



NETTLESTONE AND SEAVIEW PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (Draft)
held online (via a Zoom meeting) on Monday 21st September 2020 at 7pm

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

The Chairman welcomed Members (6) and Residents (8)

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

A member of the public asked if any of the members knew anything about the potential development behind Solent View Road, next to the area known locally as the 'Donkey Field'. Cllr Elliott said he was aware that some trees had been cut down and another resident said they had spoken to one of the people cutting the trees down and been told that there was a well beneath them that would affect the planned development but they had no more details than that to share. Another resident asked if the local school had replied to the council's letter about Gibb Well field parking that had been sent in July. The clerk said that no reply had been received from the governors.

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Chairman's Comments:

No comments.

20/120

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Tuson was unable to attend due to work and Cllr Colledge was attending a funeral.

20/121

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:

Cllr Rivlin expressed a prejudicial interest in item 20/137 and Cllr Hardie expressed interests in 20/130 and the planning application for Pier House.

20/122

To Approve the Minutes of the PC meeting held on 20.07.20:

It was proposed by Cllr Elliott that in the 'public comments section' of the minutes, the wording regarding the Hersey nature Reserve should be updated to show that there had been antisocial behaviour in the reserve (not vandalism in the hide) and that the hide is closed, not the reserve. Cllr Adams seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with the corrections.

20/123

Clerk's Report:

- In response to the letter, sent by the parish council to the IWC Planning Committee, requesting a moratorium on all major planning applications on the Isle of Wight until physical restrictions to meetings are eased, Ben Gard replied to explain that a motion to discuss this – along with a review of all elements of planning during COVID19 restrictions – has been raised by Cllr Michael Lilley and will be discussed at the next IWC Planning Committee meeting.
- One of the Seaview Dinghy Park gate locks has seized up and it has been replaced at a cost of £37.35 (Inc. VAT).
- The Environment Agency have been in touch with regards to the request (raised in May) to test the water emptying into the lagoon at the Hersey Nature Reserve. Their testing facilities had been shut for five months but they have now opened an active investigation.
- CWC reported that one of the Wallgate machines at Puckpool Park has developed a fault and is staying on permanently. A case has been raised with Wallgate to investigate and fix the fault. Wallgate have indicated that their engineer will attend on the 23rd September 2020.
- CWC reported that the alarm de-activation button for Seagrove Bay toilets has been damaged. The damaged housing has been taped off whilst T&L electrical source a replacement.

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- 20/103 – The ladies and disabled toilet at Puckpool Park have now all had new cisterns installed and means that all of the cisterns in the toilet block have been replaced this year.
- 20/103 – A Wallgate engineer arrived at Seagrove Bay on the 1st September and repaired and serviced both machines at the toilet block.

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- 20/103 – Wicksteed have now installed the new play equipment and bench at Kerry Field's play area. They have also replaced all of the chain swings and cracked toddler swing chairs. The swing seats were £314.65 + VAT.
- 20/103 – The External Audit of the council's annual returns has concluded and the final report is now on the parish website.
- 20/103 – The clerk wrote to the IWC about vehicles parking on double yellow lines in Gully Road (on the approach to Ferniclose Road). The IWC have provided the parish council with a dedicated email address for reporting active parking violations.

- 20/118 – Cllr Ward and the clerk wrote to Paul Thomas (IWC Assistant Director of regeneration) for an update on the IWC's plans for the development on Eddington Road. Paul Thomas has responded to explain that he took an options paper to the 'Housing Members Board' in August. He explained that *'The decision was taken to progress the site and market it via agents with a brief of best consideration for developers to offer a balance between land value and affordable units, in other words to test the market with 35% on-site affordable housing being the minimum. NB: Best consideration is not the same as highest price, allowing other factors such as the need for affordable housing to be taken into account. This approach allows the Housing Associations or private developers to make their best offer and should give the IOW council the market intelligence to make an informed decision, and balance the priority of a land value against the need for affordable housing.'*

This process will begin this month.

20/124

Planning:

20/124/01: Delegated decisions, as per the list circulated, were noted.

20/124/02: The following applications were then considered:

- 20/01274/HOU: Pier House, Pier Road, Seaview, Isle Of Wight, PO34 5BN

Proposal: Replacement seawall.
Comments by 25th September 2020

Resolved:

The Parish Council voted to Support the application on the condition that the sea wall has a stone façade.

- 20/01293/HOU: 33 Solent View Road, Seaview, Isle Of Wight, PO34 5HX

Proposal: Replacement fencing.
Comments by 25th September 2020

Resolved:

The Parish Council voted to support the application.

