

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF **ROOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 19.30

PRESENT Cllr E A Wills – Chairman  
Cllr D. Hunt, Cllr M. Jones, Cllr I. RigaudBarrett, Cllr S. Vail, Cllr C. Willis  
Mr M. R. Taplin, Clerk; 3 members of the public

**From the floor**

Nil

- 55/18-19 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
IW Cllr S. Hastings
- 56/18-19 TO RESOLVE CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR  
On a proposal by Cllr Wills, seconded by Cllr C. Willis, it was **resolved** that Mr D. J. Hunt be co-opted to serve as a member of Rookley Parish Council. Cllr Hunt signed the acceptance of office, and this was counter-signed by the Clerk.
- 57/18-19 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS  
None.
- 58/18-19 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 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.
- 59/18-19 MATTER ARISING NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION  
A meeting had been held with Southern Water, attended by the Clerk, Chairman and Mr Hunt. Further investigations were being carried out on the sewage outfall, and subsequently there had been a second meeting with Mr Hunt to outline progress. It was noted that Mr Sellars had been carrying out further work at his Niton Rd plot and had notified neighbours of his intention to carry out groundworks.
- 60/18-19 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING  
Harts Farm had applied for listed consent to change windows and doors. This was not thought to present a problem.
- 61/18-19 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS (10 DECEMBER)  
The Clerk had notified the Hospice. Cllr RigaudBarrett had ordered the non-alcoholic punch. Mr Sheath would provide the lighting. Cllr Willis was contacting the sound system supplier. Island Car Sales were supplying a cherry picker so that the tree lights could be repositioned. The Clerk would contact Island Roads to arrange for the lights to be connected during week commencing 3 December. he would also contact Revd Izzard to see if the Methodist Chapel or meeting room could be opened up for the post carol service refreshments. Depending on the response and the weather, gazebos might or might not be needed.
- 62/18-19 TO RESOLVE A RESPONSE TO ISLAND ROADS ON SETTING HIGHWAY PRIORITIES  
There was discussion about the e-mail received from Scott Headley; Clerk to send a response, a copy of which follows:  
Rookley Parish Council discussed this at length at their meeting on 7/11 and are grateful for the opportunity to have an input into setting Island Roads priorities for the coming year. We were not sure how the three items on the list were selected; for instance the Parish Council has itself been in correspondence with IR over the last two or three years on highway matters affecting the Parish, supported by Bob Seely when he was an IWC Member, yet this does not seem to be recognised. We were anxious to secure the westwards extension of the 30mph limit to before the sharp bend coming

from Blackwater, as this might reduce the incidence of collisions at the junction of Highwood Lane and Main Rd, and reduce vehicle speed past the Post Office. The issue of the bus/motorcycle collision is a highway policing matter (and anyway the location is not specified with any accuracy).

Niton Rd, the lack of safe pedestrian way, and speeding traffic have been raised by the Parish Council many times. Further action needs to be taken to reduce speed, for instance by rumble strips/traffic calming, and/or 'secret' signs that light up when vehicles are being driven too fast. The worst section is between Harts Lane and Dolcroft Rd. Many elderly residents feel trapped in their homes due to the lack of safe pedestrian facilities, and this also applies to cyclists.

The Parish Council has met with horse riders and heard how Highwood Lane and Main Rd have to be used by them to reach bridleways. The tolerance level of impatient motorists has reduced considerably in recent years and near misses, inadequate passing clearances and abuse are common. Illegally-noisy motorcycles that upset horses are another increasing problem. Just putting up Horse Rider signs as specified in the manual is unlikely to achieve any improvement as motorists quickly become blind to most road signs. Marking off part of the highway with a white line so that pedestrians/cyclists and horse riders are visibly segregated from motor traffic would be a better solution. This would be a possibility for Highwood Lane, if not Main Rd. The Rookley name board signs could become 'gateway' signs imparting information to motorists as to what they are likely to encounter as they pass through the village. The aim of the Parish Council is to achieve safe passage on the Parish's roads for all users, pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and motorists, living in harmony. Attention to items 1, 3 and 4 above will go some way to achieving this.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read correspondence received.

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CLERK'S REPORT

Administration

None.

Authorisation of payments

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

		£	
<b>1017</b>	Online Playgrounds	99.60	Swing seat
<b>1018</b>	M R Taplin	21.91	Clerk's Expenses 10/18
Transfer	HMRC	109.60	HMRC
Transfer	M R Taplin	163.69	Clerk's salary October

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COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Cllr RigaudBarrett would be printing the winter newsletter in the next few days.

Cllr Hunt said six cats eyes had become detached in Main Rd – matter reported.

Cllr Willis drew Members' attention to developments at the Country Park and it was agreed the Clerk should write to Head of Planning, copy IW Cllr Hastings.

Cllr Jones reported on the latest meeting of the Health & Well-Being Partnership.

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

**From the floor** Nil.

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

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 5 December 2018, 19.30 Village Hall, Highwood Lane.**