



## NETTLESTONE AND SEAVIEW PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held online (via a Zoom meeting) on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7pm

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

The Chairman welcomed Members (8) and Residents (9)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman asked if there were any questions and comments from members of the public.

There were no comments.

#### **20/177**

##### Chairman's Comments:

The Chairman thanked the members for their support during his recent bereavement.

#### **20/178**

##### Apologies for Absence:

All members were in attendance.

#### **20/179**

##### Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:

Cllr Hardie declared an in interest in planning applications 20/01886/HOU and 20/01975/FUL.

#### **20/180**

##### To Approve the Minutes of previous PC meetings:

20/180/01 Cllr Tuson proposed to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th November 2020, Cllr Ward seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

20/180/02 Cllr Geernaert-Davies proposed to approve the minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 26th November 2020, Cllr Colledge seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

## **20/181**

### Clerk's Report:

- The Environment Officer reported that one of the older swing seats in Kerry Field's play area had developed a split. A replacement has been purchased at a cost of £55.50 +VAT (including delivery). It will be installed in the next week.
- Thanks to the efforts of Cllr Hardie and the Community Partnership the parish is looking very festive. The Parish Council has provided the tree and lights on Nettlestone Green, the Fairybell tree on Eddington Road – opposite St Helen's Church, the large LED tree on Sophie Watson's Garden and the lights wrapped around the tree at St Peter's Church. There were some technical challenges early on that were dealt with efficiently by NDLE. These were delivered £804 within budget.

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- 20/166/01 – Following on from Cllr Barry's report regarding the potential opening of a COOP store in the Roadside Inn building, a letter has been sent to COOP requesting clarification of their intentions for the site. To date there has been no response.
- 20/166/05 – IWALC – Cllr Geernaert-Davies has now been recorded as the council's deputy IWALC representative by IWALC.

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- 20/169 – Dinghy Park fence – so far, Cllr Adams and the Clerk have not been able to meet with potential contractors at the park to review the specification, but this will be a priority for the new year.

## **20/182**

### Planning:

20/182 /01: Delegated decisions, as per the list circulated, were noted.

20/182 /02: The following applications were then considered:

- 20/01886/HOU: 14 Spithead Close, Seaview, Isle Of Wight, PO34 5AZ

**Proposal:** Proposed detached garden room/ storage shed  
Comments by 11.12.20

### **Resolved:**

The Parish Council voted to Support the application.

- 20/02003/HOU: Swift Cottage, The Close, Nettlestone, Isle Of Wight, PO34 5BT  
**Proposal:** Demolition of garage; proposed garage.  
Comments by 29.12.20

**Resolved:**

The Parish Council voted to support the application.

- 20/01975/FUL: Pear Tree Cottage, Circular Road, Seaview, Isle Of Wight PO34 5ET.  
**Proposal:** Alterations to infill side window.  
Comments by 06.01.21

**Resolved:**

The Parish Council voted to support the application.

- 20/02002/HOU: The Surprise, High Street, Seaview, Isle Of Wight PO34 5EX.  
**Proposal:** Retention of shed.  
Comments by 06.01.21

**Resolved:**

The Parish Council voted to support the application.

20/182 /03

Appeals:

There were no new appeals to note.

**20/183**

Reports:

20/183/01: I.W.C Ward Cllr: Cllr Barry reported that the Chevrons on the bend in Bullen Road have been installed by Island Roads and is hopeful it will help prevent accidents in the future.

20/183/02: N&SCP: Cllr Hardie reported that sadly, due to COVID19 restrictions, there will not be the usual visit by Father Christmas prior to Christmas this year or any family carols outside at the church as it has been too difficult to meet the administrative requirements this year. The Partnership and Men in Sheds have been able to provide many pallet trees around the parish and the potted trees that had been used for several years but now require planting, have mostly been sold at the Community Shop. The tree planting sponsored by the Woodland Trust has now benefitted from 107 saplings and forty-seven will be planted on Sophie Watson's Garden to represent the servicemen on the village war memorial. The first trees have already been planted in Hersey Nature Reserve and the remaining trees will be distributed around parish sites and at Nettlestone Primary School – the school planting has been tied into the other environmental work (e.g. beach cleaning) that the partnership has been undertaking with the school. There will be a late shopping night in Seaview on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

20/183/03: Seagrove Pavilion Trust: Nothing new to report this month.