- 20/01307/HOU: The Chute Gully Road, Seaview, Isle Of Wight, PO34 5BZ

Proposal: Proposed decking with balustrade to existing flat roof at second floor level; replacement double glazed UPVC windows.

Comments by 25th September 2020

Resolved:

The Parish Council voted to support the application.

- 20/01313/HOU: 11 Orchard Road, Seaview, PO34 5JE

Proposal: Proposed front extension.

Comments by 25th September 2020

Resolved:

The Parish Council voted to support the application.

- 20/01344/RVC: Land Between The Chute, Seahaven, The Boathouse And Sunnymead, Gully Road, Nettlestone, Isle Of Wight

Proposal: Variation of condition no 2 on P/01228/15 to allow amended design and materials to approved garage.

Comments by 2nd October 2020

Resolved:

The members resolved to object to the application - in line with Island Roads – on the grounds that the space is inadequate to facilitate safe parking.

- 20/01346/HOU: Vernon House, Oakhill Road, Seaview, PO34 5AL

Proposal: Proposed replacement garage with glazed link.

Comments by 9th October 2020

Resolved:

The members resolved to support the application as long as there is no threat to the local bat population in the existing garage.

20/124/03

To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 19th August 2020:

The minutes were approved and are attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

20/124/04

Appeals:

No new appeals have been lodged.

20/125

Reports:

20/125/01: I.W.C Ward Cllr: Cllr Barry explained that the IWC Planning Committee meeting for the 22nd September had been cancelled. The IWC had their annual meeting the previous Wednesday and the chair of the Scrutiny Committee was now a member of the administration rather than an opposing party – as had been tradition. Cllr Barry is now the chair of the IWC Audit Committee. Cllr Barry observed that the process of using Zoom at the parish council meetings seemed to allow a better level of participation than the MS Teams system being used by the IWC, which relies on responses being emailed in rather than being raised in real time. A resident asked Cllr Barry if he could find out who had replaced Luke Ellison in the coastal management team at the IWC. Cllr Barry said he would find out and share the answer.

20/125/02: N&SCP: Cllr Hardie explained that there were no updates as all Summer events were cancelled due to COVID19.

20/125/03: Seagrove Pavilion Trust: The Chairman of the Trust gave an update from a report that is attached to these minutes as Appendix B and added that the local Girl Guides and Brownies will be restarting back at the pavilion shortly. The Chairman expressed his gratitude to the football club and its members for filling potholes in Seagrove Manor Road. Cllr Barry explained that the material to fill the holes came from Wight Fibre (one of the players works for them) and that a longer term solution will need to be investigated with all interested parties.

20/125/04: Nettlestone Residents Association: The Secretary of the NVRA said that the association was concerned about the potential loss of green space in the area by the Donkey Field and are conversing with concerned residents of Seaview about it but they will continue to focus on the development on Gibb Well field too. The clerk was asked to follow up the letters (regarding Gibb Well Field) that were sent to the governors of the school and the IWC. Discussion turned to the council potentially sending a 'Freedom of Information' request to the IWC in regards to the development near the Donkey Field. The clerk pointed out that there may be associated costs with the FOI request, and it was not an item on the agenda. Cllr Elliott (in his capacity as Chairman) called for an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting the following week to discuss the request.

20/125/05: IWALC: Cllr Adams reported that IWALC have put their AGM back as updated Government COVID19 rules have stopped them running the meeting as they had planned.

20/125/06: Others: Jo King reported that the IW Council Coastal Engineer, Luke Ellison, who also managed the Hersey Nature Reserve has left the authority. He will be sadly missed. She also wanted to reassure people that even with the loss of Luke, some maintenance and tidying will be happening.

20/126

Change to Standing Orders:

Cllr Elliott explained that since the previous meeting when the motion to change the Standing Orders to delegate some planning responsibility to the clerk had been raised, it had become apparent that concerns over being able to respond to planning applications in a timely manner in the future could be managed on a case by case basis and a change to the Standing Orders was not required to solve the issue.

Resolved:

The members resolved to reject changing the Standing orders to delegate some planning responsibilities to the clerk.

