

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF **ROOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2016 AT 19.30

PRESENT Cllr V Faithfull – Chairman  
Cllr P. Masters, I. RigaudBarrett, E. A. Wills, C. Willis  
Mr M. R. Taplin, Clerk, Cllr R. Seely (IW Council)  
12 members of the public

**From the floor**

Mr and Mrs Sellars, property owners of land known as Southview Cottages, Nilton Rd, attended the meeting, and in response to questions from councillors, explained their involvement in the property and their intentions for the future. Work to clear the land, which used to accommodate four houses, had been ongoing for two years. It was the intention to seek planning permission for new dwellings, but no architect had been engaged yet, so there were no definitive plans, though it was felt up to seven dwellings could be put there. If planning permission was not forthcoming, the land would be left in state that would permit easy maintenance in a green state. Local residents challenged some of the Sellars' statements, and described how their lives had been affected by on-going clearance work. The police, IW Council tree officer and Island Roads had become involved. Mr Sellars apologised for causing a nuisance by not approaching the matter correctly, and said only limited work remained. Cllr Seely would prompt the tree officer to agree a consistent approach with IR. Those who had collected signatures for a petition against the surge in heavy traffic in Niton Rd explained they were about to submit it, seeking diversion of the BioMass traffic.

81/16-17 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Cllr S. Vail

82/16-17 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS  
None.

83/16-17 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2016  
The minutes of the meeting held on 7 December were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

84/16-17 MATTERS ARISING NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION  
Cllr Masters had still to put up the sign about dumping of household waste in the litter bin on the Green. Cllr Vail would seek the tree trimming quotes on his return to the village in February. The Lights of Love service had been a success, with the earlier rain stopping in time. The tree lights had been disconnected – it was decided to leave the strings of bulbs in place, subject to the end connexion being made safe. It decided to approach the Rookley Village Association to see if a joint newsletter was possible.

85/16-17 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING  
To resolve comments on applications received:  
None, but it was noted that the application for a new development on land behind the Post Office was still being amended to reduce the height of dwellings overlooking adjacent property.

86/16-17 TO RESOLVE A BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2017/18  
There was further discussion on the draft budget prepared by the Clerk and it was agreed that additional sums needed to be allowed for expenditure that could not yet be precisely quantified. As a consequence it was **resolved** that the total of precept and grant for 2017/18 should be £6675, an increase on the 2016/17 figure of £6437.

87/16-17 TO RESOLVE DONATIONS TO SHANKLIN TOWN BRASS BAND AND EARL MOUNTBATTEN HOSPICE  
 In connection with the Christmas Lights of Love Service, it was resolved that a donation of £40 be made to the Shanjclin Town Brass Band, and that a donation of £100 be made to the Earl Mountbatten Hospice.

88/16-17 CORRESPONDENCE  
 The Clerk read correspondence received.

89/16-17 CLERK'S REPORT  
Administration  
 None.  
Authorisation of payments  
 It was **resolved** to make the following payments

		£	
<b>945</b>	Island Roads	129.67	Christmas Lights
<b>946</b>	Bright Brown	54.00	Payroll Administration
<b>947</b>	M. R. Taplin	37.81	Clerk's Expenses 12/16
<b>948</b>	Shanklin Town Band	40.00	Donation
<b>949</b>	Rookley Village Assoc.	135.00	Hall Hire
<b>950</b>	Earl Mountbatten Hospice	100.00	Donation
Transfer	M R Taplin	154.02	Clerk's salary November
Transfer	HMRC	102.80	PAYE payment

90/16-17 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.  
 Cllr RigaudBarrett spoke about meeting dates.  
 Cllr Wills said Jim Morris had reported blocked ditches in Highwood Lane leading to flooding (*n.b. two days later heavy rain resulted in a road closure due to flooding, and Island Roads attended to deal with the matter*)  
 Cllr Willis said Mrs Tapper had proposed a defibrillator be located in the village, and it was felt an outside wall at the Co-op was a good location. The Parish Council supported the proposal, and the Clerk would write to the Co-op HQ.  
 There was discussion about the lack of notice provided by the IW Council to neighbouring propertirs to planning sites, and the possibility of the Parish Council undertaking this task.  
 It was felt that Island Roads should provide an explanation of the figures in their speed monitoring programme..

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

**From the floor** Nil

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

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 1 February 2017, 19.30 Village Hall, Highwood Lane.**