



NETTLESTONE AND SEAVIEW PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held online (via a Zoom meeting) on Monday 20th July 2020 at 6.45pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Elliott (Chairman), Ward, Hardie, Rivlin, Colledge, Tuson, Geernaert-Davies and Adams

The Chairman welcomed Members (8) and Residents (12)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Rev'd Alison Morley from St Peter's Church (Seaview) was invited to address the meeting about a proposed plan to generate income (lost during the Covid-19 pandemic) from the 'Undercroft' by offering it as a holiday let. Rev'd Morley made a short presentation and then invited questions from the members and public. There was a high level of engagement from the public with questions regarding whether the Undercroft would still be available for use as a community centre out of holiday season and whether the money would be used for anything other than the running of St Peter's Church. Rev'd Morley indicated that the Undercroft could potentially still be used for community activities and that the money would only be used for the running of St Peter's Church. Cllr Adams suggested that Rev'd Morley apply for the change of use of the Undercroft so that the Parish Council could consider the merits of the application in a formal way. The Chairman thanked Rev'd Morley for her attendance.

The Chairman then asked if there were any questions and comments from members of the public.

Jo King (Hersey Nature Reserve) informed the meeting that the reserve had suffered from some antisocial behaviour during the lockdown and that the hide will not be opening until the National Trust and RSPB start opening their sites.

A resident spoke to acknowledge that although the Parish Council had provided social distancing spots in Seaview High Street, they were unsure whether the spots outside the Community Shop were the correct distance apart. The resident also registered their surprise that the Parish Council had

not been engaged with the Isle of Wight Council to aid social distancing by closing off parts of the High Street. The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council had in fact been investigating this – with the Ward Councillor’s assistance and that the IWC had said that trying to enact some kind of long-term pedestrianisation would take up to 18 months to approve and would have been reported on in agenda item 20/113 – later in the meeting. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to the Isle of Wight Council and see if anything could be done sooner on Covid-19 grounds.

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Chairman’s Comments:

The Chairman thanked the members and public for joining the Zoom meeting.

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Apologies for Absence:

All members were present.

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Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:

No members declared an interest in the evening’s agenda items.

20/102

To Approve the Minutes of the PC meeting held on 15.06.20:

It was proposed by Cllr Ward that the minutes should be approved, Cllr Adams seconded the proposal and then the minutes were approved by the members.

20/103

Clerk’s Report:

- CWC reported that the ladies’ toilets and the disabled toilets at Puckpool Park are seizing up - like the gentlemen’s toilets did before Lockdown – so Firstmech have visited to assess the repairs required before the Summer season gets even busier.
- One of the Wallgate machines at Seagrove Bay has stopped working. They are under contract with Wallgate and a support case has been raised. Wallgate have a CV19 backlog of support and they are indicating a wait of two weeks for an engineer to be sent out. A resident asked when the toilet roll is replenished at the toilet as they had visited on Monday and the toilet roll had run out. The Clerk explained that the toilet roll is replenished twice a day (morning and evening) but on occasions people deliberately take all of the toilet paper and this has resulted in signs being placed in Puckpool Park toilets that request users to think of others before taking all of the resources.
- In line with Government guidance, Kerry Fields play area has been re-opened and is being cleaned with a virucide each morning. During the opening inspection, it was noticed that the tree on the adjacent area of grass has become overgrown and is almost touching the electricity substation behind it. There is also a damaged branch on another oak – in the play area itself – Brighstone Landscaping are applying for

permission to trim the tree on Health & Safety grounds and we await planning from the IWC. The cost for dealing with both trees will be £630.

- The Environment Officer (EO) noticed that the seats on the 'toddler' swings are showing signs of cracking and the bolts are starting to rust. New seats have been ordered at a cost of £290 and will be installed as part of the overall work to be carried out starting today.
- The Dinghy Park Audit has started, and the penalty area cleared of rubbish at a cost of £160. Most boats had valid permits, but others are being chased up and vessels will start to be moved into the penalty area to begin the 6 month storage process before being disposed of. Cllr Hardie informed the Clerk that a group of volunteers are available to help tidy the Seaview Dinghy Park, should the need arise.
- The Seaview Dinghy Park lease has been signed and is currently with the solicitors – awaiting the Isle of Wight Council signatures.
- Wicksteed have begun the installation of the new play equipment in the Kerry Fields play area and should complete this week.
- The External auditors have started their review of the annual returns and have recommended an update to the precept figures from 2019 and this has been completed and updated to the Parish Council website.

