



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 21 March 2016 at 7.00pm at The Broadway Centre, Sandown

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. Wright (Chair), Cllr. Blezzard, Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Grandchamp, Cllr. Humby,
Cllr. Mereweather, Cllr. Patel, Cllr. Stephenson, Cllr. Teasdale, Cllr. Ward, Cllr. Young

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk), 1 member of the Public

Ms. Willment from Pier Street, Sandown asked several questions relating to the Isle of Wight Council to which the County Councillors responded, and two questions relating to the Sandown Town Council. Both questions centred round the increase in precept for 16/17 being spent on keeping public toilets available in Sandown.

- 1276/16 To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr. Dupre (knee operation)
- 1277/16 To receive declarations of interest**
Declaration of interest was received from Cllrs. Blezzard and Ward in respect of any items relating to the business of the Isle of Wight Council.
- 1278/16 To agree and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 22 February 2016**
On a proposal from Cllr. Young, seconded by Cllr. Patel
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the 22 February 2016 as a true and correct record.
- 1279/16 To receive the Police Report (copy attached)**
No officer being present, the report downloaded from the Police website was noted.
- 1280/16 To discuss and make a decision on charges to IOW Council for use of Car Park space**
Since September 2015 the IOW Council has made use of three car parking spaces in the area of Fort Street Car Park, which for the period 01 October to 31 March, based on IOW Council parking fees for that area amounts to £3,623.40. Needless to say IOW Council say they have no funds to cover this cost, unless we pay for heras fencing they offered to leave round Sandham Rides, and have now removed.
It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Clerk to pursue this to the best advantage for Sandown Town Council.
- 1281/16 To make a decision on Audit Arrangements**
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the national agreement for external audit rather than make our own arrangements for external audit.
- 1282/16 To note the RNLI Lifeguard arrangements for the 2016 season (copy attached)**
Arrangements were noted.

- 1283/16 To receive and sign the Schedule of Payments (copy attached)**
 The schedules and invoices having been examined by Cllrs. Cowley and Mereweather and on a proposal from Cllr. Patel, seconded by Cllr. Grandchamp
 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments for Sandown Town Council in the sum of £542.86 with a supplementary schedule in the sum of £3,665.93, and for Sandham Grounds in the sum of £3,827.58 with a supplementary schedule of £175.09
- 1284/16 To receive and approve the Financial Reports (copies attached)**
 Receipts & Payments
 Sandown Town Council for the period 01 January – 29 February 2016
 Sandham Gardens for the period 01 January – 29 February 2016
 Budget comparison for the period 01 April 2015– 29 February 2016
 On a proposal from Cllr. Mereweather, seconded by Cllr. Grandchamp
 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the reports.
- 1285/16 To receive a report from the Building Working Party and make any decisions on**
a) Building progress
 Christopher Scott had been to speak to the Building Working Party and had proposed that since the original scheme associated with the Planning permission already granted for a Community Building and 5 houses was economically unviable, we should look at applying for permission for 13 houses.
 Cllr. Patel asked about the timing and was told that Christopher Scott had suggested we could be looking at nine months to the start of development. He also suggested that our costs would be re-imbursed by any prospective developer. Cllr. Young suggested this would be the best option that the Council has, and may provide some capital to progress other appropriate projects.
 On a proposal from Cllr. Ward, seconded by Cllr. Young, a vote was taken, from which Cllr. Blezzard abstained.
 It was **RESOLVED** to ask Christopher Scott to progress with the scheme
b) Office progress
 There was no progress as far as Office space was concerned but the Clerk had progressed securing of Workshop space for Maintenance, storage and garaging of the vehicle. An Industrial unit was vacant at East Yar Road, and this would provide much need working space and storage for equipment. The rent is £6250 per year, £660 maintenance and Estate upkeep, and business rates £3200.
 After discussion during which it was pointed out that if we wanted work done in the Town we needed the facilities to do that, and after questions had been answered,
 On a proposal by Cllr. Young seconded by Cllr. Teasdale, a vote was taken which resulted in 7 councillors in favour, 3 against, and
 It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the application for the lease leaving the details to the Clerk.
- 1286/16 To discuss the Surveyors report on the Public Conveniences in Sandown, and make any appropriate decisions (copy attached)**
 Councillors, having read the report from Danfo, discussed the document, which did not have as much detail as they would have liked. It was suggested that we get a Building survey in preparation for the transfer of the Freehold transfers. In discussion with Clerk James Sneddon had come up with some really good ideas and information, but this was not reflected in the report.

The Clerk reported she had made enquiries about a Building survey, and one quote had provided a figure of £1000.00

On a proposal by Cllr. Ward, seconded by Cllr. Young it was suggested that the Clerk source further Building Survey quotes and get the work done to a maximum of £1000. It was **RESOLVED** to do this by a majority vote.

On a proposal from Cllr. Young, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather it was proposed the Clerk obtain quotes for deep cleaning of each unit.

It was **RESOLVED** to do this by a majority vote.

The Clerk reported that Mark, our Maintenance Operative will clean two sets of Toilets on a temporary basis from Monday 04 April, with the toilets being closed by IOW Council on Thursday 31 March, and remaining closed until that date, with the exception of Sandham Grounds on Saturday 02 April due to the Skatepark Competition. Staff at the Sandham Grounds Kiosk would be asked to unlock and lock on that day.

On a proposal from Cllr. Grandchamp, seconded by Cllr. Young

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would negotiate a short term deal with a Contractor, obtaining the best deal possible.

1287/16

To note written/verbal reports from

a) County Councillors

Both County Councillors having given written reports (copies attached) answered questions.

b) Town Councillors

IWALC Cllr. Humby reported she had attended an IWALC talk on 'Frightening future or a new dawn?' Discussions centred on how long can we protect our services? Business rates, business plans, clustering, right of appeal for Planning, and that Councillors should attend two training sessions per year.

Chief legal officer from NALC would be addressing Conference.

Community Partnership

Cllr. Mereweather gave a reminder about the Skatepark competition on Saturday 02 April starting at midday and finishing about 5.00pm.

1288/16

To note correspondence/information received by the Town Clerk

Fencing at Fort Street will be carried out on March 31st.

The Clerk had received a request to use the Car park area for a high end of the market Pop up fish & ship stall using all local ingredients and circulated some pictures of a proposed menu and the type of stall they would use. This would provide some sort of income, and she proposed to continue with this possible income source.

The Clerk reported that the Green Towns group would be looking after planters at Eastern Gardens, and Avenue/High Street junction. These would be planted with the future in mind. The Business association had offered to look after the two planters in Esplanade Road, and the one by the Noticeboard at the High Street/ Albert Road Junction. Youth Groups under the watchful eye of Guiding Commissioner Mrs Leslie Clifford and Bill Wyke would be looking after the Planters in the Broadway. The Council will include these in the watering programme.

Pledges of Sponsorship had been received from various members of the community for the 9 flags at the Pier mouth.

Clerk has appealed against the Rating valuation for the Sandham Rides area of Sandham Grounds.

The Clerk was asked if there was any potential for using the Lifeguard Hut for anything.

She said she would investigate.

1289/16

To note the date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted – 25 April 2016

Signed
Chairman

25 April 2016