

ROOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Rookley Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 7.40 pm in the Village Hall, Highwood Lane, Rookley, Isle of Wight.

Present: Chairman Cllr. E Wills
Cllrs: B. Benham, M. Jones, I. RigaudBarrett and A. Watts

In attendance: Clerk Tina Bailey

106/23 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr E Wills was proposed as Chairman by Cllr RigaudBarrett and seconded by Cllr Jones.

RESOLVED

That Cllr Wills is elected Chairman.

107/23 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman duly signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office which was countersigned by the Clerk.

108/23 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr I RigaudBarrett was proposed as Vice Chairman by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Jones.

RESOLVED

That Cllr RigaudBarrett is elected Vice Chairman.

109/23 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED

Cllr RigaudBarrett was elected as the representative to IWALC.

110/23 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence – None.

111/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

1. To receive any pecuniary or non pecuniary interests

Cllr Jones declared an interest in agenda item 115/23 (1)

2. To receive and consider any written requests for dispensation.

None

112/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2023

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2023 were approved as a true record and duly signed.

113/23 TO RECEIVE UPDATES

1 Progress report from the Playground Working Party.

Cllr Wills reported that offer for the installation of replacement posts for the swing frame has been shelved. The clerk was asked to contact the new local company providing inspections and maintenance to parish councils, to obtain options and costs for the work involved.

2. Legal advice from NALC.

A response had been received from NALC regarding minute 92/22-23 (1). This had been forwarded to Councillors and the advice noted. The Clerk suggested that the council should formally write to RVA requesting consideration of a written agreement to clarify each organisation's responsibilities and advised that it was the responsibility of RVA, as the owners of the land, to provide the written agreement.

3. Website progress.

Joint website proposal

The council received a written proposal from the RVA Chairman for a new joint website, which was discussed but declined.

Cllr Watts discussed the requirements and details for the new Parish Council website. The Clerk will provide content for inclusion.

RESOLVED

- 1) That Cllr Watts is provided authorisation to access all Parish Council documents remaining on the RVA website.
- 2) That the inclusion of a link to RVA's new website is agreed

114/23 TO RECEIVE REPORTS / INFORMATION FROM

1. The Clerk

A Police Rural Beat poster with the next four months dates of local surgeries at the Post Office has been put on the Notice Board.

The Environment Officer has now been in touch with the Clerk. Copies of the playground inspections sheets are pending. Further to a matter raised by the EO, Cllr Wills confirmed that the trees abutting the boundary at Highwood Lane are the responsibility of RVA, which the Clerk will relay back.

2. The Chairman – none

3. Parish Councillors

- Cllr Benham raised the issue of speeding. Councillors provided the background details to this ongoing issue with many meetings and discussions over the years, which have achieved little to resolve the problem. It was noted that speeding affects many Island areas and is frequently raised by town and parish councils.
- Cllr Watts reported that Wight Fibre is due to be connected in Rookley before Christmas.
- Cllr RigaudBarrett asked the Clerk what loans were available for Parish Councils. The Clerk briefly explained that the Government Public Works Loan Board (PWLb) provided loans to Town and Parish Councils for capital expenditure and will obtain further details.

4. IW Councillor S. Ellis

IW Cllr Ellis had provided a written report to the council.

115/23 FINANCES

Cllr Jones left the room.

1. To agree a donation to the Men in Shed Band.

RESOLVED

That a donation of £50 is approved for the Men in Shed Band

Cllr Jones returned to the meeting.

2. To approve payments and note receipts.

RESOLVED

That the payments totalling £650.19 are approved and receipt of the precept noted.

3. To note the bank reconciliation to the end of April 2023

RESOLVED

That the bank reconciliation was noted and verified against the presented bank statement.

116/23 PLANNING

To discuss any planning applications received and note any IWC decisions – none.

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 7th June 2023.

The meeting closed at 20:32

Chairman

Date