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- 20/90 – A Zoom meeting for the Public to ask questions of WYG about the proposed development on Puckpool Hill was hosted on the 18th June and was well attended by the public.

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- 20/94 – The disabled space audit is up and running and Island Roads have been investigating many of the identified spaces.

Cllr Ward asked that the Clerk write to the Isle of Wight Council about double yellow line violations in Gully Road that would prevent emergency vehicles getting access to Ferniclose Road and Seagrove Bay.

Cllr Rivlin explained to the Clerk that work near Newell's slipway in Seaview is now complete but that getting machinery in to tidy boulders would probably be unwise as the tourist season is underway.

20/104

Planning:

20/104/01: Delegated decisions, as per the list circulated, were noted.

20/104/02: The following applications were then considered:

- 20/00918/RVC: Former Pondwell Holiday Camp, Pondwell Hill, Nettlestone Isle Of Wight.

Proposal: Variation of condition no. 3 (materials and finishes) on P/00867/17 (Plot 5 now known as 21 Wishing Well Close)
Comments by 24th July 2020

Resolved:

The Parish Council voted to support the application.

- 20/00835/HOU: Cheragin, Old Seaview Lane, Seaview, PO34 5BD

Proposal: Proposed first floor extension and alterations including roof terrace; raised decking to rear
Comments by 24th July 2020

Resolved:

The Parish Council voted to support the application.

- 20/00985/HOU: 4 Mulberry Way, Ryde, PO33 1QW

Proposal: Proposed outbuilding - forming workshop and store.
Comments by 31st July 2020

Resolved:

The Parish Council voted to support the application.

- 20/00998/HOU: Uplands, Calthorpe Road, Ryde, PO33 1PS

Proposal: Demolition of porch on south elevation; proposed single storey extension to north elevation with roof terrace; proposed single storey extension to form utility room to annex
Comments by 31st July 2020

Resolved:

The Parish Council voted to support the application.

- 20/00960/HOU: Puckpool House, Puckpool Hill, Seaview, PO33 1PJ

Proposal: Retrospective application to remove existing concrete base; construction of swimming pool and paved terrace.
Comments by 7th August 2020

It was pointed out by Cllr Hardie that a comment had been submitted in the afternoon of the meeting – by a member of the public – that there was a covenant on the property which would prevent the construction of a swimming pool and terrace.

Resolved:

The members resolved that the Clerk should write to the Planning Officer explaining that they have taken a neutral position on

applications 20/00960/HOU and 20/00961/LBC; to state that they are unhappy to see multiple retroactive applications being received from the same property and enquire why the covenant that exists on the property was ignored when the swimming pool and terrace were constructed.

- 20/00961/LBC: Puckpool House, Puckpool Hill, Seaview, PO33 1PJ

Proposal: Listed building consent retrospective application to remove existing concrete base; construction of swimming pool and paved terrace.

Comments by 7th August 2020

Resolved:

As per application 20/00960/HOU – above.

20/104/03

To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 6th July 2020:

The Clerk failed to distribute the minutes in time for the meeting so this item will be moved to the next meeting.

20/104/04

Appeals:

No new appeals have been lodged.

20/105

Reports:

20/105/01: I.W.: Ward Cllr Barry was not present, but a resident informed the meeting that they had requested an update on the Isle of Wight Council's post-CV19 recovery plan from Cllr Barry and thought this would have been a good opportunity for an update. It was suggested that the Clerk could write to the Ward Councillor before future meetings and ask if there was a written report the Ward Councillor would like read out on his behalf, if he was unable to attend in person.

20/105/02: N&SCP: Cllr Hardie explained that there were no updates as all Summer events were cancelled due to COVID19.

20/105/03: Seagrove Pavilion Trust: The Chairman of the Trust gave an update from a report that is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

20/105/04: Nettlestone Residents Association: The Chairman of the association reported that they held their AGM where Gibbwell Field, the Roadside Inn and Eddington road potential development were discussed.

20/105/05: IWALC: Cllr Adams reported that IWALC are encouraging engagement with the Government's plans for further devolution of powers to a

local level. This is described by the Government as an opportunity for local communities to control the planning and development of their areas.

20/105/06: Others: N/A

20/106

Gibbwell Field:

Cllr Adams expressed his disappointment with the Isle of Wight Council's response to the Parish Council's letter sent to question the procedural errors witnessed during the IWC Planning Committee's deliberations for the Gibbwell Field application (minute no. 20/92). Cllr Adams read extracts from their response to illustrate that points raised had not been addressed. A member of the NVRA pointed out that although they had produced a transcript of the meeting and their legal representatives 'Knights PLC' had written to the Isle of Wight Council pointing out the procedural errors – as highlighted in the transcripts – they had still not responded to those points.

