



Sandown Town Council

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A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 31st OCTOBER 2011 AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE.

3 Members of the public were present.

Mr G. Henderson raised the standing water problem after heavy rain in the lane. Cllr Humby responded by saying that she would see Cllr Ward and make sure that someone from the Isle of Wight Council turns up and she would arrange for him to set up a meeting.

Mr I Schaff also raised a question regarding the lane. The Clerk responded by saying Sandown Town Council were doing nothing illegal and that she had confirmed this in a letter to them. Sandown Town Council is not responsible for the Highway outside the Broadway Centre it is the responsibility of the Isle of Wight Council.

Mr Poole raised the question about the written reply that was sent by the Clerk regarding costs that have been incurred for drawing up plans for the Broadway Centre. The Clerk responded by saying the answers to the written questions that had been raised was correct.

Mr Poole informed the Council about a problem with coins and the proposed Wishing Well because some of the coins are magnetic.

Cllr Blezzard re-phrased the question on architects fees by asking what is the Council committed to paying for architects fees. The Clerk responded by saying she will send him a written response.

The Question of the Councillors having a question time was raised. It was also asked if it could be time limited.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Councillors would have an agenda item for question time towards the end of the agenda.

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

693/11 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Dupre, Cllr Ward and Cllr Davis sent his apologies for the next two meetings.

694/11 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Blezzard declared a personal interest as a member of Havenstreet and Asheby Council, an Executive Member of IWALC and member of the Community Bus Forum.

701/11 Cllr Mereweather declared an interest as Secretary of the Sandown Partnership and Cllr Patel as a Business Representative of the Sandown Community Partnership.

695/11 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 26TH SEPTEMBER 2011.

It was raised that a number of corrections were not included in these minutes relating to Minute 683/11 Approval of Minutes. Minute 669/7 should have read if all else fails we will contribute towards the cost of a co-ordinator. Minute 686/11 Health Consultation should have read there was nothing on the PCT website or South Central web site. The Confidential minute 705/11 has not been included with these minutes. The Clerk apologies and said alterations were made on the previous minutes but the recording of them had not been included in these. The minute of 705/11 will be presented to next Council Meeting. 684/11 should read Local "Person of the Year and local Young Person of the Year".

With the addition of these alterations the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th September 2011 were approved and duly signed.

696/11 MAYOR TO REPORT ON VISIT TO TONNEY-CHARENTE

Cllr Humby reported on a very enjoyable trip to Tonney Charente and that she attended a reception given by the Mayor of Tonney-Charente in which she was presented with a picture of the Hermarnie. During the visit they went on a lovely trip on the Charente. The Mayor on behalf of his Council sent Sandown Town Council their very good wishes and she reported that she has written and to the Mayor to thank him.

Cllr Humby reported that she had attended various events as well as presenting the Awards for Sandown in Bloom and she thanked our Clerk for providing the refreshment that were enjoyed by all. She also thanked the Councillors who attended the event and also helped with washing up and clearing up. Cllr Humby reported that she has been asked to attend Older Voices and she has also been asked to attend the opening of the food-bank in Sandown. The litter pick date has yet to be decided. Civic Service could be on a Sunday in March at St John's Church. The Clerk agreed to find out the date.

697/11 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-

- a. Payments and receipts for September 2011
- b. September 2011 Summary of Payments and receipts against budget

The Clerk presented the payment and receipts for September together with summary of payments and receipts against budget. The equipment cost is for a new computer and software. Bookers is because a bill was paid for water on a wrong chequebook as it should have been on Sandham Grounds Account. She reported on outstanding payments owing from the Isle of Wight Council regarding weekly bookings by Social Services but this is now getting sorted by Creditors and Payments who are going to set up a permanent account number. The Clerk reported that a request has gone into Lake Parish Council to contribute towards the Community Bus.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the September Financial Reports be approved.

Cllr Blezzard requested a recorded vote

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

Against the resolution:- Cllr Blezzard

Abstain:- Cllr Humby

698/11 TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED BOUNDARIES FOR THE TWO PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES FOR THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Clerk circulated a map of the proposed boundaries.

Cllr Blezzard reported that he had attended a meeting at Portsmouth Guildhall. Mark Chiverton and Peter Coleman and Brian Ballard and another person was there as an individual. Cllr Blezzard was there speaking on behalf of Havenstreet and Ashley. It was felt County and Town and Parish Council areas should not be split. It is thought to be desirable that both Parliamentary Constituencies should have an Urban and Rural split. On the present proposal both Ryde and Newport would be split between two MPs One being mostly rural and the other being mainly urban. Cllr Blezzard suggested an East /West Split. "The Boundary Commission's proposed north/south split would mean issues such as the planned Pennyfeathers housing development in Ryde would be split between the two MPs as would the Islandline railway."

The Clerk left the room to photocopy the map showing an East West split. It would allow Electoral divisions to be broadly equal in size and the east west proposal would mean that they would be 56,000 and 54,000.

Cllr Blezzard proposed that this Council support the East West Split for the two Isle of Wight Constituencies. He offered to send the Clerk a copy of the correspondence that Havenstreet and Ashley had sent in to which she accepted.

Cllr Beasley seconded the proposals of an East West split. Cllr Cowley suggested that Nettlestone and Seaview alter and go one way and Havenstreet go the other way that with just a few amendments we will get what we want from the Boundary Commission, but they may dig their heels in and we may not get what we want. Cllr Beevers, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Patel and Cllr Teasdale also supported an East West split.

Cllr Blezzard made it clear that he attended the meeting in Portsmouth only for Havenstreet Council which is totally none political.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council put a case forward to the Boundary Commission for an East/West split on the lines that have been put forward at the meeting.

