

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF **ROOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
HELD USING ZOOM SOFTWARE ON WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 19.30

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

**From the floor** Representatives of Captiva Homes made a presentation on their plans for 28 new dwellings on land to the west and north of the Post Office. This was an increase of seven on the plans in the application already granted for the same site. 10 'affordable' homes were included. They answered questions from Members and the public, including on pedestrian access to the village, sewage and the adjacent bridleway. The Parish's position on these matters was explained; it was hoped that the applicants would make efforts to resolve issues so that the Parish Council could support the application.

51/20-21 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Cllr S. Vail

52/20-21 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS  
None.

53/20-21 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2021  
It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 6 January as a true record and these were signed by the Chairman.

54/20-21 MATTER ARISING NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION  
Cllr RigaudBarrett had responded to IWALC concerning the proposed IW Council constitution.

55/20-21 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING  
**2260/20** Land off Main Rd Proposed development of 28 dwellings  
This application was considered by Rookley Parish Council at its meeting held on 3 February 2021. The Parish Council **resolved** that whilst it was not unhappy with the principle of the application, it still has concerns over the proposals for pedestrian access - indeed these concerns have increased in view of the possible closure of Rookley and Chillerton school and its amalgamation with Godshill school. This closure would mean that the only paved route for any children living on the development to walk to the bus stop in the Godshill direction, would involve four road crossings (Main Rd, Bunkers Lane, Niton Rd and Main Rd again) - this is completely unacceptable. The Parish Council has been told that the owners of the un-paved portion of the alternative access along the north side of Main Road are amenable to entering negotiations with the developers to resolve this issue and ensure that a made-up footway is created from the site, past the post office and Little Glen, so that pedestrians can walk safely between the site and the village without facing multiple road crossings. Should this not be possible, the risks to pedestrians outlined above could be reduced if the 'island' crossing over Main Rd was replaced by a Zebra or Pelican crossing, with a similar crossing in the centre of the village. The latter has previously been proposed to meet other needs, and this development adds weight to the case. The 30mph limit at the west end of the village needs to be extended to the entrance to Pidford Manor so that traffic speed is reduced when it reaches the access to the new development. At present sewage from the village is sent towards Godshill pumping station through an outfall pipe that has already proved inadequate since the expansion of the Country Park. The outfall from the planned development needs to be directed towards the Highwood Lane pumping station. If the above issues are resolved,

by conditions or negotiation, the Parish Council would support the application.

56/20-21

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read correspondence received. It was agreed to respond to consultation concerning the future of Rookley & Chillerton school at the next meeting.

57/20-21

CLERK'S REPORT

Authorisation of payments

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

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Transfer	Bright Brown	67.20	Payroll administration
Transfer	Mountbatten Hospice	150.00	Grant
Transfer	HMRC	114.80	PAYE
Transfer	M R Taplin	172.31	Clerk's salary January
Transfer	IWALC	92.81	Subscription

58/20-21

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Cllr Willis said the bin by the flower beds was not being emptied. Clerk to contact Island Roads.

Cllr Wills spoke about flooding in Highwood Lane. Clerk to ask District Steward to speak to her.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.37

**From the floor** Nil.

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

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 3 March 2021, 19.30 Virtual Meeting using Zoom.**