

WROXALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 19.00 ON MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022 AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, HIGH ST, WROXALL

PRESENT: Cllr C.Watts (Chairman)
Cllr K. Wacker, Cllr H. Little, Cllr J. Davis, Cllr D. Hobbs

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr M. R. Taplin (Clerk), Cllr R. Downer (IW Council), two members of the public

FROM THE FLOOR Mr Iain Donald of the Isle of Wight Council Bereavement Services explained the contract for maintaining the council's cemeteries which was with John O'Connor. He acknowledged that the available budget of £250 000 had not kept pace with service requirements as the department was not given a high priority in a scenario of constant budget cuts. It now permitted mainly just grass cutting and blowing, which made it difficult to keep the cemeteries looking tidy. The bothy on site was in dire need of maintenance, but property services were very reluctant to allocate a budget for this. However anyone wishing to raise issues concerning the performance of the contract should contact him at iain.donald@iow.gov.uk. He explained that Cemeteries Friends groups could help by using volunteers to undertake work such as tidying up, keeping headstones clean and maintaining historical records. Successful groups were running in Ryde, Ventnor and Northwood and after being established had succeeded in attracting lottery funding. A list of objectives was necessary. He would be happy to meet with any group dedicated to setting up a Friends group for Wroxall. He recommended looking at the Friends of Northwood Cemetery website and perhaps meeting their Chairman, Roger Williams.

108/21-22 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A. Gallop

109/21-22 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEM

None

110/21-22 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2021 were approved as a correct record, and they were signed by the Chairman.

111/21-22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

- Cllr Wacker had spoken to Amey and Island Roads regarding emptying the Recreation Ground bins; it was emphasised he needed to get written quotes. He would carry out inspections as previously.
- The Clerk had placed the order with M. Jefferies to carry out safety painting on the steps to the old railway line. This would be done when the weather was more suitable and Cllr Downer would help Mr Jefferies liaise with Rights of Way (including available colours).
- The water had been turned off at the cemetery tap to prevent freezing.
- The Football Club had re-established itself at Wroxall under the chairmanship of Charlie Ball. It was understood that police were involved in investigating missing funds from the previous management.
- Cllr Hobbs had given further thought to obtaining data on speeding, particularly in Clarence Rd. Cllr Downer offered to get available official data from Ian Middleton of Island Roads.
- Cllr Little said the mud on the road outside the West St/Rew Lane development had been hosed away the day after the last meeting.

112/21-22 TO RESOLVE ANY GRANT TO NATURAL ENTERPRISE

Deferred to next meeting

113/21-22 TO RESOLVE COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

21/02566 Land off West St/Rew lane Discharge of conditions

114/21-22 TO RESOLVE A BUDGET FOR 2022-2023 AND SET THE PRECEPT

The draft budget circulated by the Clerk at the previous meeting was considered, and it was **resolved** to adopt this. It was **resolved** that the precept requested of the Isle of Wight Council should be £20 000 (an increase of 5.2%).

115/21-22 TO APPROVE AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

It was **resolved** to approve the following payments:

Cheque No	Payee	Amount	Details
Transfer	Wroxall Methodist Church	£ 45.00	Hall Hire
Transfer	Mrs J. Gallop	£ 150.00	Honorarium The Way
Transfer	Mrs S. Chilton	£ 150.00	Honorarium The Way
Transfer	HMRC	£ 63.00	PAYE
Transfer	M R Taplin	£ 252.54	Clerk's salary December
Transfer	M R Taplin	£ 20.44	Clerk's expenses January

116/21-22 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had circulated a letter from Carol Flux of Natural Enterprise. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

117/21-22 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (not requiring a resolution)

- Cllr Watts said the surface of Mountfield Rd was breaking up again. Cllr Downer would raise with Island Roads.
- It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Stenbury Hall pending completion of building work at the Methodist Church.

From the floor None

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.09

Next meeting Monday 14 February 19.30 Stenbury Hall, St Martin's Rd