

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF **ROOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**
HELD USING ZOOM SOFTWARE ON WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2021 AT 19.50

PRESENT Cllr I Rigaudbarrett – Chairman
Cllr M. Jones, Cllr E. A. Wills, Cllr D. Hunt, Cllr C. Willis
Mr M. R. Taplin, Clerk; Cllr S. Hastings (IW Council); 3 members of the public

From the floor Nil

69/20-21 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr S. Vail, Cllr E A Wills (joined from item 73/20-21)

70/20-21 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS
None

71/20-21 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2021
It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March as a true record and these were signed by the Chairman.

72/20-21 MATTER ARISING NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION
Cllr Hastings was still pursuing the issue of dimensions on planning applications.

73/20-21 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING
None

74/20-21 FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE FUTURE OF ROOKLEY & CHILLERTON SCHOOL
There was understood to be a challenge to the procedure, which had been dealt with as a merger, but should have been dealt with the school closure procedure. This might buy time for the campaigners to develop and implement their proposal to use the Chillerton premises as a Flexi School centre for home tuition. This would require de-federation.

75/20-21 TO RECEIVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2020-21 AND SIGN THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT
The Clerk had tabled the accounts and explained a number of points. It was **resolved** that the Chairman sign the Annual Governance Statement.

76/20-21 CORRESPONDENCE
The Clerk read correspondence received. His response to the new Southern Water liaison post regarding sewage was noted and agreed.

77/20-21 CLERK'S REPORT
Authorisation of payments
It was **resolved** to authorise the following payments

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Transfer	Ringway Island Roads	183.60	Dog bin emptying
Transfer	Isle of Wight Council	450.00	Environment Officer 2020-21
Transfer	HMRC	115.20	PAYE
Transfer	M R Taplin	172.31	Clerk's salary March

It was noted that the VAT Refund had been sent to Wroxall Parish Council in error by HMRC, but a contra-payment of £120.63 had been made to the Rookley account.

78/20-21

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Cllr Jones said he had spoken to the Speedwatch co-ordinator who advised that no response had been received to the Facebook appeal for volunteers. It seemed that door-to-door leafleting would be needed if progress was to be made.

Cllr Hunt was still concerned about the sewage consequences of the application for 28 new homes, and there was considerable doubt about where this would flow. The arrival of a Co-ordinator at Southern Water was being used to keep up the pressure for a satisfactory response.

Cllr Willis said that a 'youth party' on the recreation ground might or might not be associated with skateboarders. She had been in touch with John Cattle, who was being very helpful. There had been further discussions with a resident at the corner of Harts Lane and Niton Rd about the refuse collection vehicles over-running the kerbs. Clerk to contact the District Steward, Derek Bean. The ditches along Highwood Lane had been cleared.

Cllr Willis raised the issue of lack of dimensions on planning applications, whose size was difficult to determine from the scales quoted. Cllr Hastings would pursue with the Planning Officer.

Cllr Willis referred to the award made by the High Sheriff to Poppie Faithfull for services to the community during the pandemic.

The Clerk was asked to re-circulate the forthcoming meeting dates, which should be held at the Village Hall (19 May, 16 June, 7 July).

Cllr Hastings said details were being finalised for the distribution of government Welcome Fund monies to Town and Parish Councils.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.38

From the floor Nil.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 19 May 2021, 19.30 at the Village hall in Highwood Lane.