

# **NETTLESTONE AND SEAVIEW PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of 31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING of the PARISH OF NETTLESTONE AND SEAVIEW held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at The Masonic Hall, Seaview at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Barraclough (Chairman), Cllrs Elliott, Ward, Gibbs, Tuson, Gauntlett, Colledge, Rivlin and Hardie and 44 residents

## 1. To receive the Chairman's report:

The Chairman welcomed all of those present and read her annual report in its entirety. The report will subsequently be available on the Parish Website. Attached to these Minutes as Appendix A

## 2. Any Questions or comments:

Whilst there were no questions or comments about the Chairman's report, a resident did clarify that the Annual Parish Meeting minutes should be signed-off by the meeting participants at the next Annual Parish Meeting and not at the next Parish Council Meeting. Another resident commented that they were concerned that the minutes of some Parish meetings were not always reflective enough of the actual content of what was discussed at the meetings.

3. Report from the Community Partnership:

Mrs Lynn Stack gave the members a full update from the

Community Partnership. The report will subsequently be available on the Parish Website. Attached to these minutes as Appendix B

### 4. Report from the Seagrove Pavilion Trust:

Mr Barry Elliott gave the members a full update from the Seagrove Pavilion Trust. The report will subsequently be available on the Parish Website. Attached to these minutes as Appendix C

#### 5. Matters of interest/concern:

#### Roadside Inn

The recent application to turn the ground floor of the Roadside Inn into flats was refused by the IOW Council.

The residents' association is keen to see the premises turned into a community facility/pub and has spoken to the Plunkett Foundation, although the starting point has to be to get the owner of the premises to sell/lease the building to the community.

The association would also like to know from attendees of this meeting exactly what the community would like from a community facility at the Roadside Inn so that a meaningful business plan can be created to enable greater pressure to achieve it. (Question submitted by Nettlestone Residents' Association)

Mr Mark Gaerhaart-Davies, the Chairman of the Nettlestone Residents Association set out the ideas and aspirations for this facility and discussions ensued on what would be required from this asset. It was noted that the Roadside Inn was classified as an asset of community value in 2015. It was asked that the residents have a show of hands on the idea to turn the Old Roadside Inn back into a community facility/pub and the result was recorded as in favour.

# Village Green

When looking into the ownership regarding the site of the telecommunications mast it was found that the triangular green is logged with the IW Council as "land maintained as highway. There does not appear to be a registered owner nor is the ownership clear on the triangular "village green" area. We also understand that the "green" (and other green spaces in the village) is "overseen" by the Community Partnership group but there remains no public understanding of ownership of this or the other areas. The Parish Council may be able to enlighten the meeting, otherwise, has any thought been given to getting it registered as a Village Green? If not, is this something that should be done under the Commons Act 2006, or alternatively (if not already done) to be designated as local green space. (Question submitted by Nettlestone Residents' Association)

It was agreed to check the records to see if Nettlestone Green has ever been designated as a Village Green. There were other areas of green space that maybe in need of protecting such as the area of grass at Pondwell / Bullen Cross.

## Planning issues

Developers proposing large scale developments are expected to have consulted on their plans and it is commonplace for them to ask to talk to the Parish Council.

This can be a dangerous practice as members should not be drawn into appearing to be giving their support. It would be useful to understand how the Parish Council can overcome any appearance of predetermination and to be transparent in their views on Planning matters. (Question submitted by Nettlestone Residents' Association)

There was much discussion over this issue and it was felt that the Parish Council does not predetermine planning application and views every application on its merits.

## **Core Strategy**

The Parish Council response to the consultation was welcomed. Is the council able to commit to the continued rejection of

overdevelopment of the Parish? (Question submitted by Nettlestone Residents' Association)

There was continued conversations about consultations but the Parish Council must judge every planning application on its individual merits.

## **Declarations of Interest by Parish Councillors**

Request more transparency in the making of declarations — especially in relation to grant funding resolutions. (Question submitted by Nettlestone Residents' Association)
All Councillors are aware of the code of conduct and where they should make declarations of interest, pecuniary or otherwise

### **Priory Bay**

Is there an update on what's happening at Priory Bay?

It was asked about Tree Preservation Orders on this site and who exactly owns the land. There was much discussion but the Parish Council was unable to provide an update.

There being no further questions, the Annual Meeting was declared closed at 7.12pm

Chairman 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020