



NETTLESTONE AND SEAVIEW PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held online (via a Zoom meeting) on Monday 15th June 2020 at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Elliott (Chairman), Ward, Hardie, Rivlin, Colledge, Tuson, Geernaert-Davies and Adams

The Chairman welcomed Members (8) and Residents (10)

The Chairman then asked if there were any questions and comments from members of the public.

A resident acknowledged that the Parish Council had provided temporary toilets whilst the Seagrove Bay block are renovated but asked whether temporary signs pointing them out could be put in place in the village – the Clerk agreed to put some signs up.

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Chairman's Comments:

The Chairman thanked the members and public for joining the Zoom meeting.

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Apologies for Absence:

All members were present.

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Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:

Cllr Ward declared an interest in Vectis Housing due to a former role.

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To Approve the Minutes of the PC meeting held on 18.06.20:

It was proposed by the Cllr Adams that the minutes should be approved, Cllr Elliott seconded the proposal and then the minutes were approved by the members.

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Clerk's Report:

- The IWC has secured some funding to mark two metre spaces and introduce Traffic Restriction Orders in High Streets to give the public confidence that they can remain a safe distance whilst shopping. Only major towns are currently in the first phase, but the parish is investigating its own way ahead with some markings.
- Vic's Stores have approached the Parish Council to request that local residents do keep using the store as regularly as possible but not with multiple small orders for delivery. This type of shopping is affecting its viability as a business. The Clerk indicated that he would update the Parish website with this message and Cllr Hardie asked that a similar message was displayed on behalf of the Community Shop too.
- The annual financial audit documents are now published on the parish website and the external auditors have been sent the required copies of documentation.
- The returning officer has confirmed that the required number of electorates have contacted him to request an election for Cllr Barraclough's seat. This election will form part of the full Parish Council election in May 2021. Legally, the only way to fill spaces on the council until then is via co-option.

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- 20/67 – The renovations at Kerry Fields Play area have been completed and look very smart. Wicksteed have been contacted about the new equipment installation. Wicksteed have the equipment and installation team lined up and are waiting for hotels and ferries to be available for them to come over and complete the installation. Brighstone Landscaping have confirmed that a new fence post will be required for the gate they use to access the park and will let the council know how much that will cost to replace.

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- 20/69/06 – The Environment Agency have been contacted and a request put in for the water entering the Lagoon at the nature reserve to be tested. No further correspondence has been received.

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- 20/74 – Warner Goodman are finalising the lease for the dinghy park and investigations for the cost of replacing the fence are under way.

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- 20/76 – The work on the toilet block at Seagrove Bay is well under way. Some unexpected damp was discovered, and Cllr Adams has helped to relieve the surrounding drains of a build of sand and leaves. Temporary toilets have been placed in Pier Road car park whilst the work continues.
- 20/77 – The renovations at Puckpool Park have been completed and to a high standard by CWC and the toilets are now back open but with

CV19 specific instructions on display for anyone considering using them.

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- 20/81 – The clerk contacted the Island Roads district steward with regards to Cllr Hardie's request about a traffic survey on the bend of Eddington Road near to the play area; the steward explained that this had already been requested by several residents and the relevant department will carry this out in due course.
- 20/81 – The clerk also contacted the steward about Cllr. Elliott's request about joining up the ground level drainage pipe with the underground drain at Seagrove Bay Toilets. The steward has put that on his schedule for investigation.

20/88

Planning:

20/88/01: Delegated decisions, as per the list circulated, were noted.

20/88/02: The following applications were then considered:

- i. 20/00759/HOU:2 Pond Lane, Seaview, Isle of Wight, PO34 5AF
Proposal: Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey extensions with terrace over; alterations to include rooflights; porch (revised scheme)
Comments by 19th June 2020

Resolved:

The Parish Council voted to support the application.

20/88/03

Appeals:

No new appeals have been lodged.

20/89

Reports:

20/89/01: I.W.: Ward Cllr Barry was not present.

