

**Minutes of the Meeting of The Calbourne Parish Council held on Monday 7th March 2016
at Calbourne Recreation Centre.**

Present, C Weeks, P Pike (acting Chairman), R Mathrick, Ward Councillor S Hutchinson, S Caws (Interim Clerk) and H Flaherty Clerk.

12/16: Apologies and declarations of interest

Councillor Blackwood was absent from the meeting, Councillor Weeks declared a non-pecuniary interest regarding the bus survey as she works for Southern Vectis.

13/16: Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday February 1st at Porchfield and Newtown Village Hall

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

14/16: Ward Councillor Report

Councillor Hutchinson reported on the new Fight for the Wight campaign that has been started by the County Press and is supported by IWCC. Central Government is slowly realising the Isle of Wight's unique position and has promised to send Civil Servants from Whitehall to look at the issues the Isle of Wight is facing.

The Isle of Wight Council had commissioned the services of Hayes Consultancy to perform an evaluation of jobs including paygrades, introduction of compulsory leave and reducing staffing levels. A HR1 notice has been issued and some 80 members of staff will be losing their jobs within the next year. Further savings of 17 million still need to be found for the Isle of Wight Council to set a budget next year.

The new waste collections contract with Amey is running smoothly, letters regarding the new collection arrangements will be going out to all households in the next couple of weeks, along with the introduction of a new wheelie bin for non-recycling or Gull proof sacks for those who do not have space for a bin. The new contract is not only £1,000,000 cheaper it has also raised the number of items being recycled.

The topic of the Islands road network was reported on, including the way in which highways are prioritised for repair and resurfacing. Pot holes are repaired in accordance with certain criterion such as depth, width and position on the highway. Two new Engineers have been appointed and steps are being taken to enable more points of contact, communication is slowly improving. Unfortunately, there remains the problem of newly resurfaced roads being dug up by the utilities to carry out emergency and general maintenance work.

15/16 Matters arising not requiring a resolution and Clerks report

The clerk read out a letter from Isle of Wight Council requesting a donation for the Isle of Wight Walking Festival, Councillors decided that they would not be able to donate to this cause. A letter was read out from a resident requesting to install grass grids on Council land opposite Barrington Row in Winkle Street, this was not thought to be a viable solution and

the clerk will communicate the decision to the resident. The clerk reported that the Casual Vacancy had been put as an official notice, residents have until Friday 18th March to request a by-election. The clerk reported some Parish Councils were moving their membership away from IWALC and joining HALC as they offer more training opportunities for increasing activities of Parish Councils, the clerk will investigate pricing options. An email was read from a local resident concerned about parking of commercial vehicles and fly tipping at Calbourne Community Ground.

16/16 Matters arising requiring a resolution

It was resolved that a bench may be placed outside the church in Calbourne, on the condition that is added to the Asset register. It was resolved that a community bus is not a viable option as the demand for the service is too high, the clerk will re-establish the debate with Southern Vectis and try to resume a service in the affected areas. Park Resorts will also be contacted to see if they may be able to help provide a seasonal service for tourists and residents. A resolution was not able to be passed regarding the post office this will roll over to the next meeting. It was resolved that Calbourne Parish Council cannot at this time commit to a donation to Calbourne Church, the Clerk will communicate this to the relevant parties. It was resolved that the clerk would write to Island Roads requesting a programme of works within the parish. The clerk had been unable to find a donation for Armed Forces day, she will consult the minute book and this matter will be resolved at the next meeting. The clerk is awaiting paperwork regarding her pension, this matter will be resolved at the next meeting.

17/16 To Consider Accounts for Payment

Account for payment totalling £1045.36 were approved.

18/16 Financial information

Councillors approved statements of receipts and payments up to March 2nd an electronic statement 77 showing a balance of £11,672.12 was noted and signed.

A new bank mandate form was signed and will be sent off to Lloyds.

17/16 To receive the Councillors written reports

The following report was received from Councillor Mathrick regarding the Porchfield and Newtown Village Hall.

Porchfield Village Hall

“There are currently about eight members of the hall committee, which meets at 1830 on the second Monday of each month. Pete Turner has recently resigned as Chairman and his role has been taken on by Huff Goldsmith, at least until the next AGM. Paul Hewson runs the website. The process of obtaining a 365-day licence is almost complete, when Mr Goldsmith will become the licensee.

Weekly bookings are presently for the mother & toddler group, a yoga class and the guitar club. There are also the monthly Tea & Chat afternoons, meetings of the Porchfield Ladies' Group and seasonal entertainment & parties. Other occasional events include bingo, skittles, live music and pub nights. The Village Show did not take place last year, because too few entries were received. The hall can be

booked for private and commercial functions.

The main hall and toilets have undergone plasterwork repairs and redecoration by volunteers last autumn. The carpet was then professionally cleaned, all to good effect. At the moment, quotations are awaited for electrical improvements, including the installation of hand-dryers. Improvement to the rainwater drainage courtesy of the Parish Council is anticipated.”

The clerk was instructed to look into contributions for both Porchfield and Newtown Village Hall, Calbourne Recreation Ground and see if there is any news regarding the sale of the Sportsman’s Rest.

18/16 Planning

There were no planning applications to be considered this time.

19/16 Date and venue of Future Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7pm at Porchfield and Newtown Village Hall.