

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF **ROOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2015 AT 19.30

PRESENT Cllr C. Willis – Chairman  
Councillors V. Faithfull, P. Masters, I. RigaudBarret, C. Ross  
Mr M R Taplin, Clerk  
One member of the public.

**From the floor** Nil

- 109/14-15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr R. Seely, Isle of Wight Council
- 110/14-15 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS  
Cllr C. Ross declared a personal and pecuniary interest in planning application P00317/15 and left the room while this was debated and voted on.
- 111/14-15 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2015  
The minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2015 were approved, and signed by the Chairman.
- 112/14-15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2015, NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION  
The Clerk would contact Liz Wills to initiate the playground inspection training.
- 113/14-15 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING  
To resolve comments on applications received  
**P00193/15** LGV Test Centre Installation of storage container  
Pritchetts Way  
**resolved** no objection  
**P00189/15** Bramble Lodge, Dolcroft Rd Boundary wall/entrance gates  
**resolved** to recommend refusal, not because the proposal itself is unacceptable, but because it would set a precedent of enclosing a property on an 'open' estate.  
**P00295/15** Chequers Inn Hard standing for touring caravans  
**resolved** not to object to the application, but asks that an appropriate condition is imposed that sets a definition to the term touring caravan by limiting the period on site, or dating the portion of the year the site is open.  
**P00317/15** Pidford Manor, Main Rd Replacement of garage block  
**resolved** to recommend that the application be refused. The relevant considerations are: the development if built would be of overbearing and unsympathetic size and character in proximity to a listed building; the heritage statement attached to the application fails to address the relevant issues; the proximity to the border of the site means the development would be intrusive for the neighbouring property; the site plan with the application is misleading and out of date because it does not show recent development carried out within the 'red line'.
- 114/14-15 TO RESOLVE THE ADOPTION OF A REVISED RISK ASSESSMENT  
The revised risk assessment prepared by the Clerk was discussed and it was **resolved** to adopt this, but subject to review.
- 115/14/15 TO RESOLVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR  
It was **resolved** to appoint Mr G. Hughes as internal auditor for the 2014/15 accounts at a cost of £105.

116/14-15 CORRESPONDENCE  
The Clerk read correspondence received.

117/14-15 CLERK'S REPORT  
Authorisation of payments  
It was **resolved** to make the following payments

		£	
<b>878</b>	E Read	75.00	Grass cutting
<b>879</b>	M R Taplin	24.41	Clerk's Expenses March
Direct Debit	Douglas Tonks	265.12	Clerk's Salary (March)

It was noted that a VAT refund of £405.48 had been received.

118/14-15 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.  
Cllr Faithfull said further protests were being made over tree cutting at Pritchetts Way to facilitate expansion of car sales. Clerk to contact Planning Enforcement regarding possible breach of planning regulations. He also suggested trying to motivate volunteers for litter picking in the village.  
Cllr Ross said the drain near Pidford Manor had finally been repaired.  
Cllr Willis said there had been more patching in Highwood Lane, but the repaired areas soon fell apart.  
Cllr RigaudBarrett said a new IWALC representative would need to be appointed at the annual meeting of the Parish Council on 6 May.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.00

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

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 6 May 2015, 19.30 Methodist School Hall.**