20/183/04: Nettlestone Residents Association: The association reported that they are concerned and unhappy about the process the Isle of Wight Council has engaged in for disposing of the development site in Eddington Road.

20/183/05: IWALC: Cllr Adams reported that he had received a report from IWALC on the decline in rural public transport and encouraged members to also read it. He also reported that he had received an informative presentation from IWALC about the proposed changes to the national planning framework. The presentation highlighted that developers were broadly in favour of the changes but the CPRE and TCPA (Town and Country Planning Association) were deeply concerned by them and he again encouraged members to study the presentation.

20/183/06: Others: N/A.

## **20/184**

### Vic's Stores:

The Clerk clarified that to date, no planning application has been submitted to extend the size of the Roadside Inn, which has been described as a prerequisite for a COOP store to open there. Cllr Rivlin read from an email the members had received from a resident - Kevin Berry – in which he asked for clarification on whether Questmap are able to convert the Roadside Inn into a convenience store without change of use as they won their appeal? He also expressed his preference for no convenience store to open in competition to Vic's Stores but suggested that in his experience COOP were a better community partner than the big supermarkets. Cllr Adams explained that it was his understanding that as the owners of the Roadside Inn had gained a change of use for the property to 'retail' via an appeal, they would not need permission to open a shop there if they were going to use the building as it stands. Cllr Barry explained that as an Asset of Community Value, if the owners were to try and sell the building to COOP, it would trigger a legal process that could give the local community six months in which to find a way in which to purchase the building. Cllr Colledge had spoken to the owners of Vic's Stores and asked if they would like to keep their shop running and they had said yes.

### **Resolved:**

The members resolved that the Clerk should contact Vic's Stores owners and see if they would like the Parish Council to start an online petition on their behalf.

The members also resolved that the Clerk should write a follow up letter to the COOP in which the Parish Council states its objection to a convenience store opening in the Roadside Inn – stressing that it is an Asset of Community Value.

## **20/185**

### Seaview Hotel Public Toilets:

The Seaview Hotel has made the decision to remain closed until March 2021 and as a result, currently there is no access to the public toilets contained within the building. Cllr Rivlin has been coordinating an investigation into the status of

the toilets with IWC ward Cllr Barry and they have been able to confirm that there is a legal agreement in place between the Seaview Hotel and the IWC that ensures the toilets must remain open all year – except for the 22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> December and a further ten days of maintenance. This agreement was created when the IWC allowed the hotel to demolish the public toilet block at the rear of the hotel and use the land to expand the hotel's capacity in exchange for provision of public use of hotel toilets. Cllr Barry will continue to work with the officers of the IWC to get the facility re-opened.

**Resolved:**

The members resolved that the Clerk should write to the legal department of the IWC (CC'ing Cllr Barry) and request that they ensure the Seaview Hotel complies with the terms of the existing legal agreement.

**20/186**

Eddington Road:

The Clerk confirmed that an official complaint had been sent from the Parish Council to the IWC Regeneration Department for their handling of the disposal of the Eddington Road site – as per minute item 20/168. To date, no response had been received. Cllr Barry informed the meeting that the IWC had been suggesting to prospective developers that they could look to put up to 90 residential units on the site and this was far greater than the 40 residential units (plus some business units) plan that the parish had worked on with Vectis Housing. Cllr Ward expressed his concern that the officers of the IWC were dictating to the IWC members how the site should be progressed rather than the Councillors' desire to work with Parish Councils being respected.

**Resolved:**

The members resolved that the Clerk should write again to the IWC regeneration team, re-iterating their concerns for the way in which the disposal of the site is being handled.