Resolved:

The members resolved to write to the Chairman of the IWC planning committee, copying in the Leader of the Isle of Wight Council, the CEO of the IWC, the IOW MP, Ben Gard and the Chairman of the IWC Scrutiny Committee. The letter will question why due process was not followed during the planning committee hearing, will be shared amongst the members to approve before sending and have the potential to accept input from the NVRA.

Cllr Adams also explained that he felt it was unacceptable that the Governors of Nettlestone Primary School had not yet responded to the letter sent by the Parish Council after last month's meeting.

Resolved:

The members resolved (with seven votes in favour and one abstention) to write to the Governors of Nettlestone Primary School and ask why they have not responded yet.

20/107

Park Lane Planning Applications:

Cllr Adams was concerned that since planning applications 19/01531/CLEUD and 19/01536/CLEUD had gone into abeyance, the Parish Council had not been able to ascertain the current status of the land in Park Lane.

Resolved:

The members resolved for the Clerk to write to the IWC and request that the Parish Council have sight of the valuation officers current and historic fiscal assessment of the site.

20/108

Roadside Inn:

Cllr Geernaert-Davies expressed her concern that – after hearing Questmap’s proposal to turn the Roadside Inn into a convenience store – the local Londis ‘Vic’s Stores’ would be impacted and that the change of use of the Roadside Inn as a retail premise would make it easier for the owners of the Roadside Inn to get planning permission to turn the downstairs of the building into a residential property – resulting in the loss of Vic’s as well as the pub that has already gone. There was a vibrant debate amongst the audience on the Zoom call with discussions about the viability of the Roadside Inn becoming a community building of some description and one resident pointing out that the Parish Council could potentially take out a loan over a 50 year time period that should not impact the precept a great deal. Cllr Elliott said that it will be difficult to gauge the impact of any proposed changes at the Roadside Inn until a planning application is submitted and a suggestion was made that perhaps a working group could be formed in the future to assess what the community could do to influence the future direction of the Roadside Inn’s development.

20/109

Puckpool Park Flower Beds:

It was noted that the recent addition of bedding plants in the planters at Puckpool Park – by Care In The Garden – had cost £420 (significantly less money than had been budgeted for but all the work that was possible due to CV19). The next large step of development of the flower beds will now be in the Autumn and it is expected that figures for that will be available for the members to consider in September’s full meeting.

20/110

Nettlestone Hill Local Information sign:

Cllr.Rivlin mentioned that an interpretation board used to be available for the public to read on Nettlestone Hill – by the observation bench at the top of footpath R114 and that she believes it would benefit the community to bring it back. This was met with a very positive response from the meeting attendees. It was mentioned that the previous wooden sign had been removed as it had degraded and that it would probably be a good idea to replace it with an aluminium one – similar to the one sourced by the Community Partnership at the bottom of Seaview village.

Resolved:

The members resolved that Cllr Rivlin would coordinate an investigation of the costs involved in providing a replacement sign. A small working group with Jo King, Di Tuson and Lynn Clarke will convene and a draft and costed visual will be worked up.

20/111

Nettlestone Green Public Call Box:

Cllr.Ward wished to clarify that the decision to remove the book exchange items was a directive from BT as they forbid the use of call boxes for anything other than making calls. The Clerk explained that he had been in touch with BT at the request of the resident who had been running the book exchange and BT had explained that the call box will be up for review again in

September (and will be every year apparently). Cllr Hardie asked if signs had been up in the box to explain this and the Clerk confirmed that the resident who ran the book exchange had done this and the book exchange was no longer in the call box.

20/112

Seaview Dinghy Park:

Cllr Rivlin proposed that a potential new shorter-term permit could be introduced to run alongside the annual (£110) and seasonal (£80) permit – in response to challenges for local sailors caused by the pandemic. The Clerk explained that eight permit holders currently have seasonal passes and may only have wanted them for a shorter period of time as well so perhaps they should be offered a refund if a new rate was calculated. The members debated the merits of introducing a new temporary rate but in the end decided not to take the proposal any further.