20/89/02: N&SCP: Cllr Hardie explained that the Men in Sheds have been granted charitable status and will be looking to take over the lease for the land at Seaview Recreation Ground (where they plan to build a workshop).

20/89/03: Seagrove Pavilion Trust: Cllr Colledge explained that six members of Seaview Football club are hoping to resume training outdoors (without entering the building) and enquired whether the pavilion trustees were planning on opening the pavilion in a socially-distant friendly manner. The trust's chairman explained that the user groups had been consulted and did not want to resume activities inside yet but this will be regularly reviewed.

20/89/04: Nettlestone Residents Association: The association mentioned they had submitted a letter as the basis for agenda item 20/92.

20/89/05: IWALC: Cllr Adams reported that IWALC have changed bulletins to first and third Wednesday of each month and have arranged a Zoom meeting with Bob Seely – focussing on the NHS. IWALC have also been promoting the Prime minister's 'Points Of Light' awards which are given to volunteers who make an outstanding contribution to their community.

20/89/06: Others: In response to a request by the Chairman, Cllr. Hardie gave an update on the Seaview Yacht Club. The club is looking to re-open to serve food and drink (outdoors only) from the 4th July (inline with Government guidance) and are following RYA advice for the resumption of racing – at the moment this only involves individuals or members of the same household in a craft. No decision has been yet about this year's regatta.

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Proposed Development at Puckpool Hill:

Cllr.Elliott explained that a developer (WYG) has launched a pre-application consultation with the public over plans to build a development of up to fifty homes on the former play area for Harcourt Sands in Puckpool Hill. Cllr.Elliott mentioned that Cllr.Rivlin had produced a document for the councillors which pulled together all the existing planning applications that are in the parish or next to the parish. The document shows that over 900 potential homes are being planned in or next to the parish. He also explained that the Parish Council has facilitated a meeting (via Zoom) for Thursday 18th June for the public to pose questions to a representative of WYG about the development but that it is not a Parish Council meeting, it is just the council providing a (virtual) meeting place, as it has (in physical form) for major developments in the past. Cllr.Elliott also stated that he does not wish the Parish Council to make a comment or engage further with the process at this point in time. Cllr.Adams said that he had spoken to many residents who live near the proposed site and they are not confident with technology so feel left out of the process and that it would be fairer to cancel the meeting and attempt to hold a physical meeting (when it is feasible and legal). A resident pointed out that it might be beneficial for the councillors to check whether the site is part of the Isle of Wight Council's official regeneration plan and another resident stated that the Parish Council could make use of its democratically elected voice and state strong objections to the development early on in the lifecycle of the development. During the discussion, the benefits of having a Neighbourhood Plan in place for the parish was raised and Cllr.Elliott stated that one of his ambitions for his Chairmanship was to get the Neighbourhood Plan process started; Cllr.Adams as Chair of Planning said that he intended to get things in motion once physical meetings were allowed.

Resolved:

The members resolved (with six members in favour and two objections) to host the meeting on the grounds that Cllr.Elliott states at the outset that the meeting is not a Parish Council meeting and it is being held purely to give the

public an opportunity to ask questions of WYG before the pre-application consultation period ends on the 19th June 2020.

20/91

Planning Applications for Major Developments:

Cllr.Adams expressed his concern that many residents feel disenfranchised from the process of being able to comment on planning applications for major developments as they are not confident with accessing online meetings. He asked the members to consider requesting a moratorium from the Isle of Wight Planning authority on all major developments. Cllr.Ward suggested that Cllr.Adams could request IWALC to do the same on behalf of all its members – he also pointed out that their website incorrectly showed the Parish Council as not being members; Cllr.Adams said he would contact IWALC about both matters.

Resolved:

The members resolved (with 7 votes in favour and 1 abstention) to write to the Isle of Wight Council planning department and request a moratorium on all major developments until physical planning meetings can be held for the public to attend.

