



Sandown Town Council

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A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 26th APRIL 2011 AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE.

2 Members of the Public were present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: - Cllr Mereweather (Mayor) Cllr Humby, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Patel, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Ward and Cllr Cowley.

620/11 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Davis as he was on holiday

621/11 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Blezzard declared personal interest in agenda items by reason of being a member of Havenstreet and Ashley Parish Council and as a member of IWALC, member of the Transport Forum and agenda item 627/11 local resident. Also 626/11 as partner works for Health Service. Cllr Cowley declared a personal interest in agenda item 627/11 as a local resident. Cllr Beevers declared a personal interest in agenda item 627/11 as a local resident.

**622/11 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE
28TH MARCH 2011.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28th March 2011 were approved and duly signed.

623/11 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-

a. Payments and receipts for March 2011

b. March 2011 Summary of Payments and receipts against budget

The deferred minutes from the February 2011 agenda were discussed and the Clerk answered outstanding queries that had been raised on training and ferry fares.

The March payment and receipts together with the Summary of payments against budget was presented to the Council by the Clerk.

It was proposed and duly seconded that the February 20 11 Accounts were approved.

Cllr Blezzard requested a recorded vote recorded vote

For the resolution:- Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Humby, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Patel, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Teasdale and Cllr Cowley.

Against the resolution:- Cllr Blezzard

Abstain:- Cllr Ward because he was not at the March Meeting.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the February Accounts were approved.

It was proposed and duly seconded that the March 2011 Accounts were approved.

Cllr Blezzard requested a recorded vote recorded vote

For the resolution:- Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Humby, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Patel, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Ward and Cllr Cowley.

Against the resolution:- Cllr Blezzard

RESOLVED:-

THAT the March Accounts were approved.

c. Year ending accounts 2010-11

This item was deferred as we had not received the auditors report.

624/11 TO NOTE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD

Cllr Humby reported that she had complained to the Isle of Wight Council about the new posts in the car parks as she considered it a waste of money. She still wants a TIC in Sandown, library staff are having to deal with tourists. Six firemen are being made redundant. County Hall is being refurbished to take in more staff from other buildings.

Cllr Ward reported he had spoken to Southern Vectis who assured him the member of staff walking around was a temporary measure. He had complained 3 times about the car park posts but this is a Health and Safety matter resulting from the car going over the cliff. He was still working on the proposed Community Bus. Cllr Blezzard stated that he is concerned with the withdrawal of the concessionary fare that we could lose the rail link. There are still complaints about people having to walk 10 minutes to a bus stop.

It was agreed that the Council would write to Island Line and ask them how they arrived at their facts and figures and to also write to the Isle of Wight Council to persevere with Island Line as it was a good tourist feature.

625/11 TO COMMENT ON WASTE COLLECTION CONSULTATION.

The thrust of the consultation is to introduce fortnightly collections of household waste and recyclable waste and continue weekly collections of kitchen waste

Cllr Ward reported the EU had changed the rules on the charges for land fill going up from £48 per ton to £80 if we exceed our laid down quota of 27,000. By 2020 the Islands quota is going down to 15,000 tons.

Councillors discussed the consultation document. It was felt that the Island did not do enough sorting and recycling. When scheme is implemented all that cannot be recycled is a handful of items. It was felt that the public will have to be educated on what is recyclable. Questions were raised about what the Isle of Wight Council is doing about commercial waste.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council would write a letter requesting a recyclable collection weekly and also ask what is happening to commercial waste.

626/11 TO COMMENT ON TRAVEL TO ST MARYS HOSPITAL CONSULTATION

Councillors discussed the Travel to St Marys Hospital Consultation. They raised the issue that parking was not available when people went for a hospital appointment or even to visit relatives. They discussed the lack of parking spaces available for District Nurses and Midwives and peripatetic staff. Councillors discussed reducing staff parking places as they thought the number allocated to staff was high compared to the patient or public and suggested that a park and ride scheme could be introduced for staff as is done on the mainland. It was also suggested that land belonging to the hospital that is rented out could be used for parking and that the car park could be utilised better and reconfigured if it was landscaped differently.

RESOLVED:-

- That St Marys Hospital look at a Park and Ride scheme for staff.
- That more spaces are allocated to patients and visitors
- That parking is available for District Nurses and Midwives and peripatetic staff.
- That the hospital considers using land it owns for additional car parking for staff
- That the car park could be better utilised and reconfigured if it was landscaped differently.
- Physical barriers to stop people driving through.
- Staging of appointments would improve parking problems

627/11 TO DISCUSS LIST OF SITES AVAILABLE IN SANDOWN

Cllr Humby declared a personal interest as a member of Yaverland Sailing Club. Cllr Ward advised the Council that this was a government requirement to identify land and was a process the Isle of Wight Council had to go through.

Councillors discussed the three proposed sites.

Yaverland Site.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council consider this to be an inappropriate site and do not support this site as being available. Coastal erosion is taking place at a rapid rate. The environment agency has no plans to defend this section of the coastline. It is designated an ANOB area.

Perowne Way

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council consider this to be an inappropriate site and do not support this site as being available. This is an overpopulated site with no transport links. It is on a flood plane and not a suitable area and is also a Greenfield site.

Morton Brook

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council consider this to be an inappropriate site and do not support this site as being available. It is on a flood plane and not a suitable area and is also a Greenfield site.

628/11 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE AND ALSO FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE THAT IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Letter received from Hampshire Probation Trust regarding Community Payback. Noted
Letter received from Groundsell Contracting informing the Council they had taken over the Isle of Wight Council contract. Noted

Letter received from Mr and Mrs Cooper regarding problems with some youths at Sandham Grounds. This has been passed onto the police and also been brought to the attention of the Police Working Party.

Island Games. The Council was informed that Sandown Town Council was now down as one of the sponsors of the Island Games.

The Council was also informed that a meeting had been held with the Games Officials and they were very appreciative and thanked the Council their support and for allowing them to use Los Altos as their Island Games Office.

629/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 23RD MAY.

630/11 THE COUNCIL MOVED EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

“That in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and are instructed to withdraw”. (1960 Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act)

The Mayor moved exclusion of press and public and it was agreed by the Council.

1. CLERK TO REPORT ON LEASE FOR SANDHAM GARDENS AND RECEIVE AUTHORISATION TO PROCEED FROM THE COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that Sandown Town Council has been offered the lease on the Crazy Golf and the Pitch and Put by the Isle of Wight Council as the preferred bidder withdrew on the day they were due to sign the lease.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council authorises the Clerk to proceed, sign a temporary lease, advertise for staff and get the facility open.

CLERK TO REPORT ON FOLLOWING STAFFING ISSUES AND TO RECEIVE COUNCILS INSTRUCTIONS/DECISION

a. MILEAGE

RESOLVED:-

THAT mileage continues to be paid at the rate agreed by the Inland Revenue 45p per mile from April.

b. STAFFING

The Clerk raised the issue of a Project Officer/Deputy Clerk.

RESOLVED:-

THAT it was agreed that a Town Council Meeting would be held on Monday 9th May after the Town Meeting to discuss this item and also the audited accounts.

The Clerk withdrew from the meeting for the Mayor to address the Council

Signed

Date