20/127

Nettlestone Hill Interpretation Board:

A mock-up of the board that Cllr Rivlin had been working on with members of the Community Partnership was shared online and Cllr Rivlin (with assistance from Lynn Stack and Jo King) explained that the plan is to have a main board on Nettlestone Hill and several more smaller boards that indicate places of interest on the Barnsley Trail as people walk around the parish. The main board will have a map in the centre which will be surrounded by information about the history of the local area and a QR code. It was explained that the intention is to go 'paperless' and the QR code will allow people to pull up a web page (from the parish website) on their smartphone that will have expanded information – should they require it. Cllr Geernaert-Davies said that she was in favour of the project but wanted to make sure that any map would include the entire trail – across the whole of the parish and not just the area of Seaview – as shown in the mock-up. It was confirmed that the map in the mock-up was borrowed from another leaflet and that the actual map would cover the whole trail. Cllr Rivlin explained that the cost of producing and fitting the signs (one main board and five smaller markers) would be approximately £370 but that did not include the cost of designing the map (still being defined) or of replacing the rotten existing post on Nettlestone Hill that the previous board was fixed to. Cllr Rivlin asked whether there was budget available to deliver the project this year. The clerk explained that no money had been put aside for this project but some money (£250) had been put aside for reproducing the Parish Plan this year (which had not been required so far) and there were grant funds available should another organisation look to deliver the project and request funding for it from the council. Cllr Rivlin will explore these avenues with the Community Partnership for a future meeting.

20/128

National Housing Consultation:

Cllr Adams explained that the Government has started a consultation with regards to the number of new homes that local authorities will be required to deliver on an annual basis and that he has grave concerns about the impact that this will have on the Isle of Wight. He clarified that he was referring to the consultation on changes to the 'standard method' for calculating housing numbers and not the 'Jenrick Paper' that has a later deadline. A resident pointed out that the proposed changes to the 'standard method' used by the

Government has increased the number of houses that need to be delivered annually on the Isle of Wight from 688 to 1045. Cllr Adams also expressed his support for a paper written by the Island's MP (Bob Seely) called 'Isle of Wight Housing and Land Use' in which the MP expresses his belief that the Isle of Wight needs to be allowed to set its own (lower) housing numbers, due to the exceptional circumstances that affect it, when compared to other local authorities.

Cllr Adams proposed a motion whereby the Parish Council urgently send an email to Cllr David Stewart (Leader of the Isle of Wight Council), John Metcalfe (IWC CEO), Cllr Barry Abraham, Cllr Chris Quirk, IWALC, Bob Seely MP, the CPRE and clerks of the other towns and parishes on the Isle of Wight, stating the parish council's support of Bob Seely's paper (above).

Resolved:

The members resolved – unanimously - to support the motion.

Cllr Adams proposed a second motion whereby the Parish Council urgently send an email to Cllr David Stewart (Leader of the Isle of Wight Council), John Metcalfe (IWC CEO), Cllr Barry Abraham, Cllr Chris Quirk, IWALC, Bob Seely MP, the CPRE and the Government department running the consultation, stating the following:

With regards to the 'proposed changes to the current planning system' the members reject the flawed methodology being proposed by the Government that will continue the onslaught of the concreting over of our Island, without any consideration to the indigenous housing need, whilst at the same time destroying our tourist economy.

Resolved:

The members resolved to support the motion.

Lastly, Cllr Adams proposed a third motion whereby the Parish Council urgently email Cllr David Stewart (Leader of the Isle of Wight Council), John Metcalfe (IWC CEO), Cllr Barry Abraham, Cllr Chris Quirk, CC - IWALC and Bob Seely MP, asking the following:

Will the Isle Of Wight Council be debating the National housing consultation, specifically the flawed numbers from the 'proposed new standard method' and to be clear, not the 'Jenrick Paper' consultation that expires next month.

Resolved:

The members resolved to support the motion.

During the debate for the motions, Cllr Ward said that he agreed that it was important to engage with and support the MP but that the MP had expressed support with planning issues in the parish before and has not always followed it up.

20/129

Neighbourhood Plan:

Cllr Adams clarified that research he has performed indicates that the grants available for completing Neighbourhood Plans have increased to £18000 (due to COVID19). Also, it is advisable to engage a consultancy to help and that the plans – typically - end up costing £30000 to £35000 to produce so the council will have to budget for £12000 to £17000 of expenditure in the future. Cllr Adams asked the clerk to clarify the official boundary of the parish, with the IWC, to aid with the scoping of the plan.

