

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF **ROOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY 2015 AT 19.30

PRESENT Cllr C. Willis – Chairman
Councillors P. Masters, I. RigaudBarrett, E. A. Wills
Mr M R Taplin, Clerk; Cllr R. Seely, Isle of Wight Council
Two members of the public.

From the floor A member of the public indicated willingness to contribute towards the cost of the Christmas lights in 2015.

80/14-15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr C. Ross

81/14-15 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS
None.

82/14-15 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2014
The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2014 were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

83/14-15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2014, NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION
There was discussion about the offer of training in playground inspections. Agreed to approach adjoining parishes to see if they were interested in taking part. The Carol service had been well attended and a contribution of £73.27 was raised for the hospice. The Chairman had hired a public address system for £25 and this had worked well. Thanks were expressed to the local companies that had provided sponsorship for the lights.
It was noted that the Clerk had written to Island Roads about Niton Rd, but had received a reply that frontagers would need to give up part of their land if a footpath was to be created. As a first step 'Pedestrians in Road' signs might be a good idea. Cllr Seely mentioned his wish list to Island Roads. The Clerk would circulate this to Members, who should co-ordinate responses through the Chairman if they had items to add.

84/14-15 TO RESOLVE DONATIONS TO THE HOSPICE AND THE SHANKLIN TOWN BRASS BAND
It was resolved to make donations of £150 to the Hospice and £35 to the band.

85/14-15 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING
None. It was noted the house extension in Dolcroft Rd had been refused because the extension was higher than the existing structure.

86/14-15 CORRESPONDENCE
The Clerk read correspondence received.

87/14-15 CLERK'S REPORT
Authorisation of payments
It was **resolved** to make the following payments

		£	
865	Island Roads	356.40	Bin emptying April-Sept
866	M R Taplin	23.46	Clerk's Expenses December
867	I RigaudBarrett	45.74	Christmas refreshments
Direct Debit	Douglas Tonks	271.46	Clerk's Salary (December)

The Clerk was asked to raise the frequency of bin emptying with Island Roads since the Current arrangements appeared excessive.

88/14-15

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Clr Wills said the road had broken up in Highwood Lane opposite the water treatment plant. There was a large hole and it appeared a water hydrant was leaking. There was also a large pothole and the junction of Highwood Lane and Witcombe Rd. Further work had been carried out at the skatepark, but completion was still awaited. A response to the approach made by the daughter of the late Christine Russell was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would write appropriately. Clr Seely the re-evaluation of speed limits between Rookley and Blackwater had still to get underway..

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.18

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 4 February 2015, 19.30 Methodist School Hall.