

## ROOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGHWOOD LANE, COMMENCING AT 19.30

**PRESENT:** Cllr C. Willis (Chairman)  
Cllr E. A. Wills, Cllr I. RigaudBarrett, Cllr D. Hunt, Cllr M. Jones, Cllr A. Watts

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr M. R. Taplin (Clerk), Cllr S. Ellis (IW Council)

**FROM THE FLOOR** Cllr Ellis spoke about the flooding experienced in the area following heavy rain in early July. She was arranging a public meeting to be attended by Southern Water, the Environment Agency and hopefully Island Roads. Godshill had been worse affected than Rookley, but there were problems in Main Rd and Niton Rd due to run off. Rookley representatives were welcome to attend the meeting (details in due course).

32/21-22 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** None

33/21-22 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS**  
Cllr Wills declared an interest in the Planning Appeal for Pidford Manor

34/21-22 **TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
7 JULY 2021**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July, and these were signed by the Chairman.

35/21-22 **MATTERS ARISING (not requiring a resolution)**

There was no further news on the Captiva Homes planning application; it had not been granted though it was noted that staking-out had started. Southern Water had confirmed the sewage would go to the Highwood Lane facility. IW Council was still considering what to do about the future of Chillerton and Rookley School.

Cllr Willis had still to contact James regarding repair to the time capsule.

36/21-22 **TO RESOLVE A RESPONSE TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**  
**None**

It was noted the refusal of the application for a garden room at Pidford Manor was being appealed.

37/21-22 **TO RESOLVE ANY RESPONSE TO THE ISLAND PLAN REVIEW**

Councillors found the plan more acceptable, particularly in respect of housing targets, though there still seemed to be no way that affordable housing for island residents could be targeted unless IWC were able to recommence house building for those on its list. It was noted that the target for Rookley was 21, which corresponded with applications granted or pending.

38/21-22 **TO RESOLVE CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS**

It was agreed that we should try to arrange a carol service around the lit tree This year (subject to any pandemic developments). Clerk to contact Shanklin Town Brass Band and the Minister to see if 13 December was suitable.

39/21-22

**CLERK'S REPORT: authorisation of payments**

It was **resolved** to authorise the following payments:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount £</b>	<b>Item</b>
Transfer	HMRC	114.80	PAYE
Transfer	M R Taplin	172.31	Clerk's salary July
Transfer	HMRC	115.20	PAYE
Transfer	M R Taplin	172.71	Clerk's salary August
Transfer	Viking	60.54	Stationary
Transfer	Bright Brown	67.20	Payroll admin

40/21-22

**COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Cllr Hunt said there had been four occasions when a sewage overflow had been noted at Pagham. He was urged to keep Southern Water informed and approach Environmental Health if necessary.

Cllr Watts said there had been a problem with internal alarms at the Co-op being Triggered unnecessarily.

Cllr RigaudBarrett said Mrs Cooke was seeking Council support for the Open Gardens day; this was agreed.

Cllr Willis referred to constant problems in Niton Rd caused by tractor+trailer units being driven carelessly and in excess of the limits set out when the application for the Arreton Anaerobic Digester being granted. Garden verges were being destroyed. It was difficult to identify the culprits positively. Cllr Ellis was trying to pursue this with the relevant authorities but needed as much documented evidence as possible.

Cllr Ellis said the Welcome Back fund was in the process of being distributed, but not in the even-handed manner previously planned. It was agreed not to pursue the matter for Rookley.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.35

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 6 October 2021, 19.30 Village Hall, Highwood Lane