

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WROXALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 19.00

PRESENT: Cllr A. Gallop (Chairman)
M. Clayton, H. Cole, B. Davison, A. Langdon, C. Rickards, S. Underwood
IN ATTENDANCE: M. Taplin, Clerk, Cllr R. Downer (IoW Council),
Mr H. Dea (ENO, IoW Council), Police Sgt R. Stapleton, Mrs M. James
(Planning Aid). Four members of the public.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR None

Mrs James explained that Planning Aid was a charity operating under the auspices of the Royal Town Planning Institute to provide independent professional advice on planning matters on both individuals and organisations. This could include legal advice, advice on planning enforcement and advice on the preparation of Village Design Statements (that gave a Parish Council additional standing with the Planning Authority). She and colleagues were based on the Isle of Wight at Freshwater; leaflets were tabled explaining the charity's role. Mrs James was thanked for her attendance.

Sgt Stapleton referred to the letter sent by the Council to the Chief Superintendent concerning youth anti-social behaviour and police presence in Wroxall. His Inspector had hoped to attend, but apologised that a last-minute duty had prevented this. Sgt Stapleton headed the Ventnor Safer Neighbourhood Team, with two PCs and a PCSO. The PCSO with special responsibility for Wroxall was Peter Downing. He acknowledged that police resources were targeted at areas with high crime rates, and Wroxall did not fall into this category. However the Police had held community engagement forums, carried out street mapping exercises and speed checks in the village. There was some debate about the best way to contact the police in various circumstances, and Sgt Stapleton said he would give the Clerk advice to circulate. However people in the village should not be put off dialling 999 if a more urgent response was required than the 101 number offered. The Chairman thanked Sgt Stapleton.

60/09-10 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr P. Court

61/09-10 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

62/09-10 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2009

RESOLVED To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October as a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

63/09-10 MATTERS ARISING NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

(i) Bank Signatories

It was understood that approval for Cllr Rickards was in place.

(ii) Bollards to protect daffodil planting, St Johns Rd

Cllr Downer had raised with S. Love. There was still some hope.

(iii) Village Welcome Signs

The Clerk had not yet obtained quotations.

(iv) Vehicle+trailer in lay-by near Donkey Sanctuary

Mr Dea said nothing more could be done unless land ownership could be established. The Chairman agreed to investigate.

- 64/09-10 TO RESOLVE ACTION ON EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2008/9
The Clerk reminded Members of the Audit Report received from the Audit Commission and presented papers setting out a revised Risk Assessment and an Audit Plan together with formal instructions for the Internal Auditor. After debate it was **RESOLVED** to adopt these with immediate effect and take steps to ensure the other matters raised were dealt with.
- 65/09-10 TO CONSIDER PRELIMINARY BUDGETING FOR 2010/11
The Clerk said Members would need to form a view on the budget for the following year, and figures would be presented at the next meeting. In the meantime he reminded them of the Audit opinion that reserves held in the deposit account were too large in relation to the precept and annual budget. It was agreed that various items of expenditure should take place before 30 March 2010 to facilitate this, including a contribution towards the bollards mentioned in Minute 63, the Village Welcome Signs, a new Noticeboard and a contribution towards the MUGA.
- 66/09-10 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING
None
- 67/09-10 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS
RESOLVED To approve payments of the following amounts:
- | Cheque No | Payee | Amount | Details |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| 1025 | M R Taplin | £ 53.14 | Clerk's expenses
10/09 |
| 1040 | Audit Commission | £ 155.25 | Audit Fee 2009 |
| 1041 | Isle of Wight Council | £ 238.67 | Clerk's Salary
October |
- 68/09-0 CORRESPONDENCE
The Clerk read the list of correspondence received.
- 69/09-10 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (Not requiring a resolution)
- (a) Cllr. Rickards asked that the toilets be kept open until the end of the half-term break, and that thereafter a sack be placed over the fingerboard pointing to them.
 - (b) Cllr Langdon asked if the bollards at the end of the bridge could be replaced by railings.
 - (c) Cllr Cole wondered if the lay-by mentioned in Minute 63 could be 'claimed' by the Parish Council, and notices posted re. parking.
 - (d) Cllr Underwood described conditions at the allotments and said he proposed to write to all tenants. He suggested that the new notice board also act as a Tourist Information point, with a village map.

- (e) Cllr Gallop referred to a letter from Mr Ferguson regarding a missing street light in Yarborough Rd – Clerk to contact Highways. He suggested that the walnut tree by the north corner of the car park should be the subject of a tree preservation order.
- (f) Cllr Downer reported on his meeting with IoW Director S. Love, that had achieved promises of action in some areas of long-standing concern. He also spoke about the well-attended public meeting he had arranged concerning speeding in the village – monitoring would be carried out, with results expected in January.
- (g) Mr Dea reported that the recent Boneshaker event had seen 32 dogs chipped and 12 bicycles coded. The MUGA planning application was still delayed by lighting issues and funders would not commit until this was resolved. He wondered if it would be a good idea to organise an independent public meeting with the police regarding Neighbourhood Watch.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.06

NEXT MEETING: Monday 14 December, 19.00 Methodist Church Hall