20/130

Community Shop Planned Expansion:

Cllr Rivlin explained that the Seaview Community Shop was now three years old and was in the position to consider expanding by moving into the building next door. This expansion would require a planning application to be submitted to the local authority planning department. The shops management committee have approached the parish council to see if they would submit the planning application as this would result in a fifty per cent reduction in the cost of submitting the application, which the Community Shop would pay. Cllr Elliott expressed his discomfort at the prospect of the parish council submitting planning applications for other organisations and was concerned it might set a precedent. Cllr Elliott did raise the prospect of a future grant if the shop required financial aid but it was explained that the shop is on a solid financial footing and this was seen as an opportunity to allow the shop to prevent money being taken away from the community. There was discussion about what happens with profits from the shop and several shareholders explained that the money remains in the community in the form of continuing to fund and grow the shop and not removed for private gain. The discussion ended with some residents agreeing that they were unsure that this would be a good precedent to set although the shop is a Community Benefit Society.

Resolved:

Cllr Rivlin proposed that the parish council should put in the planning application to enable a fee reduction for the Community Shop and Cllr Hardie seconded the motion. The motion was not carried, with two members supporting the motion, one abstention and three against.

20/131

Planning Decision Enforcement:

Cllr Rivlin informed the members that there were several planning conditions in the parish that were breached on a regular basis. Specifically, the following items were named: P/00446/17 Condition 10, SVYC ramp to be removed annually; P/00042/16 Beach huts only to be occupied 1st April –30th September; P/01078/18 Salterns Village Cottages, [variation of TCP/5981/C condition 2 dismissed on appeal], occupation only allowed between 1st March – 31st October; P/01309/14 Salterns Bungalows [variation of condition 1 refused] occupation only allowed between 1st March - 31st October.

Residents expressed their dismay that the gathering of evidence for enforcement has been pushed down to the general public and that the IWC enforcement team did not seem to enforce the conditions in a timely fashion,

even when evidence was supplied. Cllr Ward said that he understood the department to be very small now and unable to cope with the current number of requests.

Resolved:

The clerk will write to the IWC Planning Enforcement Team and explain that these conditions are habitually breached and they should be investigated.

20/132

Parish Tree Planting:

Lynn Stack and Jo King confirmed that 110 trees are in place for several sites around the parish i.e. Sophie Watson's Garden, Hersey Nature Reserve, Nettlestone Primary School, Ansell's Copse and Sirius Close. The trees (which have been obtained via work with the Woodland Trust) are free to the parish but they are little 'whip' trees that require protective surroundings (from recycled material), cable ties and stakes. These materials should cost up to £125 and will be paid for by the parish council in line with February agenda item 20/32. A resident praised the scheme and explained that it requires 200 mature trees to offset the carbon of building a new home. Due to COVID19 restrictions there is unlikely to be a community event to mark the starting of the planting.

20/133

Seaview Dinghy Park Fence:

The clerk explained that he had still only been able to obtain two quotes for replacing the fence – complete with concrete posts. Part of the issue has been companies saying that they are not quoting for new work as they cannot obtain materials due to COVID19. The quotes varied significantly and with no other quotes to compare them to, it was difficult to understand which was more realistic. Cllr Adams stated that he believed the use of concrete posts was essential, Cllr Ward backed that assertion and the clerk confirmed that for the last few years, hundreds of pounds have been spent each year replacing rotten wooden posts. It was decided to let the resolution rest and continue to seek further quotes.

20/134

Kerry Fields Play Area – COVID19 Measures:

CWC have proactively informed the council that the current fogging of play equipment with virucide will become less effective, the wetter the weather becomes (to the point of being ineffective). The clerk explained that £200 a month is being spent on the fogging but that has only been possible due to the savings made when the toilets were shut during the lockdown.

Resolved:

The members resolved that the clerk inform CWC to stop the fogging from the 1st October and for the clerk to put up new signs at the play area explaining this to the public.

20/135

Kerry Fields Play Area – Annual Safety Report:

The clerk had circulated the report to the members previously. It was noted that the inspector had complimented the parish council on the improvements made since last year and that there were no high risk or urgent items to address. The main areas to address are the lack of a general safety notice, which the clerk will get produced with assistance from the IWC and budgeting to replace multiple fence posts that are showing signs of rotting. There were no further questions from the members. The report was accepted and is included in these minutes as Appendix C

20/136

Puckpool Flower Beds:

Cllr(s) Elliott and Rivlin had met with Lynn Stack (Community Partnership) and Care In The Garden at Puckpool park to examine plans for the flower beds that the parish council had agreed to take over maintaining from the IWC. The next phase of work involves reducing the number of flower beds and their overall footprint – to return them to their original area, as seen in a picture on the wall of the café in Puckpool Park. To perform the initial stage of restoring the flower beds to something similar to their historic size, Care In the Garden had provided a quote of no more than £1800, which includes top soil, turfs removing of flower poles, creating two to three slab wide pathways, materials and labour, but not flowers. The flowers will be included in a future stage of work. The clerk indicated that £1800 was inside the budget set aside for the project.

