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NETTLESTONE AND SEAVIEW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at St Peter's Church Hall, Seaview on Monday 17th March 2025 at
7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Rogers (Chair), Adams, Hadfield, Barry, Geernaert-Davies,
Redpath, Marlton, Colledge, and Hardie

The Chair welcomed Members (9) and Residents (1).

The Chair invited comments from the public in attendance – there were none.

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Chair's Comments:

N/A.

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Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Heather sent their apologies, which were accepted.

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Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:

N/A

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To approve the Minutes of the Previous PC meeting held on the 18th February 2025.

The members voted to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th February 2025.

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Clerk's Report:

The Clerk's report is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

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Planning:

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25/39/01 Delegated decisions, as per list circulated, were noted.

25/39/02 Planning decisions:

Application:	Address:	Description:	Resolved:
25/00201/HOU	The Surprise High Street Seaview Isle Of Wight PO34 5EX	Proposed 2 x conservation roof windows to north east elevation	The Parish Council resolved to support this application
25/00249/HOU	11 Matthews Way Nettlestone Seaview Isle Of Wight PO34 5LB	Proposed replacement balcony with glass balustrading and external staircase on rear elevation to replace existing balcony	The Parish Council resolved to support this application
25/00197/FUL	Tesco Stores Ltd Brading Road Ryde Isle Of Wight PO33 1QS	Proposed restaurant/drive-thru with associated car parking and landscaping	The Parish Council resolved to support this application on the following conditions: i) that a management plan is put in place to deal with litter; ii) the conditions for approval, as detailed by Island Roads, are satisfied.
25/00252/FUL	Lower Flat Lorraine Fairy Road Seaview Isle Of Wight PO34 5HF	Proposed single storey rear extension and alterations	The Parish Council resolved to support this application
25/00271/HOU	Fairylee Bluett Avenue Seaview Isle Of Wight PO34 5HE	Proposed two, two-storey side extensions to include rear balcony; single storey front, side and rear extensions; front elevation balcony; alterations to include roof mounted solar panels; additional windows and and replacement fenestration; proposed detached boathouse; landscaping and alterations to sea wall (revised scheme).	The Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment and overlooking of neighbours.

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25/00319/HOU	Donnington Ryde Road Seaview Isle Of Wight PO34 5AB	Demolition of rear terrace and side access ramp; proposed single storey rear extension with raised terraces and associated landscaping; alterations to include reconfiguration of lower ground, ground and first floor and conversion of loft space with infill roof extension to form additional living accommodation	The Parish Council resolved to support this application
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25/39/03: Appeals: N/A

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Reports:

25/40/01: I.W.C Ward Cllr: Cllr Adams reported that the IOW Council is trying to support farmers and their farmland. He noted that devolution should mean that the Island remains as a unitary authority. Cllr Adams has been in touch with Southern Water about a leak outside the former Vic's Stores on Nettlestone Green and damage to a Combined Sewage Outlet opposite Quay Rocks – Southern Water are looking to resolve both issues. At the Hersey Nature Reserve, the local PCSO has put up signage and started random patrols to help tackle anti-social behaviour and so far this seems to be having a positive effect.

25/40/02: N&SCP: Cllr Hardie reported that the next social events will be the Easter Antics. The wildflower planting trial on Sophie Watson's Garden remains on track, some further cultivation of the test patch is required and then seeds should be sown shortly. 'Care In The Garden' have tidied up the bench area at the bottom of Seaview High Street, which has returned several benches to use. For the 80th anniversary of VE day (8th May) there will be a service at St Peter's Church at 6pm and then venues in the village will be selling fish and chips (as recommended nationally). There will be a wreath laying at 8pm and then a tribute and beacon lighting (opposite the Old Fort) at 9.30pm. The Parish Council will endeavour to provide a wreath and support the purchase of a commemorative flag to be flown in the garden at St Peter's Church.

25/40/03: Seagrove Pavilion Trust: Cllr Hadfield reported that a window had been broken at the pavilion but has been replaced already.

25/40/04: Nettlestone Residents Association: N/A.

25/40/05: IWALC: Cllr Redpath reported that at the IWALC meeting at which Cllr Andrew Garratt discussed the new IOWC committee system, some questions were asked.

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One was on the role of the leader of the council and the second was on the role of the monitoring officer with regard to local councils. Cllr Garratt sought answers to those questions and clarified that there would continue to be a leader but they would now be a focal point for the IOWC, providing strategic direction, rather than having the same decision making powers they had in cabinet. Cllr Garratt also confirmed that the Monitoring Officer's role would remain similar in nature to its current form.

