



NETTLESTONE AND SEAVIEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of 32nd ANNUAL MEETING of the PARISH OF NETTLESTONE AND SEAVIEW held on Tuesday 25th May 2021 at St.Peter's Church, Seaview at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Elliott (Chairman), Cllrs Jenkins, Hardie, Marlton, Redpath, Adams and 11 residents

1. To Approve the Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting:

The Chairman read the minutes of the 31st Annual Parish Meeting (held on the 18th march 2019) and then proposed a motion to approve the minutes – six attendees voted to approve the minutes, with the rest abstaining.

A question arose regarding the Village Green status application for Nettlestone Green and the Clerk was able to clarify that the completed application had been submitted to the Isle of Wight Council and was received and acknowledged by Jerry Willis at the IWC but he has struggled to get the paperwork processed by the IWC legal team so has now escalated this internally at the IWC and a response is awaited.

Another resident expressed their concern over the development of green spaces mentioned in the previous minutes and asked that the council consider this in a future meeting.

2. To Receive a Report From Former Chairman Vilma Barraclough:

As the former Chair had not been able to deliver her annual report in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cllr Elliott invited her to give the report at this meeting and it is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

3. Report From The Community Partnership:

Mrs Lynn Stack gave the members a full update from the Community Partnership and its associated umbrella organisations. Attached to these minutes as Appendix B

4. Report On Behalf of The Seaview Community Shop:

Dianne Foxley-Thomas gave an update on behalf on the Community Shop. During the Pandemic, a large number of volunteers were instructed to shield so they moved quickly to deploy a non-shielding worker to cover all of the morning opening hours (Cllr Rebecca Hardie fulfilled this role). The shop also stepped in to fill the gap left by the depleted shelves and lack of delivery slots offered by the supermarkets and delivered supplies to the housebound until supermarkets were able to recover and start offering an enhanced service. The shop has been made COVID-19 compliant and is looking to double in size this year. The shop received an award for outstanding community service during the pandemic from the High Sheriff and a letter of recognition from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant. She finished by thanking all of the staff and volunteers for their efforts over the last year.

5. Report From The Seagrove Pavilion Trust:

Kevin Berry (Chairman of the Seagrove Pavilion Trust) gave a report on the Seagrove Pavilion Trust. Attached to these minutes as Appendix C. He finished by thanking and encouraging all the newly elected councillors to read through the Parish Plan, Supplementary Planning Document and Age Friendly Charter.

6. Report From The Current Chair of the Parish Council:

Cllr Barry Elliott started by thanking the Clerk for setting up the Community Hub during the first lockdown and producing the

information leaflets that were delivered to every home in the parish. Cllr Elliott drew attention to the renovation work at both public toilets (Puckpool Park and Seagrove Bay); the upgraded equipment and new sign in Kerry Fields Play Area; new lease for Seaview Dinghy Park; new lease for Sophie Watson's Garden and new accessible website that the council had implemented in the last year. Cllr Elliott celebrated the excellent Tree Planting initiative by the Community Partnership that the council had backed and thanked the Men In Sheds for the work they had done on renovating several of the parish's notice boards.

7. Matters of interest/concern:

Issues Raised by IWC Ward Cllr David Adams

Cllr David Adams (parish and ward councillor) addressed the meeting. He expressed concern for the following: tree removal in the name of development in the parish; the future of the Eddington Road site and the fact that the IWC planning department's performance is judged to be in the bottom twenty percent of departments in the country. Cllr Adams said that to address this he would like to initiate discussions between the IWC and parish council to protect green spaces, pressure the IWC to take onboard input from the parish council regarding the Eddington Road site and help reform the approach to planning to help residents better understand what is being proposed in planning applications. These comments initiated a keen debate with a resident expressing their disappointment with the way that IWC officers handled the Gibbwell Field application and hope that the newly elected Isle Of Wight Council might coordinate a resistance to the centrally pushed out planning targets – Cllr Adams said that the CEO of the IWC (John Metcalfe) had promised a review of the current system. A resident asked Cllr Adams if IWALC had requested a

suspension amongst all parishes of development on green field spaces – Cllr Adams said he would look into this.

Another resident mentioned how Cornwall had similar issues to the Isle Of Wight with regards to second home ownership and properties remaining empty for much of the year and wondered if the IWC could take any lessons from them. Cllr Adams said that this was something he was keenly investigating. He also mentioned that he has been investigating how some holiday lets/second homes that do not pay business rates were able to take advantage of thousands of pounds in COVID-19 recovery grants.

A resident pointed out that there were policies in the IWC core strategy that could guide the response to planning applications for the parish council e.g. numbers of parking spaces required as a home is developed and that if they were able to get the Supplementary Planning Document from 2017/18 adopted by the IWC planning department a lot of green spaces would get additional protection.

Finally, a resident asked if Cllr Adams would be able to get put on to the IWC planning committee – Cllr Adams said he would not be opposed to it.

There being no further questions, the Annual Meeting was declared closed at 7.29pm

Chair

10th May 2022