

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF **ROOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 19.30

PRESENT Cllr E A Wills – Chairman
Cllr I RigaudBarrett, S. Vail, C. Willis
Absent – Cllr J. Bacon
Mr M. R. Taplin, Clerk; 4 members of the public

From the floor

The Council received further information from caravan owners from Rookley Country Park and Mr Hunt that informed its discussion about planning application P01262/17.

49/17-18 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None

50/17-18 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON
2 OCTOBER 2017
The minutes of the meeting held on 2 October were reviewed. The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

51/17-18 MATTERS ARISING NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION
The agreement with Island Car Sales to finance the tending of the flower beds on The Green had been successfully concluded, and work had started.

52/17-18 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING
P01224/17 Land adjacent Packhorse Cottage Three-bedroom detached dwelling
Niton Rd
resolved not to object to the construction of the property, despite a number of errors in the planning statement, but to urge the Planning Authority to impose strict conditions (with advice from Island Roads) on the layout of the exit on to Niton Rd. This is a narrow section of road, without pavements, where motor traffic often exceeds the 30mph limit. It is important therefore that the vehicles exiting the property have clear visibility in both directions on road safety grounds for both pedestrians and road users.
P01262/17 Rookley Country Park Variation of condition 2 on P00696/15
to alter layout/parking arrangement
resolved to recommend refusal. The material considerations are:
that the creation of bases for 'lodges' will inevitably mean, if the application is granted, that the lodges will be constructed and additional residents will live in the Park. This will put further strain on the already inadequate sewerage link to Godshill Sewer Beds, which needs to be replaced with a larger diameter pipe to obviate the current blockages, overflows and smells that occur in the summer months when the park is full – it should be a condition that the applicant reaches an agreement with Southern Water to ensure this is carried out – the Parish Council has previously commented that applications for more accommodation in the Park should be constrained until the sewerage outfall is resolved;
that whilst the tree survey shows that 13 trees protected by tree preservation order will be felled, the map shows that 21 trees will actually be felled in order to build the road on a different alignment – all trees should be replaced;
that the 3m wide road serving the new lodges is inadequate and unsafe; despite the assertion in the application that the ground is 'generally level' this is far from being the case;
that the creation of 'lodges' for permanent residents will be at the expense of caravans accommodating tourists and thus contrary to the Island Plan.

53/17-18 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OF LOVE SERVICE (18.30 on 11 DECEMBER)
Island Roads had confirmed the tree lights would be connected and tested. Cllr Willis would sort out a PA system. Cllr RigaudBarrett had taken delivery of the mulled wine. The Chairman would approach Mr Sheath for lighting (feed from Cllr Vail's garage). For ease of erection it was decided to have three smaller marquees.

54/17-18 CORRESPONDENCE
The Clerk read correspondence received. There was discussion of the request from IW Council to identify brownfield sites suitable for development, with the former breaker's yard in Pritchetts Way suggested.

55/17-18 CLERK'S REPORT
Administration
None.
Authorisation of payments
It was **resolved** to make the following payments

		£	
979	E. Read	160.00	Grass cutting
980	Island Roads	248.16	Bin emptying
981	M. R. Taplin	16.57	Clerk's Expenses 10/17
Transfer	M R Taplin	154.02	Clerk's salary October
Transfer	HMRC	102.80	PAYE payment

56/17-18 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.
Cllr Vail gave a brief update on fracking.
Cllr Willis said there was an abandoned vehicle in Niton Rd. He was still concerned about speeding on Niton Rd, and the extension of the 30mph limit west to Pidford Manor. He noted the minor crime wave (opportunity thefts) in the summer had shown up in the police crime statistics.
Cllr Wills reported attending the first of two Chairmanship training sessions; the second had been postponed.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.50

From the floor Nil.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 6 December, 19.30 Village Hall, Highwood Lane.