**20/187**

Legal representation of the Parish for future planning applications:

Cllr Adams proposed that £6000 of the council's 2021/22 budget should be ring-fenced for engaging legal services to challenge issues arising from the planning process. He cited an example of an investigation carried out by Warner Goodman LLP on behalf of Cllr Michael Lilley (Ryde Town Council) with regards to the West Acre Farm development and has been perceived to be helpful with clarifying issues with the development. The Clerk confirmed that money had been assigned to the draft budget to cover this and that this type of legal challenge was already undertaken by other town and parish councils.

**Resolved:**

The members resolved to ring-fence £6000 of the 2021/22 budget for legal challenges regarding the planning process.

**20/188**

Finance Working Group:

The Clerk explained that the Finance Working Group (FWG) had met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 and had analysed the draft budget which had then been shared with all the members for consideration. The six month internal audit had been successfully completed by the FWG. The proposed budget sees an increase in Council tax from the current £47.76 per band D house to £53.96 per year. This works out at £1.04p per week. This is considerably below the national average of £69 per year and even further below the Isle of Wight average of £90 per year.

**Resolved:**

The members agreed to approve the budget with 7 in favour and 1 abstention.

**20/189**

E-Scooters:

Nettlestone Primary School had contacted the council, the week before the meeting to ask if the members knew anything about a new E-Scooter scheme being rolled out on the Island as they had been contacted by the supplier of the scooters (Beryl – in partnership with the IWC infrastructure department) to explain that an area of pavement on Nettlestone Green was going to be designated as a scooter park. The school is very concerned about the effect on safety of crossing from the green to the school of scooters are placed by the zebra crossing and potentially inhibit the area. The members confirmed that they had not been aware or consulted about the scheme. Cllr Geernaert-Davies explained that whilst she was very much in favour of eco-friendly transport solutions, there were safety issues concerning the school crossing and that the Parish Council, school and residents should have been consulted before declaring the area a scooter park. Cllr Barry confirmed that even as Ward Councillor he had not been made aware of the scheme until being told it was going ahead with approval from the IWC and Hampshire Constabulary. Cllr Hardie proposed that the Clerk should write to Beryl and the Isle of Wight Council to explain the council's surprise at not being consulted about the placement of the scooters; that the school had written to the council with their concerns over children's safety due to the placement of the park and explain that the area next to the crossing on the green is not a suitable location for a scooter park.

**Resolved:**

The members resolved to support the motion to write to Beryl and the Isle of Wight Council

**20/190**

Correspondence:

20/190/01: The following items were circulated:

IWC – Tree Preservation Order 20/00021/TPO – Land between Ferniclose Road and Priory Road, Seaview.

20/190/02: The following items were reported:/

Nothing to report.

**20/191**

Finances:

20/191/01: The following receipts were noted: -

The clerk circulated a report of the schedule of receipts up to 14-12-2020. There were no questions or comments. Attached to these minutes as Appendix A

20/191/02: The following payments were approved: -

The clerk circulated a report of the schedule of payments up to 14-12-2020. Cllr Rivlin noted the expenditure to 'Phil The Truck' to clear a plot at the allotments and asked if the opportunity had been offered to allotment holders at large. The Clerk explained that this was an exceptional action where an evicted tenant had left a substantial amount of non-recyclable broken material on their plot – including broken glass and jagged metal. The waste filled two entire trucks and there was no capacity left for further waste. The former tenants combined deposits from their plots had been retained to help towards the costs of the removal action. There were no further questions or comments. Attached to these minutes as Appendix A

20/191/03: Grant Applications: -

There were no applications this month.

20/191/04: To receive an Income / Expenditure report to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020:

The clerk circulated the above report to members. There were no further questions, and the report was noted.

**20/192**

Information and Report:

Cllr Hardie reported that the Community Shop had received an award from the High Sheriff. Cllr Adams asked members to consider if they would like to be part of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group as work will kick off in the new year. Cllr Rivlin informed the members that the Citizen's Advice Bureau are looking for volunteers – the Clerk will share this on the parish website. Cllr Colledge said that he had been in contact with the IWC and the builders at Bank House (in Seaview High Street) and they have confirmed that the front of the building will be restored to its former condition once work has completed. Cllr Colledge has asked the owners if they would confirm this in writing to the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.38pm.

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Chairman

18<sup>th</sup> January 2021