

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WROXALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 8 JUNE 2009 AT 19.00

PRESENT: Cllr A. Gallop (Chairman)
Cllrs M. Clayton, H. Cole, W. Davison, C. Rickards, S. Underwood
After co-option Cllrs P. Court and A. Langdon

IN ATTENDANCE: M. Taplin, Clerk
13 members of the public.

Questions from the floor Mr Watts raised the topic of speeding motorists, especially in Mountfield Rd. It was explained that this could be addressed only by the Police and the Highway Authority, and there was a history of the Parish Council putting pressure on them to take effective action. However the resource available to collect effective evidence was extremely limited. This led to a discussion on the police presence in the village and particularly a current spate of youth anti-social behaviour. Ventnor police were carrying a PCSO vacancy, and the remaining PCSO only seemed to be around at school times, whereas early evening (18.00-20.00) presence was needed. The underlying issue was the lack of anything for young people to do and the Chairman referred to the MUGA proposal. He would speak to PC Neil Payne as soon as possible.

01/09-10 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On a proposal by Cllr Rickards, seconded by Cllr Cole, Cllr Gallop was elected Chairman for 2009/10. The Chairman welcomed newly-elected Parish Cllr Davison, and Isle of Wight Cllr Downer.

02/09-10 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and the Clerk countersigned this.

03/09-10 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

On a proposal by Cllr Cole, seconded by Cllr Underwood, Cllr Rickards was elected as Vice Chairman.

04/09-10 TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillors signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office and these were Counter-signed by the Clerk.

05/09-10 TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' REGISTRATION OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER INTERESTS

All Cllrs submitted their registration of financial and other interests for publication

06/09-10 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

07/09-10 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ANY NOMINATIONS FOR CO-OPTION TO COUNCIL

The Clerk explained that following the election there were two vacancies on the Council that could be filled by nomination.

Cllr Davison nominated Mrs Alison Langdon. This nomination was seconded by Cllr Underwood and agreed. Cllr Cole nominated Mr Paul Court. This was seconded by Cllr Rickards and agreed. Cllrs Court and Langdon signed their declarations of acceptance of office and submitted their registration of financial and other interests.

- 08/09-10 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS
The Chairman declared ownership of land adjacent to that affected by planning Application P00698.
- 09/09-10 TO APPOINT THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2009/10
On a proposal from the Chair it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Mr G. W. Hughes as Internal Auditor for 2009/10.

The Chairman left the meeting. Cllr Rickards in the Chair.
- 10/09-10 TO RESOLVE THE CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE FOR 2008/9 and 2009/10
The Clerk explained that the Chairman's allowance had been running in arrears due to one year being missed. The Council wished to pay the allowance in advance. It was proposed by Cllr Court, seconded by Cllr Underwood and **RESOLVED** that the Chairman's allowance for 2008/9 and 2009/10 be £250 for each year.

The Chairman returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.
- 11/09-10 TO RESOLVE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES
It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Gallop be appointed to represent the Council on the Isle of Wight Association of Town & Parish Councils and the Island Waste Authority.
- 12/09-10 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2009
RESOLVED To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May as a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.
- 13/09-10 MATTERS ARISING NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION
- (i) Bridle Way, Stenbury View
The Clerk had reported the problem to Public Rights of Way. Cllr Davison said the path was dangerous and needed urgent remedial action. The Clerk would press for an early response.
 - (ii) Planning application: Ventnor Golf Club
The Clerk had received acknowledgment of the objection lodged by the Parish Council.
 - (iii) Bank Signatories
Cllr Underwood confirmed that he had completed the action necessary to become a signatory to the Council's bank account. It was suggested that Cllr Rickards be now added as a signatory and the Clerk would obtain the necessary form, putting an appropriate resolution to the next meeting.
 - (iv) Dog Waste Bin
The bin by the seat should be moved north of the bridge by 19 June.
- 14/09-10 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING
00698/08 Appuldurcombe Holiday Park Construction of cabins and toilet block **RESOLVED** No objection

15/09-10

FOOTBALL FIELD: TO RESOLVE PROGRESS WITH THE PROPOSED MINI-MUGA

The Clerk reported that H. Dea, ENO for IoW Council, had sent apologies as he was on leave. Former Cllr Wood had prepared an application for planning permission and it was **RESOLVED** to meet the fee for this of £170.

16/09-10

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS

RESOLVED To approve payments of the following accounts:

Cheque No	Payee	Amount	Details
Clerk's salary paid through IoW Council – to be invoiced			
1000	M R Taplin	£ 28.57	Clerk's expenses
1001	G W Hughes	£ 100.00	Internal Audit Fee
1002	J G Cooke	£ 90.00	Grass Cutting
1003	Isle of Wight Council	£ 170.00	Planning Fee MUGA
1004	Methodist Church	£ 52.00	Hall hire
1005	A Gallop	£ 500.00	Chairman's expenses

17/09-10

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read the list of correspondence received. He drew particular attention to the opportunities for training for new councillors and to the Auditor's report on the 2008/9 Accounts that recommended that the reserves be reduced when the 2010/11 budget was considered.

18/09-10

ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (Not requiring a resolution)

It was noted that the Police proposed to hold their Community Forum at Wroxall Community Centre on 18 June.

Cllr Davison said that he had joined the Council to take action on local issues and felt that the Council had to keep the pressure up on the relevant authorities if it was to achieve a positive result.

Cllr Cole said it was time to arrange a village walkabout. He also referred to the inadequate signing defining the split between Station St and Castle St.

Cllr Court endorsed Cllr Davison's remarks.

Cllr Underwood said it was good to see active attendance from members of the Public.

Cllr Langdon said that Youth Anti-Social behaviour outside the Spa shop was a reaction to various people being banned and the decision to single-man the store in the evenings. The store management had reported problems to the police.

Cllr Rickards said the same problem manifested itself around the toilets in Grove Rd with local residents being abused. He also wondered why no reports of Parish meetings appeared in The Beacon and the County Press. The Clerk had sent these previously, but little had appeared.

Cllr Gallop sought someone to take over former Cllr Welstead's responsibilities in relation to allotments. Cllr Underwood agreed to do this.

The annual meeting of IWALC would take place in the Committee Room at County Hall at 19.00 on 19 June and all Members were welcome to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.30

NEXT MEETING: 13 July in the Methodist Church Hall at 7 pm