



Minutes of the Meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 16th September 2019 at 7.00pm in The Broadway Centre, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9GG.

Present: Mayor Cllr Young
Cllrs: Andre, Brading, Cowley, Dupre, Humby, A. Lightfoot, P. Lightfoot, Mereweather, Patel, Teasdale and Ward.

In attendance: Town Clerk Tina Bailey and members of the public

STATEMENT

The following statement regarding the boundary wall between the Broadway Centre and Christ Church was read out by the Town Clerk.

During construction of the building of the Broadway Centre, the three old dilapidated steps leading from the church to the Broadway Centre were removed and the gap in the wall partially filled in. The wall is the property of the church and permission should have been obtained from them but wasn't.

As the build concluded early in 2018, the church asked the town council when the steps would be reinstated and raised concerns about damage to the base of the wall as a result of the construction.

For clarification, it is understood that the Broadway Centre Architect had mentioned insuring the wall against any possible damage to the previous Clerk in Spring 2017, before work commenced but for whatever reason, this insurance was not arranged and there is no record showing that the Town Council had been informed of this.

In March 2018, the Reverend Mark Williams wrote to the Town Council, making it clear that legal action would be taken against the council if we did not restore the situation to how it was and the Town Council invited the vicar to a meeting to discuss the matter.

At this meeting Reverend Williams stated that in his opinion the wall, the steps and parking on the town council's car park, were combined as one and was not for discussion as separate issues. The Vicar suggested a Deed of Grant would formalise an agreement on all three combined issues.

The Town Council refused as they are not combined issues and there were three specific reasons why parking by the church will not be allowed.

1. The church has no legal right to park on the town council property.
2. IWC planning consent restricts all parking on the paved area of the Broadway Centre to hall hirers and town council employees only.
- 3 The Town Council complies with the 2010 Equal Opportunities Act and will not give preferential treatment to any group over another.

The council acknowledged their responsibility and liability for any damage caused to the wall and subsequently formally agreed to pay for all works and associated fees to restore the situation to how it was. Included in this work is the

- Construction of six buttresses
- Construction of steps with brick buttresses and wrought iron handrail
- Patch repointing for a section of the wall
- Contingencies and preliminaries

The Church then appointed an architect to deal with this matter. The design, specifications, choice of materials, tendering process, contracts have all been under the remit of the architect in accordance with the Church's requirements and their administration's approval.

Three tenders from reputable companies were provided to the council for comment and we agreed the architect's recommendation, for the lowest tender.

The Town Council wish to make it clear that the appointed builders are just doing their job in accordance strictly with the church's instructions and for clarification; there is no public right of way across the Broadway Centre.

1815/19 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

1816/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

1 To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non -pecuniary interests

- a) Cllr Patel declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 1825/19 planning application 19/00810/FUL
- b) Cllr Andre declared an interest in any planning applications for Sandown North which she would not take part in any discussion of.
- c) As IW Ward Councillors, Cllrs Andre, Brading and Ward declared interests in any matter relating to the Isle of Wight Council.

2 To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.

None

1817/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2019 were approved as a true record

**1818/19 TO RECEIVE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE
RESOLVED**

That the Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee are agreed.

1819/19 DEFERRED GRANT APPLICATION

To receive and discuss the details of the deferred grant application from Community Kids as per min 1761/19 (3)

To commemorate the animals involved in WW1, Community Kids would like to commission a wooden carving of a dog, horse and pigeon to be positioned at the Broadway Centre. Artwork of wooden sculpture and costs of proposal provided.

To have an opening ceremony at the Broadway Centre attended by the school children, Chelsea Pensioners and others supported by the Town Council.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council fully support this wonderful scheme and agree to grant the funding for the sculpture and plaque and hold the opening ceremony at the Broadway Centre.

1820/19 TO RECEIVE TREE SURVEY REPORT AT SANDHAM GARDENS

1. To approve works on the trees prioritised as high risk within three months (no: 15, 19, 29) plus no. 32 at the Broadway Centre
2. To agree all other works on trees no: 8,10,12,14, 26 and 28 in March 2020 from funding allocated in the 2020/21 budget.

RESOLVED

That the works advised in the report on trees prioritised as high risk within three months - no. 15,19,29 plus no.32, are authorised to be undertaken as soon as possible.

That an ongoing strategy for the other recommended work including replacements for felled trees should be drafted by March 2020.

1821/19 BAY ISSUES

To discuss correspondence from Shanklin Town

1. Bay Wide Provision of Marker Buoys-

It was noted that the main costs involved in providing buoys, is related to the installing and removal every year.

RESOLVED

That Shanklin Town Council is advised that Sandown Town Council require the full details of the shared annual costs before any decisions can be made.

1.2 Discharge of Sewerage at Hope Bay

RESOLVED

That the Town Council will send a strongly worded letter to Southern Water regarding the discharge of untreated sewerage/surface water into Sandown Bay.

Jet skis – enforcement against irresponsible users.

The Clerk advised of a recent phone call from the coastguards, who had been notified that a jet skier was acting irresponsibly near swimmers in Sandown Bay. This is not a matter the coastguards can deal but they are obliged to advise the local authority and contacted the Town Council. The Clerk advised them that the Town Council does not have any enforcement powers or any responsibility for the beach and suggested that the Isle of Wight Council should be informed, which they subsequently were.

