would ask members nearer the time of the next meeting.																
60/26-27	The date of the next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 8 th September to be held at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Fishbourne Lane, at 6.30pm																

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.05 pm

Signed as a true record

Chairman..... 8/9/26