20/92

School Car Park on Gibbwell Field:

Cllr.Adams read an email (obtained via a freedom of information request to the IWC) in which the Chair of the Governors for Nettlestone Primary School explained to a concerned resident that the school was neutral in their stance to the Gibb Well Field development and would not let the school be used to host a residents meeting as it did not wish to appear to be biased. Cllr.Adams then read an email from the Chair of Governors to the planning officer for the Gibb Well Field development in which he explained that the governors had been in consultation with the developers for five years, were happy with the proposed development and particularly welcomed the addition of a staff car park on the field. Cllr.Adams pointed out that the car park would directly affect the line of sight from Nettlestone Green towards the sea (which had been mentioned in the application as a preserved vista). A resident explained that light pollution for houses in Nettlestone Hill were going to be mitigated by erecting a fence around the car park, further compounding the loss of view. Another resident explained that the position of the car park meant that exhaust pollution would roll down into the canyon of the hill. Cllr Adams proposed a motion whereby the Parish Council wrote a letter to the Governors requesting the following :

The parish council strongly urges the school governors to reverse their ill-thought out decision to involve themselves with the Gibb Well Field application to include a car park for school use, giving little consideration to the serious social and environmental impacts on the Nettlestone community which hosts and abuts the primary school. The Council requests the governors to write an urgent letter to the Isle of Wight Council withdrawing support for and expressing their opposition to this car park.

Some members expressed concern about the exact use of language in the letter written to the school.

Resolved:

The members resolved unanimously to support the resolution writing to the school, on the condition that all of the members were consulted on the exact wording before the letter was sent.

Cllr.Adams proposed a second resolution regarding writing to the Isle Of Wight Council to explain the following:

The Parish Council supports the expressed concerns of residents that the procedural faults of the October 2019 planning committee consideration of the proposal to build on Gibb Well Field were not given due consideration following legal challenge when it was returned to the committee in December. The Parish Council is aware that a letter of complaint sent by the Nettlestone Village Residents Association in December to both the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer was not acknowledged and neither was a follow up letter. The refusal to accept the facts by both elected members and officers is resulting in a community perception of predetermination.

The Parish Council is asking the Isle Of Wight Council to look more seriously at these concerns and recognise that there are major faults with the proposal and the way it has been presented.

Resolved:

The members backed the resolution unanimously.

20/93**Seagrove Bay Benches:**

Cllr.Elliott told the meeting that some members of the community had become upset when some memorial benches – on the sea wall at Seagrove Bay - had been moved and placed next to each other against a fence. Research into this has revealed that property owners do own a section of the sea wall in front of their property and a few years ago, one of those owners – who had chosen not to fence off their section of the sea wall – placed a memorial bench for a deceased family member on their section of the sea wall. Without seeking their permission, two more benches were added near to their bench and they did not ask for them to be removed but another resident has moved them to the front of their property as they do not mind having them in front of their property. Cllr.Elliott explained that he does not believe the Parish Council has any enforcement powers to move them to anywhere else on the seawall is controlled by the Isle of Wight Council and the private residents. Cllr.Ward explained that when he had been out on the seawall one evening, he had engaged by the residents who had moved the benches and expressed his concerns that the benches would make social distancing difficult. Cllr.Elliott expressed his belief that people should understand how to social distance. Cllr Colledge said he was concerned that they could be moved anywhere at any time so Cllr.Elliott said he would approach the owner and ask if they could be secured on safety grounds.

20/94

Defunct Disabled Parking Spaces in the Parish:

Cllr.Rivlin has identified that multiple 'disabled' parking spaces are visible in the parish but that many were provided for residents who have since moved or passed away. The Clerk has contacted Island Roads to find out how many are still 'valid' and what can be done once they are no longer needed. Island Roads explained that spaces that are no longer needed can be painted out and at the moment they have no official spaces on record for the parish but this does seem unlikely as some are relatively new so Island Roads will keep investigating to see if there are other sources of the data but in the meantime if any spaces are identified by the Parish Council which are thought to be defunct, they can use their normal method of writing to the surrounding residents to see if anyone is still using the space so that it is not removed in error – this happens with the road resurfacing works too. Cllr.Hardie said she would be happy to be part of any audit operation, were it to happen. Cllr.Tuson clarified that members of the public should not be parking in marked disabled spaces without an official badge. Cllr.Elliott asked members to send any details of potentially defunct parking spaces to the Clerk so that he could inform Island Roads. The Clerk asked if members could try and include a photograph of the spaces too as it helps identify them for Island Roads.

