

NORTHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of Northwood Parish Council, held in Northwood Primary School, Wyatts Lane, Northwood on Tuesday, 4 June 2024, scheduled to start at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors: John Pullen (Chairman), Peter Baker, Mark Coventry, Steph Flux, David Jaggar, Richard Martin and John Nicholson.

Also in attendance:
Katie Riley (Clerk and RFO)
3 members of the public.

44/24-25 To approve any apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Paul Fuller who was attending the LPA Planning Committee meeting.

45/24-25 To receive any declarations of Members' interests and written requests for Dispensations on items forming the agenda.

There had been no written requests for dispensation or declarations of interests received on items forming the agenda.

46/24-25 To receive a report on any local safety neighbourhood issues which have occurred since the last meeting held of the Parish Council. PCSO Lotte had confirmed she would attend when shifts allowed but was on leave for June's meeting. The Clerk had requested a report in lieu of a representative attending the meeting and would ask again ahead of the next meeting.

47/24-25 To confirm and authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of Northwood Parish Council, both held on 7 May 2024.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of Northwood Parish Council, both held on 7 May 2024, be confirmed and the Chairman be authorised to sign them on behalf of the Parish Council.

48/24-25 To receive any matters arising on the Minutes, not requiring a resolution.

The Clerk advised that Northwood Primary School had confirmed they were taking up the IW Story Festival programme of visits and that £600 had been transferred to the event organisers as agreed to enable their participation. The Clerk had asked planners why the Horseshoe Inn had been asked to complete a full planning application for the food van on their site and their response had been shared with members confirming it was an invitation only, not an instruction. This would be shared with the tenants and the tenants asked to notify the PC ASAP should the situation change.

49/24-25 The Chairman welcomed Mrs Monique Gallop to provide further information about the grant application from Isle of Wight Pantries for £2,500 to set up a surplus food distribution centre and agree on any donation from NPC.

RESOLVED:

THAT £500 be granted initially with the option for Mrs Gallop to return when it is set up to be assessed again.

50/24-25 To consider contributing to the Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day 2024.

RESOLVED:

THAT £50 be contributed to Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day 2024.

51/24-25 To consider supporting the Safety of Electric-Powered Micromobility Vehicles and Lithium Batteries Bill

RESOLVED:

THAT the Safety of Electric-Powered Micromobility Vehicles and Lithium Batteries Bill be supported.

52/24-25 To adopt the 2024 Model Financial Regulations following a significant review and re-write by NALC

RESOLVED:

THAT the 2024 Model Financial Regulations following a significant review and re-write by NALC be adopted.

53/24-25 To receive further information about the printing requirements for the publication of the Northwood News and agree on any financial support from NPC. Cllr Flux confirmed that a replacement photocopier had already been purchased at an approximate cost of £2,000.

RESOLVED:

THAT £250 be contributed towards the cost of the replacement photocopier with a request for the PC to be able to use the distribution network for the Northwood News on occasion to disseminate information for the good of the parish.

54/24-25 To receive an update from the Projects Working Group. Cllr Martin advised that numbers attending were steady and that they had moved to a cool space again providing ice cream and sandwiches now that they were meeting earlier from midday. He would contact Biltmore's so that a new banner could be printed to reflect the change to a cool space and new timings. Cllr Flux highlighted that help would be needed to set up with the new timings as and when Cllr Martin was away, and members offered their help on these occasions. The window to apply for another round of community grant funding had opened the previous week and that since the IWC were wanting to move away from food vouchers he had applied instead for £2009 to purchase electric blankets and fleece water bottles as a sustainable way of using the funds. There had been issues with the application form which he was hoping to resolve with the connect4communities team the following day. Cllr Flux advised that they had invited all 4 election candidates to the cool space on Tuesdays and D-Day event on Sunday. Cllr Martin had provided an aide memoire of final preparations for the D-Day event which he ran through reminding members of what was required. He thanked everyone for their help and pulling together and the Chairman congratulated and thanked the Project team for all their work in putting on another brilliant event which had become a standard and it had been commented that they were re-establishing events that used to happen in the parish.

RESOLVED:

THAT the update from the Projects Group be noted.

55/24-25 Cllr Nicholson, the IWC Ward Member for Cowes South and Northwood, had circulated a written report for information, including that SSE had not been able to provide evidence of carrying out a risk assessment when carrying out works on the pavement outside of the Medina Road toilets in Cowes and need to hold these utility companies to account, and the need to make planning requirements clear and fair. The question was asked about the Southern Water sign on Newport Road which had been taken down and Cllr Nicholson advised that he hadn't heard anything from Southern Water but that Island Roads had taken action to resurface the road.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report of Cllr Nicholson, the IWC Ward Member for Cowes South and Northwood, be duly noted.

56/24-25 To approve the cheque and electronic payments for June 2024

RESOLVED:

THAT the following payments for June totalling £2723.21 be approved:

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| • Richard Martin (D-Day expenses) | £329.40 |
| • K Riley (expenses June) | £45.59 |
| • Community Action IW (June Salary) | £904.63 |
| • H Arts (Magician) | £300.00 |
| • Northwood Primary School (Venue costs) | £200.00 |
| • IW Story Festival (grant for Northwood Primary School) | £600.00 |
| • Wight Print (D-Day flyers) | £51.59 |
| • Northwood Village Hall (May hire) | £192.00 |
| • Steph Flux (D-Day expenses) | £100.00 |

57/24-25 To note the copy bank statements and bank reconciliation.

RESOLVED:

THAT the bank reconciliation with the statements to the end of May 2024 be duly noted.

58/24-25 To note the Statistics for the Website up to 21st May 2024.

RESOLVED:

THAT the statistics be noted.

59/24-25 Correspondence – As per emailed to Councillors.

RESOLVED:

THAT the correspondence be noted.

60/24-25 Councillors' reports

Cllr Coventry had brought membership forms for Friends of Northwood Church which he circulated and it was suggested that these were also made available at the cool space and D-

Day event. He reported he had referred a tree in Selman Gardens in a TPO area to the tree officer but had not yet had a response. Cllr Pullen reported there was also a broken tree that needed removing on Wroxall Close. Cllr Flux reported her request for a bin opposite the Range on Place Road, but that Island Roads had advised they were not able to supply or maintain any additional bins on the network as they were at full contractual capacity. As this side of the road is outside of the Northwood Parish, Cllr Nicholson agreed to take it up with Cowes Town Council. Cllr Martin reported that he had noticed some personal emails on email forwards as a reminder not to share these and the Clerk would ask Wight Computers to re-send log in details for Cllr Jaggar in order that he can access the council email system. Cllr Nicholson shared some useful information from Rights of Way regarding the use of footpaths and that is not an offence for horse riders or cyclists to use them. Furthermore, he confirmed that CS10 which connects Nodes Road and Newport Road had no registered owner.

61/24-25 Future agenda items

None raised at the meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT
8.27 pm

Signed Dated