

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF **ROOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL ON WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 19.30

PRESENT Cllr C Willis – Chairman
Councillors P. Masters, E. Wills, I RigaudBarrett, C. Ross
Mr M R Taplin, Clerk; Mr M. Griffin, Isle of Wight Council (PFI Contract Manager)
Cllr R Seely (Isle of Wight Council)
Four members of the public.

From the floor nil.

53/13-14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr M Russell

54/13-14 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS
None

55/13-14 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2013
The minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2013 was approved, and signed by the Chairman.

56/13-14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2013, NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION
The new litter bin had been installed opposite the Co-op. The dog bin in Niton Rd was now being emptied. Relatively few recreation ground questionnaires had been returned as yet, despite a mention in Village Talk.
Cllrs Wills had been in touch with Laura Franklin, Asst Police Commissioner, regarding funding for playground work, with a positive response. Mr Griffin suggested that Island Roads might be willing to remove the existing surface as part of their community scheme.

57/13-14 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING
None. It was noted that the Co-op extension had been approved, and did not involve the loss of parking space.

58/13-14 CAROL SERVICE, 18.30, 9 DECEMBER
The Clerk had now contact Rev. Phyl Fanning, who would attend. He would speak to the Hospice (Danni Johnson) for the radio microphone and collecting boxes. David Sheath would be approached for floodlights. Cllr RigaudBarrett would source non-alcoholic mulled wine and the hymn sheets, and the RVA could supply beakers. All should bring mince pies. It was noted that Island Roads had quoted to £350 to put up and take down the tree lights. Clerk to speak to hospice to see if this could be turned into a donation. Clerk to produce a poster (NB: In hall if wet).

59/13-14 CORRESPONDENCE

1. PCSO Keefe Hampshire Police	Police Monthly reports
2. Island Roads	Christmas Lights Quotation
3. NALC	Resolution on Council Tax billing
4. Chamber of Commerce	October magazine

60/13-14

CLERK'S REPORT

Authorisation of payments

It was **resolved** to make the following payments

		£	
827	E Read	75.00	Grass cutting
828	IW Council	30.08	Election expenses
829	M R Taplin	18.02	Clerk's Expenses October
Direct Debit	Douglas Tonks	251.48	Clerk's Salary (October)

61/13-14

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Cllr Wills said some work had been done on the Highwood Lane potholes, but temporary patches soon deteriorated again. Mr Griffin would follow up with Island Roads.

Cllr Willis said Main Rd potholes had re-appeared outside the PO entrance, and by the Country Club.

Cllr RigaudBarrett had attended the footpath gate dedication, and a photo had appeared in the IW County Press.

Cllr Ross spoke further about vehicles (particularly motor bikes) exceeding the national speed limit approaching the village from the west. It was hoped speed monitor tubes could be installed.

Mr Griffin outlined the substance of the Island Roads PFI contract and said that recent bad weather had required some planned work to be postponed. He also referred to the Road Safety Strategic Group, which had Local Transport Plan funding available for safety schemes. He had initiated a review of speed limits and possible Quiet Lane schemes. All white lining on the island was being renewed over a two-year period, and de-cluttering of highway furniture was being looked.

Cllr Seely said he continued to exert pressure over highway issues affecting the Parish. He said that it was possible a precept increase by both County and Parish councils would be needed to meet the budget pressures caused by a reduction in government funding to local councils in 2014/15. He referred to the success achieved by Visit IoW and the current debate about the ferry companies (which did not have any Public Service Obligation).

From the floor Representations were made about speeding between Rookley and Blackwater, with consequent danger to vehicles exiting from properties.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.46

Signed ----- Date -----

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 4 December 2013, 19.30 Methodist School Hall.