20/113

Parish Road Closures:

Cllr Elliott, Cllr Rivlin and Ward Cllr Barry had met with the Isle of Wight Council in Seaview and examined which roads around the High Street and Esplanade could potentially be closed off to aid social distancing in the Summer. The IWC officers had explained that anything other than a short term road closure would take up to 18 months to process - consultation with various departments etc. Cllr Elliott said that Cllr Barry had said he was still looking into a short-term closure for some of the Summer and would follow up with him.

Cllr Rivlin explained that the IWC would manage a trial for a longer term closure if the community thought it was worthwhile. Cllr Adams expressed concerns that there could be parking issues caused by removing the parking in and around the High Street area and Cllr Geernaert-Davies had observed that the Pier Road car park was almost full on the day of the meeting, without the parking being removed from the High Street.

20/114

Change to Standing Orders:

Cllr Elliott explained that a situation had arisen with a planning matter where the Planning Committee requested more information in order to be able to come to a position where they had the confidence to support or object to the application. The requested information was supplied but by that point, there was insufficient time for the committee to meet and discuss the application before the consultation period closed. Cllr Elliott explained that there are powers which allow duties to be delegated to an officer of the council (in this instance, the Clerk is the Proper Officer of the council). Cllr Elliott proposed that the Standing Orders be amended to allow the Clerk to respond to a planning application on the councils behalf when there is insufficient time to call a Planning Committee meeting before the consultation period expires, as long as the Clerk had consulted with the Chair of the Planning Committee and at least half the members of the Planning Committee. The Clerk explained that if the proposal was seconded, the resolution would then be adjourned

until the September meeting – as per the Standing Orders. A resident expressed their concern that this type of delegation might be illegal and was in their opinion a dangerous path to go down. The Clerk said that he would check the wording of the Local Government Act 1972 as he believed it supported this type of delegation to an officer of the council. The resolution was seconded by Cllr Tuson and then adjourned until the next meeting in September.

20/115

Sandlands Allotments:

The virtual resolutions undertaken by the Sandlands Allotment Committee were noted and are attached to these minutes as Appendix B.

20/116

Correspondence:

20/116/01: The following items were circulated:

NVRA – Letters discussed in item 20/106

IWC – Chris Quirk – IWC Planning Chair, letter regarding the challenges to the planning process.

IWC – Ben Gard – response regarding 20/106

IWC – Tree works:

- Sandlands Cottage, Steyne Road.
- Long Logs, Priory Road.

Mr & Mrs Bailey – Support for traffic survey.

Island Roads – A response to the need for starting the Gully Road Bridge repairs.

20/116/02: The following items were reported:

There were no new items reported.

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Finances:

20/117/01: The following receipts were noted: -

The clerk circulated a report of the schedule of receipts up to 20-07-2020. There were no questions or comments. Attached to these minutes as Appendix C

20/117/02: The following payments were approved: -

The clerk circulated a report of the schedule of payments up to 20-07-2020. Attached to these minutes as Appendix C

20/117/03: Grant Applications: -

There was an application from the charity Victim Support. The members resolved to award a grant of £50 and request an illustration of how funds are distributed in the parish.

20/117/04: To receive an Income / Expenditure report to 30th June 2020:

The clerk circulated the above report to members. Cllr Rivlin asked what the £5000 of 'other' income was on the report. The Clerk explained that this was the CV19 grant/loan from the IWC that would have to be paid back at some point. The report was noted.

20/118

Information and Report:

Cllr Ward asked if there had been any further correspondence from the IWC planning department regarding the latest position on the Eddington Road development and the Clerk said there had not. Cllr Ward and the Clerk agreed to send a letter to enquire what the latest situation is with the site. Cllr Rivlin was concerned that the bin at the bottom of the High Street had not been replaced since it was set on fire. The Clerk explained that as the fire was so severe, the tarmac has had to be repaired first before the bin can go back. Cllr Rivlin also mentioned that a sign had been put on the bin on Nettlestone Green that said 'CCTV' was being used to observe the bins. The Clerk had informed Island Roads that the Parish Council had not put the sign on and they removed it in line with their policy of not allowing fly posting on their street furniture. Cllr Hardie asked if anti-gull flaps could be attached to all of the bins in the parish. The Clerk said that if a member sees a bin has been disturbed by an animal that they should let him know and he will request an upgrade to that bin and that Cllr Rivlin has been very proactive with this already. Cllr Rivlin also shared that local residents were expressing frustration online as the owners of Priory Bay Beach had put security in place to prevent people from occupying the beach – it is believed this is a reaction to excessive littering of the beach during lockdown.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.45pm.

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Chairman
21st September 2020