

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

PRESENT Cllr E A Wills – Chairman
Cllr J. Bacon, I RigaudBarrett, S. Vail, C. Willis
Mr M. R. Taplin, Clerk; 2 members of the public

From the floor

The Council noted with regret the death of Brian Russell and acknowledged his contribution to village life. Clerk to send a letter of condolence to his daughter.

65/17-18 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None

66/17-18 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS
None

67/17-18 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 JANUARY 2017
It was noted that the meeting was abandoned due to lack of a quorum

68/17-18 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2017
The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December were reviewed. The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

69/17-18 MATTERS ARISING NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION
The Clerk had received a holding response from Southern Water to his letter regarding the adequacy of the sewerage system, but they had failed to meet their deadline for a full response. Cllr Vail said the litter bin was still being filled with domestic waste on an intermittent basis.

70/17-18 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING
None. It was noted the application for a new dwelling on land adjacent to Packhorse Cottage had been approved.

71/17-18 TO RESOLVE A BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2018-19
The Clerk tabled a revised budget to include the cost of buying Environment Officer services from IW Council. There was debate about this issue and it was agreed to include it on the basis of a review in early 2019 at £500 for two hours/fortnight. There was further discussion the level of precept that was necessary to balance the budget. On a proposal by Cllr Bacon, seconded by Cllr Vail, it was **resolved** to adopt the revised budget and a total of precept plus grant of £8000.

72/17-18 TO RESOLVE DONATIONS IN RESPECT OF LIGHTS OF LOVE SERVICE
It was **resolved** that donations of £60 to Shanklin Town Brass Band and £75 for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice be made.

73/17-18 CORRESPONDENCE
The Clerk read correspondence received.

74/17-18 CLERK'S REPORT
Administration
None

Authorisation of payments

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

		£	
984	Island Roads	168.55	Christmas Tree Lights
985	Bright Brown	57.60	Payroll Administration
986	M. R. Taplin	31.94	Clerk's Expenses 12/17
987	Shanklin Town Brass Band	60.00	Donation
988	M. R. Taplin	15.16	Clerk's Expenses 1/18
989	IWALC	113.88	Subscription 2018-19
990	Earl Mounbatten Hospice	75.00	Donation
Transfer	M R Taplin	154.02	Clerk's salary December
Transfer	HMRC	102.80	PAYE payment
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Transfer	HMRC	102.80	PAYE Payment

75/17-18

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Cllr Vail said he had attended a meeting at Brighstone on fracking. The licence for the Compton Bay proposal had been returned, but that for Arretton retained since the area was thought to have a reserve of 2.7M barrels. The logistical implications of any working were significant. He would keep a watching brief. He was also keeping an eye on the Green flower beds and would liaise direct with Mr Nicholls.

Cllr Willis spoke about possible community sponsorship from the Co-op, and their desire to have a scarecrow festival. He had secured the Parish Council sign from the Green. It was agreed this needed renovating and refixing. He said Island Roads were ignoring issues such as water collecting on the reprofiled section of Niton Rd, and speeding. It was agreed to ask an Island Roads representative to attend a Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Wills reported attending the meeting of the South Wight Health & well Being Forum which had received presentations from the NHS, Footprint Trust and Age Concern. She said drainage work was in progress in Highwood Lane. The Rookley Village Association now had a Twitter account that could be used to circulate immediate news.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.51

From the floor Nil.

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

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