25/40/06: Friends of Nettlestone School: Cllr Hadfield reported that 'World Book Day' was marked with children receiving 'Willy Wonka style Golden Ticket book tokens' and that £100 was raised during the event.

25/40/07: Seaview Football Club: Cllr Colledge reported that vandals had moved the goalposts into the middle of the pitch and damaged benches provided by Men In Sheds – Cllr Adams recommended that these acts should be reported to the PCSO so they can build up a pattern of offending for investigation. The football club will be hosting a race-night fundraiser at the Old Fort on March 26th – proceeds to go to the Isle of Wight Prostate Cancer Support Group.

25/40/08: Others: A resident reported that a group of volunteers have been in discussion with the trustees at St Helen's Church and their head groundsman. The group are looking to work with the groundsman to carry out multiple tasks around the burial ground and eco-garden and are looking to put a constitution together. The group have obtained shed space already and will be looking into obtaining suitable tools. It is envisaged that a three hour window, once a week would be the sort of commitment from volunteers that would make the group a success. The Clerk confirmed that he would be happy to advertise details of the group once it is established.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The latest draft of the plan produced by Troy Planning + Development has gone to the next stage of consultation with the Isle of Wight council and various government agencies - this is expected to take several months. Once this consultation period ends the plan will then go out to the public for a further consultation.

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ENGLISH DEVOLUTION:

The members discussed the issues surrounding the proposed devolution of Councils in the Hampshire and Solent area. It was decided that the 'Hampshire and Solent Devolution Consultation' published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government did not allow the Council to express its thoughts on the matter adequately. It was decided that the Parish Council would submit a response explaining it supported the following joint submission from the Hampshire and Solent Councils:

"Reflecting its position as an island, we propose that the Isle of Wight should remain as a separate unitary authority. The island will have a population of 148k

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people by 2028 which we acknowledge is below the MHCLG guidance regarding population sizes for a unitary.

However, we consider that the Isle of Wight meets the criteria of exceptional circumstances related to local identity.

Fundamentally, the cost of providing council services on an island physically separated by water are driven by dislocation and the associated small markets which result in inherently higher costs due to market barriers and a lack of economies of scale. These characteristics cannot be remedied by a council's structure or scale (i.e., even if a boundary is on the mainland).

As the physical boundary to the Island remains, the opportunities to reduce fixed costs and make procurement efficiencies and estate rationalisations are limited.

No model of local government reorganisation will address challenges regarding the tax base and financial sustainability of the island, whilst balancing and adding further challenge to the delivery of services from a geographical and financial perspective. Furthermore, Isle of Wight residents possess a distinct cultural identity which does not necessarily align with mainland residents. While we will continue to explore opportunities for shared service arrangements, we require support and clarification to discuss an Island Deal to establish sustainable local government across the whole of Hampshire and the Solent."

It is worth emphasising that the Parish Council already believes the Island should be recognised as meeting the threshold for 'exceptional circumstances'.

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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION EXPENSES:

The council considered whether it would consider spending up to £2000 on polling cards for the potential (should more than ten candidates stand) Parish Council elections in May. There was a discussion of the positives and negatives to providing the cards but in the end it was decided not to take the motion further.

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APRIL MEETING DATE:

Resolved:

The Council resolved to move the next Parish Council meeting to the 15th April, to avoid the Easter bank holiday.

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Finances:

25/45/01: The following receipts were noted: -

The Clerk circulated a report of the schedule of receipts up to 28-02-2025. There were no comments - attached to these minutes as Appendix B.

The signing of the monthly bank reconciliation and statement had been completed by Cllrs Rogers and Adams prior to the meeting.

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25/45/02: The following payments were approved: -

The Clerk circulated a report of the schedule of payments up to 17-03-2025. The members resolved to approve these payments - attached to these minutes as Appendix B.

25/45/03: To receive a monthly income/expenditure report up to 28th February 2025:

The report was noted with no further comments.