699/11 TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:-

1. FINANCIAL AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Ward, Cllr Davis, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Beevers, and Cllr Cowley.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the above named people be approved.

2. SANDOWN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Cllr Dupre, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Patel, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Mereweather, and Cllr Cowley.

RESOLVED:-

THAT people that indicated be on the committees and this be approved by the Council.
Cllr Mereweather raised the question about the Earl Mountbatten Hospice Service Lights of Love.
The Clerk agreed to talk to the vicars about it.

700/11 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL TAKING OVER THE TOILETS AT DEVONIA. (Cllr Humby)

Cllr Humby raised of the problems with a lack of toilets on the hot weekend at the beginning of October due to the Isle of Wight Council not keeping them open. A request has been received for Sandown Town Council to take over Devonian toilets. At the moment Pier Street toilets are closed and Eastern Gardens are open and Cllr Humby and Cllr Ward are meeting Stuart Love to see if this can be reversed.

Councillors discussed the Devonian toilet situation and the state of the toilets. It was said that this Council would not take over any toilet that this Council cannot update. Cllr Blezzard asked what would it cost and that we need to be talking to Brading Town Council as they got their fingers burnt. It was mentioned that we have five toilets open in Sandown and four open in winter.

RESOLVED:-

THAT no further action be taken

701/11 REQUEST FROM SANDOWN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ASKING IF THE COUNCIL HAVE ANY PLANS TO UPGRADE OR INSTALL ANY NEW EQUIPMENT AT SANDHAM GARDENS SKATE PARK.

Cllr Teasdale asked the Council for permission for the Partnership to raise more money to put more equipment into the skate park and it would be pointless doing this if the Council did not support it. Councillors discussed the request and it was asked if play equipment for Perowne Way could also be looked at within the same project as there was nothing on an estate that covered 700 homes. It was suggested that it could be started with a set of swings and other equipment.

Councillors supported that Sandham Gardens was a centre of excellence. The cost of increased Insurance was raised. It was also raised what type of equipment would we be going for at the skate park would it be for the youngsters or for older children. It was raised about problems that occur when it is suggested putting equipment on an area surrounded by houses. It was also mentioned that a future development at Sandham Grounds could be a BMX track and also a café.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Sandown Community Partnership be given permission to raise money to put more equipment into the skate park and also a modest scheme for Perowne Way.

The Clerk was asked about the cost of insurance for additional equipment and she reported that every extra piece of equipment on the skate park cost an additional £250.

702/11 TO NOTE VERBAL REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD

Cllr Humby reported that the Community Bus is going well. Youth Service is having another report written. Mr Murphy is looking at a report on a building in Sandown. There are problems with the Holiday Centre at Yaverland. Waste disposal starting in January. There are concerns about car parks as they have been empty even at height of summer.

Cllr Patel reported that HSBC is closing down in January. It was agreed that Sandown Town Council would write to HSBC regarding the closure.

Cllr Blezzard raised the matter that Perowne Way has had road works but two days prior to the road being dug up it was white lined. It was agreed that the Isle of Wight Council be written to regarding this matter.

Cllr Beevers raised the issue of 20 miles an hour limit in Yaverland and also signs for horse riders. The Council agreed to write a letter to Highways to go with the comments that were being sent in from the planning meeting.

Cllr Ward had sent in a written report that covered Life Guard funding, Community Bus, NHS Trust, and the 2012-13 Isle of Wight Council Budget.

703/11 REMEMBRANCE DAY 11th NOVEMBER 2011 AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 13TH NOVEMBER 2011.

The Clerk reported that a trumpeter will be at the War Memorial at 11.0am for the two minutes silence. On the 13th Remembrance Day Service the Parade is to assemble at 10.30 at the Pier and the parade starts at 10.40. The Clerk informed the Council that risk assessments, road closures, barriers and other details had been put in place and wreaths had been purchased.

704/11 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT AND TO AGREE ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

The Clerk reported on the following correspondence:-

- Correspondence has been received from the Isle of Wight Council regarding their capital programme. In it is the disposal of Devonia toilets, land at Culver Way and in the following year is the Dinosaur Museum for which the Isle of Wight Council is looking for a 3rd sector operator to take over. Clerk to find out what land at Culver Way.
- Tenancy at Will came through regarding Battery Gardens toilets. The agreement needs redrafting as there is a problem regarding the opening of the toilets and also a repairs issue.
- The Clerk reported on a letter received regarding CCTV from the Isle of Wight Council. What is being said it is that it is to be an automated service from 02.15hrs to 10.00hrs Sunday to Thursday and 04.15hrs to 10.00hrs Friday and Saturday. After receiving the letter the Clerk reported that she telephoned the Community Safety Operations Manager who said they were not looking for contribution from Sandown Town Council as Sandown is in a different situation to Ryde and Newport, who have people leaving the premises at a later time than Sandown does. Councillors raised the question why are the Police not paying towards CCTV.

705/11 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)

RESOLVED:-

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.

TO MAKE THE POSITION OF THE TEMPORARY CLERICAL POST PERMANENT.

The Clerk requested that the position of the temporary Clerk's Post be made permanent due to the amount of work that was now being covered by the Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the temporary Clerical post be made a permanent post and that Mrs Wollaston employment be made permanent.

A recorded vote was requested.

Voting for the Resolution:- Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Patel, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Mereweather and Councillor Cowley.

Voting against the Resolution:- Cllr Blezzard

Abstaining:- Cllr Beevers.

The resolution was passed.

Signed

Date