20/95

Eddington Road Development:

Cllr.Ward gave details of a call held between the Parish Council, IWC Ward Cllr.Barry and two IWC officers (Paul Thomas – Assistant Director of Regeneration and Dawn Lang – Housing Delivery Programme Manager). The meeting was held online (via Zoom) and was in place of a physical meeting scheduled in April. The point of the meeting was to emphasise the Parish Council's desire to see any potential development of the Isle of Wight Council's land in Eddington Road kept to a scale of approximately forty affordable housing units and a selection of business units (similar in concept to a plan put together previously by Vectis Housing in conjunction with the Parish Council and Ward Councillor). There had been a declaration previously from the IWC that they would look to move into partnership with a private developer and put almost twice as many housing units there. Paul Thomas indicated that the thinking in the IWC is along the same lines as the Parish Council again now but that there still had to be an official process gone through to select a developer/housing association provider and that should start to move forward in the Autumn. Cllr.Tuson asked if the residents next to the site had been consulted and Cllr.Ward explained that there are no plans to show them at the moment but the moment things start, there should be a consultation – Cllr.Adams said he would be happy to help contact residents to canvass their opinions (when there is something to show them).

Resolved:

The members resolved to that Cllr.Ward, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk should work together in writing a letter to Paul Thomas – clarifying the council's position on Eddington Road.

20/96

Correspondence:

20/96/01: The following items were circulated:

NVRA – Letters discussed in item 20/92

IWC – Street trading license application for Wight Ices

Supt. Sarah Jackson – response to council's request clarifying the police approach to policing CV19 lockdown breaches.

Mr & Mrs Grillo – requesting help with, and then thanks for, the removal of the goalposts at Seaview Recreation Ground.

Rosemary Cantwell – Letters highlighting planning information for Harcourt Sands.

Mrs Patsy Gaches – A letter regarding dangerous cycling past the beach huts at Puckpool Park – The Clerk has contacted the IWC to request no cycling signs at each end of the path.

20/96/02: The following items were reported:

Rosemary Cantwell – A letter enquiring about planning application 19/01536/CLEUD – The Clerk reported that the application was in abeyance as the IWC sought more information and then it would be re-submitted for approval.

20/97

Finances:

20/97/01: The following receipts were noted: -

The clerk circulated a report of the schedule of receipts up to 15-06-2020. There were no questions or comments. Attached to these minutes as Appendix A

20/97/02: The following payments were approved: -

The clerk circulated a report of the schedule of payments up to 15-06-2020. Cllr. Ward asked what the payment to Ventnor Town Council was for and the Clerk explained that this was an arrangement whereby VTC acted as a single customer with Wallgate on behalf of multiple Town and Parish Councils to receive a discount on the servicing and support of the Wallgate hand washing units in the Island's public toilets. This discount is passed onto us as a Parish Council by being part of the arrangement. Attached to these minutes as Appendix A

20/97/03: Grant Applications: -

There were no Grant applications.

20/97/04: To receive details of Clerk's revised pay scale and annual pay increment:

The clerk circulated details of his revised pay scale from April 1st 2020.

20/97/05: To receive an Income / Expenditure report to 31st May 2020:

The clerk circulated the above report to members. There were no questions and the report was noted.

20/98

Information and Report:

Cllr.Rivlin asked if the big boulders and rocks could be cleared from Newell's slipway at the bottom of Seaview High Street as it was inhibiting swimmers and small vessels from being able to use it effectively. The Clerk said he would contact the IWC Coastal Team to get it cleared.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.04pm.

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Chairman
20th July 2020