The Clerk queried how jet skiing issues can be enforced even if buoys are in place? Cllr Ward will make enquiries with IWC and report back.

2. To receive a report from the Bay Working Party including Revetment cycling.

The Working Party with representatives from the three Bay Councils has undertaken site visits along the revetment and is drafting a report. The IWC are now also involved, with potential funding available through regeneration sources. A report with innovative measures to help reduce speeding by cyclists along the sea wall is currently being drawn up.

It was noted that the issues currently being raised regarding cycling are the same as those discussed in meetings attended by the three councils in 2008.

1822/19 USE OF ADDITIONAL CAR PARK AREA AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE

To discuss the provision of car park spaces for NHS staff based at the Health Centre

The NHS previously paid £4425 per annum for the hire of around 20 parking spaces at the old Broadway Centre, which were mainly used by community nurses who were constantly in and out. The Town Council received a request asking if parking hire could recommence, as more staff are being relocated in South Wight with the majority of hires being for short term slots. NHS staff now have to pay for their own parking permits themselves.

Discussion took place on details in a report provided and Cllr Dupre commented on the importance of the work of the nurses to the community.

RESOLVED

That a Working Party should be formed to present a proper business case. Members of the working party agreed as Cllrs: Dupre, P. Lightfoot and Ward.

1823/19 FINANCES

1. To approve the payments lists as presented.

RESOLVED

That the presented payment lists are approved for payment

2. To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations for July and August 2019.
RESOLVED
 That the signed and verified bank reconciliations for July and August 2019, were received and noted.
3. To receive and note the expenditure against budget until the end of August 2019.
 To be forwarded for next meeting.

1824/19 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM

1.The Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's report with correspondence was noted

1.1 Utility supplier for toilets and Broadway Centre

RESOLVED

That SSE is agreed for all utility provision for one year fixed and then the council will use a broker again.

1.2 Los Altos Anti- Social Behaviour update

The matter is continuing to be pursued by Cllr Andre.

2.Town Councillors

Flags- it was reported that two flags have been donated, which will be flown next year. The matter of weekly inspection of flags & flagpoles in use and maintenance and replacement, has not been discussed .

3. To note IWC Ward Reports

Reports received and noted

4. Outside Bodies

Noted

1825/19 TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Having declared a pecuniary interest in minute 1816/19 (a) Cllr Patel left the meeting. Before the discussion of planning application 19/00810/FUL

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Belgrave Hotel, 14-16 Beachfield Rd Sandown PO36 8NA

As the applicant is a councillor and no dispensations had been applied for, the town council did not discuss or make comment on this application.

Cllr Patel returned to the meeting.

19/00932/FUL

Cygnets Hotel, 58 Carter Street, Sandown, PO36 8DQ

The loss of hotel accommodation is noted but no grounds for objection.

1826/19 TO RECEIVE ANY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES RAISED.

Canoe lake – who filled it in the past?

More trees needed.

Leaves and weeds on pavements accumulating and not being dealt with – report to Island Roads

1827/19 TO RECEIVE A REQUEST FOR A SIGN FOR THE SKATEPARK

The council considered a request from a resident asking that Val Stephenson is acknowledged for her role in providing the skatepark, with her name on a sign at the entrance of the skatepark?

RESOLVED

That the request is approved and Town Clerk instructed to arrange this.

1828/19 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR BRADING

In accordance with Standing Orders, I propose that we revert to these and move the Public Question Time back to prior to the Council Meeting. Also reminding residents that it is 1 question per person on matters on the agenda, 3 minutes maximum, and all questions to the Chair

Cllr Brading then proposed the following motion with an amendment.

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Further we have a further 10 minutes at the end of the meeting for a further Public Question Time to answer questions relating to Town matters”.

The Standing Orders referred to are:

1c -members of the public are permitted to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included **in the agenda.**

1d – The period of time which is designated for members of the public to make representation on town council matters is 15 minutes prior to the council meeting commencing. Each member of the public entitled to speak once and shall speak for no more than three minutes.

1e – In accordance with standing order 1d a question asked by a member of the public during a public participation session at a meeting does not require a response or debate.

75b - All questions go to the Chair of the meeting who may direct that a written or oral response be given, or invite an officer, or other member with a particular involvement in the matter in question, to provide an answer.

RESOLVED

That in accordance with Standing Orders, the Town Council will revert to these and move the Public Question Time back to prior to the Council Meeting.

That a further 10 minutes at the end of the meeting will be allocated for a further Public Question Time to answer questions relating to Town matters.

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After this agenda item, an altercation occurred between Cllr Dupre with members of the public the Mayor twice told public and Councillors to stop speaking, before adjourning the meeting.

Cllr Dupre then left the meeting at 8.45.

The Mayor closed this part of the meeting and members of the public were asked to leave.

The meeting reconvened at 9 pm for discussion of the confidential agenda items in private.

1829/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21st October 2019

1830/19 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the public bodies Admission to Meetings Act) 1960, the public and press are excluded in view of the *confidential* nature of the business to be transacted.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 9.45pm

..... **Mayor**
21st October 2019