

LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Report of a Parish Council Meeting held in The Barn on Monday 19th April 2010 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillor F J Brown
Councillor C M Ambrose Smith
Councillor D J Boyd
Councillor F J W Brown
Councillor R Constable
Councillor P M Cox
Councillor J H Crane
Councillor D Gardiner
Councillor S D Kerridge
Councillor T J Lee
Councillor D Murfitt
Councillor G Norman
Councillor A N Wright

Also present 2 members of the public and the Clerk

1. DECLARATIONS: Councillor Constable declared his interest in Agenda Item 17
2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –

A member of the public raised his concerns on the Longfield Road parking issues (Agenda Item 10)

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Letter of thanks from MAGPAS re: 137 Grant
Successful Standards Board Training Evening held last month

4. APOLOGIES: Councillors Hayes and Pyrah
5. MINUTES:

The reports of the Finance and Parish Council Meetings held on 15th March 2010 and the Planning Committee Meeting held on 29th March 2010, were confirmed

6. FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nothing to recommend

7. FOLLOW UP DIARY:

Nothing to report

8. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Councillor Ambrose Smith reported she would be attending Policy and Resources Meeting and a Seminar on External Partnership.

Councillor F J W Brown reported that the Community Safety Partnership was working with St George's Medical Centre to upgrade and extend the CCTV system to cover the Parsons Lane Play Area. Lighting needs to be improved to give a 360 degree view of the area. Councillor asked for written support of the scheme from the Parish Council.

District Council has taken on the grass cutting for Sanctuary Hereward – any issues report to Councillor Brown.

9. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report

10. LONGFIELD ROAD PARKING:

Following the petition from residents requesting improvements and extension of the parking at Longfield Road Councillor F J W Brown had had a meeting with Mr Barclay and was now looking to see what could be done by the District Council to improve matters.

11. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2009/10:

Members unanimously agreed to award the Citizen of the Year to Mrs Marion Arnold in recognition for her valued work as warden for Age Concern.

12. LITTLEPORT LIBRARY:

Following last month's presentation by the Library service members were asked to promote the library and its usage at every forum. Councillor F J W Brown outlined the County Council's strategy for closures and to stop the library from falling in the category of risk to "use it or lose it"

13. THE PADDOCKS:

Councillor Cox was not satisfied by the District Council's recent response to the Paddocks being signed over to the Parish and produced copies of the unsigned third deed of variation transferring the land from Cannon Kirk to the Parish Council.

Cannon Kirk is not in a position to proceed however Councillors were satisfied and they have asked for further legal clarification on the matter

14. STANDING ORDER REVIEW:

The Orders are still going through due process and will be brought to the next meeting.

15. CEMETERY FOOTPATHS:

Members agreed this item be held over until the next meeting due to the unforeseen absence of Councillor Pyrah.

16: EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS:

Due to the nature of the business the public were asked to leave the meeting. Councillor Constable also left the meeting due to his earlier declaration of interest.

In confirmation of the foregoing report

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CHAIRMAN

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