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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT CALBOURNE RECREATION AND COMMUNITY HALL AFTER THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 6.0PM ON 24TH MAY 2022**

6 Parishioners were present at the Meeting and 2 people from out of the Parish were also present.

**1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**Cllr L Pike sent her apologies

**2. TO NOTE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH APRIL 2021**

The minutes of the meeting were noted and had been posted on the website last year.

**3. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE PARISH CHAIRMAN  
Cllr Pike presented the following report :-**   
Calbourne Parish Council has met on 9 occasions during the last financial year 2021-2022.   
The Council responds as a Stakeholder Consultee for the Isle of Wight Council, Central Government and other Bodies.   
Councillor Hastings as our Isle of Wight Councillor attends our Council Meetings whenever possible and ensures we receive regularly reports on events at County Hall as they affect Calbourne, Newtown, Porchfield and our surrounding area.   
**Parish Councillors.**   
Our Councillors continue to be the eyes and ears of the community and deal with many problems on behalf of the residents. They also bring forward local problems to the Parish Meetings. Our Councillors represent our Community on the West Wight Town and Parish Association and also at various meetings of Island Organisations. Cllr Richard Rann filled a Council vacancy and became the co-opted Councillor for the Porchfield Ward. Cllr Nick Stuart was elected unopposed for the vacancy in the Calbourne Ward. Because we have over 80% of Councillors elected and we also have a qualified Clerk the Council adopted the General Power of Competency.

**Parish Council Meetings.**   
 The Council held 9 meetings during the year and details of all meetings are posted on the Council’s website.

a) The Council has continued to bring to the notice of the Isle of Wight Council problems that have arisen within

our Parish throughout the year in particular planning infringements, speeding motorists and unwarranted tree

works.

b) We continue to discuss planning applications and send in our views on the applications to the Isle of Wight

Council. We also keep a keen eye on the latest planning policy for unwarranted housing development

c) The Council has given a grant of £150 each to support the grass cutting in Newtown and Calbourne churchyards

and in Porchfield burial ground.

d) The Council continues to pay for the grass to be cut at Winkle Street even though they do not own it.

e) We have reviewed roads in our Parish and have submitted again our thoughts on what the speed limit should be

on certain roads to make it safer for all users updating our 2012 submission that was ignored.

f) Car parking problems at Newtown continued to be a problem but this has decreased since boulders have been

put on the grass verges by the residents and has stopped people parking on them. It is with regret the National

Trust has unilaterally disbanded the Consultative Committee so depriving the Parish Council or other bodies that

sat on that Committee a voice.

g) The Council has also updated its Financial Risk Assessment for 2022 as well as its Standing Orders and Financial

Regulations.

h) The Council has hired a contractor to underpin and repair the Village Hall at Porchfield that the Council owns. As

this work proceeded it came to light additional repair work was required so this has taken longer than was

originally thought.

i) The Council was awarded £10,000 from Awards for All towards the cost of repairing the Village Hall.

j) We have also hired a contractor to repair/rebuild the Village Pump Structure. He should have started early in

new year but due to storm damage work was delayed and now is delayed by nesting birds.

k) A meeting was held with Natural Enterprise regarding the proposal of a cycleway from West Wight to Newport.

This was well attended by residents who were concerned about the proposed route, car parking and the fact

they had not been consulted while other non-residents had been.

l) Natural England. Officers involved in the Coastal Path have again changed. We have been unable to get them to

attend our Council meeting despite written requesting to update/discuss the Coastal Path Route.

m) We had Cllr Fuller Chairman of Community Engagement attend our meeting in Newtown which covered such

problems as access to buses, concerns about the Nature Reserve and its commercialisation. Problems people

could see with the coastal path due to none or lack of village parking facilities and the right to roam.

Lastly, I thank my fellow Councillors for their time and service this last year. I also thank Cllr Hastings for the support he provides to the parish And lastly, I thank Val Taylor Clerk who still managed to cover the essentials while struggling with her own Post Covid for over 3 months

**3. TO RECEIVE A SUMMARY OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2021-22** The Clerk presented the following summary of accounts:-   
 We brought forward reserves of £22,106.72. Our income was £30,614.61 giving a total of £52,721.33.

Our Expenditure was £15,762.06 allowing us to take forward a balance of £36,959.27 which includes a grant of

£10,000 from Awards for All.

**4. TO RECEIVE OBSERVATIONS FROM LOCAL MEMBER OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL.** Cllr Hastings highlighted the problems with Island Roads. Because of questions raised about Road Surfaces he

informed the meeting about Island Roads now have a machine for analysing depth of tarmac and it can tell what is

under the road surface.

He also talked about problems with Planning Enforcement as there were too few Enforcement Officers.

Money has been put in the budget to employ some more.

He commented on the Draft Island Plan and said the Council needs to get on with it and not wait for what the

Government is bringing out but make amendments when they do if it needs any alteration.

**5. OPEN SESSION FOR THE ELECTORATE OF CALBOURNE, NEWTOWN AND PORCHFIELD.**  1. Question was raised about the items on the Asset Register.

a) The Horse Trough is outside Sun Inn not Star as stated. This will be changed.

b) The four Road Signs did not say that they were in Calbourne

c) The number of Notice Boards were quired as they included the Porchfield Village Hall Notice Board. We were

informed that the Hall had bought that one. ( Did the money come from the Village Hall Fund?)

d) The amount against the Village Hall was raised. It was said this was an Asset Register not a valuation.

The Asset Register will be rectified.

**2.** A question was raised as to why the Council did not belong to IWALC. The Clerk wanted to put the record

straight. She reported when she came to Clerk the Council Meeting in April as their new Clerk had left after

giving 1 weeks’ notice the agenda’s had already been sent out by her and the first time, she saw the contents

of the agenda was at that meeting. When membership of HALC came up on the agenda she made it very clear

she would not be advising them on this matter it was solely for them to decide. It was unanimously decided to

join HALC. She did not know what had caused the Council to take this decision.  
 Cllr Pike said IWALC service and costs were not compatible compared to HALC. See Min 6/16 a. 4th April 2016

It was said IWALC had a place on the IW Councils Scrutiny Committee. The Clerk informed the meeting that

HALC has also got a place on that Committee. Cllr Hastings confirmed that was right.

3. Question was raised about more content in the minutes. Council minutes are not verbatim. They are there

to record decisions of the Council. The Clerk will access the point raised.

**Chairman Date**