Resolved:

The members resolved to instruct Care In The Garden to proceed with the next phase of work at the Puckpool Park flower beds.

20/137

Warren's Boat Yard:

Cllr Rivlin outlined that the building next to Seaview Yacht Club is in need of renovation and that the parish council had already approved the planning application for that work. Renovating the building should allow Warren's Boat Yard to expand its operations and potentially create some jobs in the parish. Warren's Boat Yard had put in an expression of interest in a grant from the 'Rural Development Program for England' (RDPE) and had been successful so now need to complete the full paperwork for the grant. The grant will not cost the parish council any money (it is from an EU source) but it would aid their application if the parish council were to write a letter in support of their plans.

Cllr Rivlin had previously declared a prejudicial interest in this item so left the meeting whilst the remaining members discussed it.

Cllr Adams said that whilst he appreciated that the clerk had put the discussion of the application on the agenda in good faith, he was not sure that it was a parish council matter as it pertained to a private business and could not see that there was necessarily a community benefit. Cllr(s) Ward and Geernaert-Davies both said that they were generally in favour of supporting local businesses if it created local jobs as this might do. Cllr ward also said that the

parish council had written a letter for the yacht club before to support it getting a grant from Sports England and thought that had set a precedent. A resident expressed their support for anything that might create jobs in the parish and another said they felt it was borderline whether this was a parish council concern.

Resolved:

The members resolved to request visibility of the paperwork – from Warren’s Boat Yard - that shows the potential for the renovation work (paid for by the grant) to result in the creation of local jobs before making a decision about writing a letter in support of their application.

Cllr Rivlin then re-joined the meeting.

20/138

Parish Noticeboard Renovations:

Men In Sheds have renovated two parish noticeboards already and have started a third so it was suggested that a donation of £50 was made by the parish council to Men In Sheds to help them remain active in the community.

Resolved:

The members resolved to make a donation of £50 to Men In Sheds, in recognition of the work they have done in renovating parish noticeboards.

20/139

Correspondence:

20/139/01: The following items were circulated:

IWC – Paul Thomas – Letter as reported in Clerk’s Report.

IWC – Ben Gard – Response regarding a moratorium on major planning applications.

Mr & Mrs Grillo – Regarding issues with the goal posts and damage to their fence at Seaview Recreation Ground.

WYG – Notification of a parking review on the IOW.

IWC – Notification of BT plans to remove PCB at Nettlestone Green.

IWC – Consultation on Council Tax reduction scheme for 2021/22.

IWC – Tree works:

- 5 Sandcove Rise, Seaview.
- Seaview House, Circular Road.
- Woodlands Vale House, Calthorpe Road.
- 5 Aspen Gardens, Ryde.
- 11 Hornbeam Square, Ryde.

20/139/02: The following items were reported:

Victim Support Hampshire & IOW – a thank you letter for the council’s grant award of £50. Mr & Mrs Grillo – an update on the latest situation with the investigation on who is responsible for the recreation ground and an acknowledgement of Cllr Ward looking into the issue.

20/140

Finances:

20/140/01: The following receipts were noted: -

The clerk circulated a report of the schedule of receipts up to 21-09-2020. There were no questions or comments. Attached to these minutes as Appendix D

20/140/02: The following payments were approved: -

The clerk circulated a report of the schedule of payments up to 21-09-2020. There were no questions or comments. Attached to these minutes as Appendix D

20/140/03: Grant Applications: -

There were no grant applications.

20/140/04: To receive an Income / Expenditure report to 31st August 2020:

The clerk circulated the above report to members. Cllr Rivlin checked how far the council was into its financial year, the clerk confirmed it was half-way through. Cllr Rivlin also asked for clarity on the newsletter expenditure. The clerk confirmed that this was money allocated to paying for entries in the Beacon magazine on a quarterly basis and amounts to approximately £300 for a half page article. The report was noted.

20/141

Information and Report:

Cllr Ward shared that he (along with the clerk) would keep following up with the IWC about their intentions for Eddington Road. He also said that he now only had 48 miles left in his 4000 miles for £4000 fund raiser for the Mountbatten Hospice and with gift aid he had raised £4281, with more to come.

Cllr Hardie shared a message from a resident who wanted to thank the clerk for engaging with the Rights of Way team to investigate improving the condition of the bridleway at Priory Bay.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.51pm.

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Chairman
19th October 2020