

Calbourne, Newtown & Porchfield Parish Council

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A MEETING OF CALBOURNE, NEWTOWN AND PORCHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT CALBOURNE SPORTS AND RECEREATION HALL CALBOURNE AT 7.0PM ON MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2019

3 Members of the public were present.

Questions were raised about the grass cutting at Winkle Street. The Clerk updated them on the present situation the problem being caused by not being able to establish ownership of the land. The residents were informed about various actions that had been taken and what actions the Council would be pursuing to resolve the problem as they want it resolved as much as the residents of Winkle Street do.

If the Council can find the owner, the Council is more than willing to maintain the grass if the owner will give an Informal Licence to maintain. It was also suggested that the Environment Agency be contacted as they may have a record of ownership with them being responsible for the stream. The Clerk will be following up this suggestion.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- Cllr Pike (Chairman), Cllr O'Rorke Cllr Chaucer and Cllr Mathrick also present Cllr Hutchinson Isle of Wight Councillor

360/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence was received from Cllr Weeks who hoped to be able to attend the October meeting.

361/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

362/19 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST JULY 2019 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH AUGUST 2019 RESOLVED:-

That the minutes of the meetings held on the 1st July and the 13th August 2019 were approved and duly signed.

363/19 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM CLLR HUTCHINSON ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hutchinson reported on the following items:-

- Asked tree officer to look at trees on pub car park
- To be a review of West Wight Schools. Yarmouth Community raised legal challenge. Council not going to get into a legal battle.
- DFE says £6Million available for new school. RC Bishop has ruled out a Federation between C of E and R.C.
- Challenging Government figures for number of houses to be in draft plan and want Island to be treated as an exception. 250-350 is a sustainable number for the Island.
- Started work on the budget need to find £4.5Million savings which is proving to be complicated by circumstances.
- Review is ongoing, £6 Million needed for adult social care and looked after children. Waiting for Green Paper and waiting to hear if we will get an Island
- Waiting to hear if we will get an Island deal as we are £6.5Million underfunded.
- We are seeing an overrun this year. Brexit causing uncertainty. Normally draft proposal released in October, but this year will go right up to the wire.

In answering a question from Cllr Pike regarding the plan produced by Calbourne Parish for the reduction of speed limits. Cllr Hutchinson reported that Cllr Ward now has 4 people working on road issues instead of 1 but the budget is not enough only £300,000.

The question of mobile home enforcement was raised and a copy of the letter received on this issue from a Council officer was given to Cllr Hutchinson.

- 364/19 TO COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION AND ANY THAT ARE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND NOTE DECISIONS TAKEN**
None received at time of issuing notice
- 365/19 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS.**
- a. To agree the payment of bills
The Clerk reported that the cheque issued for Office 365 last month has been cancelled as it should have a cheque for 12Pay Pay our PAYE software package. This was noted.
RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS BE PAID:- HMRC £377.00, Office £178.70, Mrs Taylor 21nd quarter underpayment salary £52.39, 12 Pay £79.20
 - b. Summary of payments and receipt for July and August 2019
RESOLVED:-
That the payments and receipts for July and August 2019 were noted.
 - c. To receive cheque list.
The cheque list was received and noted
- 366/19 CLERKS REPORT FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS**
- a. West Wight Town and Parish Association Meeting 17th October 2019
This meeting to be held at Yarmouth.
 - b. Information re planning portal received from Planning Officer
Clerk reported on problems raised with Planning Officer of their new portal. Parish and Town Councils not recognised as a statutory consultee. Clerks to have meeting in County Hall with planning officers to go through the problems. System at present is a nightmare and discourages the public from using it to make comments on planning applications.
 - c. To notify receipt of resignation
This item was noted.
 - d. To report on ongoing conversations held with National Trust re grass at Winkle Street.
 - e. Isle of Wight Council Consultation on concessionary travel scheme changes 2019
Clerk advised Councillors to go on the Isle of Wight Council website and fill in the questionnaire.
 - f. Planning Enforcement and Mobile Homes.
Letter received from Planning Officer that was totally unhelpful.
 - g. Notice received for Town and Parish Meeting with Isle of Wight Council on the 30th September 7-9pm.
It was agreed to ask for Mobile Homes to be put on the agenda.
 - h. Invitation to attend Best Village Awards has been received. Cllr Chaucer agreed to attend. Invitation to be forwarded to her.
 - i. Programme of events from Age Uk received
Noted.
- 367/19 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**
- Cllr Merrick reported back on when people thought wreaths should be removed from the Porchfield War Memorial. It was decided to remove them during the first week of January. This to be put on our website. He also reported that they wanted to see the proposed design for a new Memorial before they commented on a replacement Memorial. The Clerk would send him a photo of the one at Niton which is what is being proposed.
- Cracked ceiling in Village Hall at Porchfield. It was agreed that a structural survey needed to be done as soon as possible. Clerk to get 3 quotes for this work.

Signed

Date