

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
held on 8th September 2026 at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Fishbourne Lane,
Fishbourne, at 6.30 pm.

Present – Cllr Hopper (Chair), Cllr Babu, Cllr Dugdale, Cllr Fontana and Cllr Woollin
Mrs Katie Riley (Clerk)
One member of the public - Mr Vince Carter (Volunteer Tree Warden)

61/26-27	Apologies were received from Cllr Talbot who was away.
62/26-27	Cllr Hopper declared an interest in Minute number 65/26-27 as he was a personal friend of the applicant. Cllr Fontana also declared that she lived opposite the applicant. No written requests for dispensation were received from members.
63/26-27	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 th July 2026. Cllr Dugdale advised that the date of the performance of Handel's Messiah from Ryde Chorus had been incorrectly recorded as the 17 th December and should be the 15th December. RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the Meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th July 2026, including the amended date of 15th December for Handel's Messiah from Ryde Chorus, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
64/26-27	Mapping software To consider purchasing mapping software such as Parish Online in order to map 'favourite trees' and other parish data as required. It was suggested that other archaeological and historical data could be mapped as well as the parish walking routes. RESOLVED: TO proceed with a free 3-month trial of Parish Online and an annual subscription of £90 thereafter.
65/26-27 a.	Planning To consider the following application: Application No: 26/01109/HOU Location: 9 Firestone Glade PO33 4LH Proposal: Proposed extension at first floor level and alterations to conservatory to form sitting room. It was agreed that this application would be reviewed individually after the meeting by members and a consensus reached via email for any collective comment from the Parish Council. RESOLVED: FOR individual members to review the application after the meeting and share comments via email for the Clerk to collate on behalf of FPC.
b.	The following decision was noted: Application No: 26/00551/RVC Location: Ashdown House, Ashlake Farm Lane PO33 4LF Proposal: Variation of condition 2 on 25/00596/HOU to allow for revised design and materials (revised plans) Decision: Granted The Clerk had circulated details from the Isle of Wight Council about funding for Planning Compliance (Enforcement) for 2027/28 onwards which would be raised at the next meeting.
66/26-27 a.	Reports: Chairman – The Chairman reported that he had responded to numerous parking contraventions at Lower Green which had resulted in at least one ticket being issued. Parking Services had advised that whilst they would try to respond as much as they can, because the restriction is only enforceable between 8:00am and 9:00am, it coincides with Civil Enforcement Officers undertaking scheduled school enforcement, and so an officer would only be able to attend if their designated patrol route

b.	permitted it. Clerk – the Clerk raised correspondence received about ownership of the Lower Green, which the Chairman would respond to. She had circulated a written report including that the new noticeboard on Fishbourne Lane had been installed. The original posts were still in place but looking very corroded and she had asked Ryde Town Council's maintenance team to price up a repaint. Ryde Town Council had recently repaired the cork in the noticeboard at Kite Hill which had become very warped. She had received 2 reports of vehicles parked in Ranalagh Drive and written to both companies concerned requesting that they didn't park there in future, and had clarified for residents that Rights of Way look after footpath R1 and were the point of contact for any issues.
c.	Island Roads – the Wightlink variable information sign at Kite Hill had been reported as being obscured by an overhanging tree branch. It was established that the tree in question was private and Island Roads had written to the landowner requesting it to be cut back. The pavement between the road crossing at the end of Fishbourne lane and the bus stop at Elenors Grove was reported as being almost impassable which Island Roads have now cut back, and they were also dealing with the bin at the bus stop at the top of Kite Hill which had been reported as overflowing with a broken door.
d.	Other Councillor reports, including IWALC – Cllr Talbot had circulated a written report which included details of the Sustainability Forum she had attended on Thursday 13th August. Cllr Fontana reported on her attendance at the RVYC's Open Day which had been another really good and well organised event, with the highest attendance recorded (140). A letter from the RVYC had been received thanking Cllr Fontana for her attendance and the grant received. Cllr Fontana reported that some of the parish planters were falling apart, especially the ones at Kite Hill, and it was proposed that the Clerk ask Dave Trickey to do an audit of all the planters for repair. Cllr Babu raised the inconsistency of the traffic lights at the junction of Elenors Grove and Fishbourne Lane and while these have a dynamic setting, if causing concern, they would be reported to Island Roads.
e.	IW Councillor Ian Dore was not in attendance and had not provided a report.
67/26-27	Wightlink Cllrs Dugdale and Fontana reported on a constructive partnership meeting that they had attended with Martin Gulliver in July, notes of which are attached to these minutes. Of particular note it was reported that signage was due to be trialled to highlight when the second booth was open. An invitation had been received asking for feedback on the proposed 2027 Timetable which Cllr Talbot had responded to. Cllr Fontana raised Martin Gulliver's helpful assistance with the delivery of the new noticeboard and it was requested a thank you be placed on record in appreciation of this.
68/26-27	Autumn Spruce Up Agree date for the Autumn Spruce Up day RESOLVED: THAT Saturday 7th November be confirmed for the Autumn spruce up day
69/26-27	Register of Interest Form To agree to adopt the newly updated Isle of Wight Council Register of Interest Form RESOLVED: THAT the newly updated Isle of Wight Council Register of Interest Form be adopted by Fishbourne Parish Council and for members to complete and sign and forward to the Clerk

70/26-27	Fishbourne Garage Cars To review the correspondence received regarding cars owned by Fishbourne Garage parked on Fishbourne Lane and to agree on any further action. The Clerk had written to PC Andrew Emery about this and he had offered to go and talk to the garage about it. RESOLVED: FOR the Clerk to advise the resident about this action and share any updates received from PC Andrew Emery about it.
71/26-27	Newsletter To review submissions for November's edition of the newsletter. It was confirmed that the deadline for the next edition is 14th October. Submissions suggested were Abbeyfield, if not already included previously, the Parish Coffee morning, Best Kept Village Awards, and Cllr Fontana's travels.
72/26-27	Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2026/27 To approve implementation of the Local Government Services, pay agreement 2026/27 to be retrospectively applied from 1 April 2026 RESOLVED: THAT implementation of the Local Government Services pay agreement 2026/27 to be retrospectively applied from 1 April 2026 be approved
73/26-27	<u>Correspondence</u> The Clerk had circulated correspondence received including a thank you from the Biosphere Festival, an invitation to the Best Kept Village Awards presentation evening on 17th September which the Chairman would attend, and the Island Roads Customer Survey 2026
74/26-27	Finance: a. To ratify payments made in August RESOLVED: THAT the following payments totalling £862.80 made in August be ratified: • DT Groundcare (watering) £450.00 • Wight Print IOW Ltd (newsletter) £198.00 • M Bedford (Party expenses) £214.80 b. To approve the Bank Reconciliations for July and August 2026 RESOLVED: THAT the Bank Reconciliations for July and August 2026 be approved c. To approve the Payment Schedule for September 2026 RESOLVED: THAT the following payments totalling £2137.15 scheduled for September be approved: • K Riley (Aug and Sep expenses) £112.14 • Community Action IW (Payroll) £1037.01 • DT Groundcare (watering) £468.00 • RVYC (venue hire) £520.00
75/26-27	Agenda items: • Garden of remembrance • Planning Compliance (Enforcement) for 2027/28
76/26-27	The date of the next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 13th October 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 7.47 pm

Signed as a true record

Chairman..... 13/10/26