

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF **ROOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2018 AT 19.30

PRESENT Cllr E A Wills – Chairman
Cllr M. Jones, Cllr C. Willis
Mr M. R. Taplin, Clerk; 1 member of the public

From the floor

Nil

- 44/18-19 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr S Vail, IW Cllr S. Hastings
- 45/18-19 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS
None.
- 46/18-19 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2018
It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September as a true record, and these were signed by the Chairman.
- 47/18-19 MATTER ARISING NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION
The lower gates at the Country Park were now locked. Mr Hunt's son was thanked for his intervention. It was understood the Country Park was closing for 3-6 months. The Clerk had been unable to persuade the Environment Officer to attend this meeting but he had been alerted to the issue of domestic waste in the litter bin.
- 48/18-19 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING
None.
- 49/18-19 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS (10 DECEMBER)
The Clerk had booked the Shanklin Town Brass Band. Rev John Izzard would attend. The latter had hinted that the Methodist Hall might be available. Clerk to contact the Hospice. Cllr Willis would sort the microphone. The Chairman would contact the Sheaths regarding lighting. It was hoped that Cllr RigaudBarrett would acquire the non-alcoholic punch. The Chairman would do Mince Pies and Squash needed. It was not clear if Cllr Vail had obtained a quote for a cherrypicker and conveyed same to Island Car Sales.
- 50/18-19 TO RESOLVE ANY RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL FOR COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY
The Clerk explained the difference between the Fire Authority and the Fire Service (the latter's working arrangements were also under review, but were the subject of union negotiation not public consultation). The proposed Combined Fire Authority for Hampshire (including Portsmouth and Southampton) and the Isle of Wight would have a neutral financial effect on the IW Council budget. After discussion it was agreed that oversight and financing of the IW Fire Service appeared to work well under the current arrangements and no particular advantage was seen in having a CFA.
- 51/18-19 TO RESOLVE DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2019
The draft list prepared by the Clerk was agreed, except that the July meeting would be on Tuesday 16 July..
- 52/18-19 CORRESPONDENCE
The Clerk read correspondence received. It was noted with some regret that after the recent inspection, OFSTED had classed Chillerton and Rookley School as 'requiring improvement'.

53/18-19

CLERK'S REPORT

Administration

None.

Authorisation of payments

It was **resolved** to make the following payments

		£	
1015	Bright Brown	57.60	Payroll administration
1012	M R Taplin	16.56	Clerk's Expenses 9/18
Transfer	M R Taplin	164.09	Clerk's salary September
Transfer	HMRC	109.20	HMRC

54/18-19

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Cllr Jones said a laminated littering notice had appeared in Hillcrest.

Cllr Willis said the planning application for Barwicks had been refused, while that for Bagwich Lane was delayed by archeological considerations. Pidford Manor was pending. He was concerned at Mr sellars' activity on the Niton Rd land, that had not been carried out in accordance with the agreed protocol. Mr Sellars was not responding to e-mails.

The Chairman was pleased to announced that Rookley had been awarded Best Kept Village in the large village category at the Isle of Wight Best Kept Village Awards, receiving a certificate, placque and cheque for £150. She congratulated all those who had worked to keep the village tidy during the year.

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

From the floor Nil.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 7 November 2018, 19.30 Village Hall, Highwood Lane.