

ROOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2022 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGHWOOD LANE, COMMENCING AT 19.30

PRESENT: Cllr C. Willis (Chairman)
Cllr E. A. Wills, Cllr M. Jones,

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr M. R. Taplin (Clerk)

- 01/22-23 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**
On a proposal by Cllr Wills, seconded by Cllr Jones, Cllr C. Willis was elected to serve as Chairman of Rookley Parish Council for 2022-2023.
- 02/22-23 **TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**
The Chairman signed the declaration of acceptance of office, and this was countersigned by the Clerk.
- 03/22-23 **TO RECEIVE ANY CHANGES TO MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None
- 04/22-23 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**
On a proposal by Cllr Willis, seconded by Cllr Jones, Cllr E. A. Wills was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman of Rookley Parish Council for 2022-2023.
- 05/22-23 **TO RESOLVE ANY CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR**
There were no applicants.
- 06/22-23 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr I RigaudBarrett, Cllr A. Watts and Cllr S. Ellis (IW Council) had tendered apologies for absence. Cllr D. Hunt was absent.
- 07/22-23 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS**
None
- 08/22-23 **TO RESOLVE THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**
IWALC – Cllr A. Watts (Deputy Cllr I RigaudBarrett)
SWHWBF – Cllr E. A. Wills (Deputy Cllr M. Jones)
- 09/22-23 **TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
6 APRIL 2022**
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 April as a true record, and these were signed by the Chairman.
- 10/22-23 **MATTERS ARISING (not requiring a resolution)**
The ROSPA playground inspection had been confirmed, but not the date. The basketball hoop had been refurbished. Cllrs had visited the Arreton Biomass plant.
- 11/22-23 **TO RESOLVE A RESPONSE TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**
Application in respect of Calloways Farm (continued use of building as dwelling).
RESOLVED No objection
It was noted that the application by the Chequers Inn for a caravan park had been refused.

12/22-23 **TO RESOLVE TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT, SIGN THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN, APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 202-2022 AND SIGN THE FINANCIAL RETURN**
The Internal Auditor's report had been circulated and was satisfactory. It was **resolved** to sign the Annual Governance and Accountability return, approve the Annual Accounts for 2021-2022 and sign the financial return for Audit.

13/22-23 **TO RESOLVE PLANTING OF A TREE TO MARK QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**
The Chairman had purchased the rowan tree and it was decided to hold a planting ceremony on The Green at 2.30pm on 2 June, to be advertised on the village Facebook page and the noticeboard.

14/22-23 **CORRESPONDENCE**
The Clerk read correspondence received.

15/22-23 **CLERK'S REPORT: authorisation of payments**
It was **resolved** to authorise the following payments:

Cheque	Payee	Amount £	Item
Transfer	Rookley Village Assoc	165.00	Hall hire
Transfer	Island Roads	190.80	Bin emptying
Transfer	BHIB	285.08	Insurance
Transfer	Bright Brown	71.10	Payroll admin
Transfer	HMRC	143.60	PAYE
Transfer	M R Taplin	176.23	Clerk's salary April
Transfer	G W Hughes	120.00	Internal audit
Transfer	E R Read	320.00	Grass cutting

It was noted that the Precept and VAT refund had been received.

16/22-23 **COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**
Cllr Jones spoke about the visit to the Arreton Biomass Plant, which had proved both enlightening and interesting. Consideration was being given to replacing the tractor+trailer combinations with rigid lorries.
Cllr Wills said Gardening Galore had been a great success.
Cllr Willis tabled a complaint from the first bungalow on the east side of Niton Rd about trees blocking their light. It was decided to see if the Hawthorn needed cutting back. He spoke about tree felling at Rookley Lakeside Resort. He also complained about the proliferation of IW Windows notices on the fence outside Francis Bright cottages.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.20

NEXT MEETING Wednesday 1 June 2022, 19.30 Village Hall, Highwood Lane