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COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Cllr Hadfield asked if the rusting bollards on the Duver could be replaced and Cllr Adams will raise this with the District Steward (Cllr Marlton explained that he had been able to replace them when serving as District Steward previously). Cllr Colledge raised his concerns for three properties in Oakhill Road that seem to be unexpectedly empty – members will keep an eye out for any potential development of these properties. Cllr Marlton asked if there had been any progress with quotes for renovating the Madeira Road noticeboard, the Clerk explained that the carpenters at Quarr Abbey are working on a quote but Ryde Town Council had not managed to coordinate a visit yet – Cllr Rogers will revisit the Men in Sheds and see if they are able to renovate the board in the near future. Cllr Hardie raised an issue that members of the public have found with the IOWC ‘complaints’ page on their website. Residents spend considerable amounts of time filling in all the sections of the complaints form, only to be asked to click on a button, to prove that they are a ‘human’ – at this point, the process fails and the complaint is lost. Cllr Adams will raise this internally at the IOWC.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.30 pm.

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Chair
15th April 2025

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- Lloyds bank have (across the industry) converted the Council's account to a Community account and there is now an annual charge of £51 per year to maintain the account – the next best alternative (Unity Trust Bank) which is specifically aimed at Parish Councils charges £72 per year so at the moment, there does not appear to be a case to look at transferring the account.
- As per the resolution in February, Playsafe have been commissioned to replace the matting under the larger set of swings at Kerry Fields Play Area – weather permitting, this will take place, the week after the Easter school holidays.
- The door lock on the cubicle door (nearest the entrance) at Seagrove Bay Toilet Block has broken and CWC have fitted a replacement free of charge.

Appendix B

Receipts March 2025

Voucher	Code	Date	Bank	Description	Supplier	Net
101	Allotments	24/02/2025	Nationwide Business Savings Account	Allotment Rents	Allotments	15.45
101	Allotments	24/02/2025	Nationwide Business Savings Account	Allotment Rents	Allotments	25.00
102	Interest	28/02/2025	Nationwide Business Savings Account	Interest	Nationwide	72.25
Total						112.70

Payments March 25

Voucher	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
173	Salary (Inc Tax, N.I and Pension Contributions)	03/02/2025		Current Account	PC Pension Contribution	SJP	182.13	0.00	182.13
174	Salary (Inc Tax, N.I and Pension Contributions)	17/02/2025		Current Account	PC Pension Contribution	SJP	7.22	0.00	7.22
169	Newsletter	04/03/2025		Current Account	Quarterly Newsletter	Beacon Media	265.50	53.10	318.60
171	Allotments	04/03/2025		Current Account	Water Services (Sandlands)	Business Stream	523.72	0.00	523.72
168	Bins (Street Furniture)	04/03/2025		Current Account	Dog Bin Service - Seagrove Bay	Onward Waste	64.00	12.80	76.80
170	Public Park & Conveniences	04/03/2025		Current Account	Water Services (Puckpool)	Business Stream	996.36	87.55	1,083.91
172	Storage	05/03/2025		Current Account	Document Storage	InnerSpaces	79.17	15.83	95.00
175	Admin Expenses (General)	10/03/2025		Current Account	Meeting Expenses	Nettlestone and Seaview	9.90	0.00	9.90

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181	Admin Expenses (General)	13/03/2025	25/29	Current Account	IWALC Annual Subscription	IWALC	860.62	0.00	860.62
185	Grounds Maintenance	14/03/2025		Current Account	Ground Maintenance (Extra Work)	Care In The Garden	188.00	37.60	225.60
176	Salary (Inc Tax, N.I and Pension Contributions)	17/03/2025		Current Account	Clerk's Salary	B.Jennings	2,132.79	0.00	2,132.79
178	Salary (Inc Tax, N.I and Pension Contributions)	17/03/2025		Current Account	HMRC Contributions (Q4)	HMRC	2,197.69	0.00	2,197.69
177	Admin Expenses (General)	17/03/2025		Current Account	Clerk's Expenses	B.Jennings	60.48	5.58	66.06
179	Public Park & Conveniences	17/03/2025		Current Account	Cleaning Contract	Clean Wight Cleaning	1,563.67	312.73	1,876.40
182	Admin Expenses (General)	17/03/2025		Current Account	Stationery	Viking	68.17	13.63	81.80
184	Bins (Street Furniture)	17/03/2025		Current Account	Rubbish Bin Emptying Annual Contract	Island Roads	99.90	19.98	119.88
180	Beach Cleaning / Awards	17/03/2025	24/159	Current Account	Beach Awards	Keep Britain Tidy	625.00	125.00	750.00
183	Neighbourhood Plan	17/03/2025	24/58	Current Account	Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy	TROY Planning	2,850.00	570.00	3,420.00
						Total	12,774.32	1,253.80	14,028.12