

The Monthly Meeting was held on Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 7.30pm at the Halley MacLiagh. Present were Mr Cowin (Chairman), Mr Cringle, Mr Gawne and Miss Greenhalgh. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Glover. The Clerk was in attendance.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th February 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed.

Risk matters

There were no new risk matters to report.

Highways – Commissioners Responsibilities

Work done past month:-
Sweeping - Main Road

Planned for next month:-
Sweeping upland roads & elsewhere as required.

Other Highways matters

The Clerk reported on a recent meeting of the Southern Road Traffic Liaison Group and advised that the following matters were amongst those raised again - Friary Park entrance junction, Cronk y Thatcher entrance junction, potholes in Glen Road near Costain Close entrance, the unimproved pavement from the School westwards, mud coming off a field between Ballabeg and Colby, double yellow lines at Ballacarmick, repainting of Halt lines in various places, speed limit at Ballanorris bend, subsidence in the road at Ballacarmick, and damage to the road surface at Cronk y Thatcher as a result of the Cronk Cullynn Phase 2 development .

There was general disgruntlement expressed by members over the time taken to respond to highways matters reported to the DOI by the local authority, some of the above matters having been ongoing for months, if not years. The length of time taken and seeming lack of coordination of road closures was also criticised.

Friary Park Play Area

A quote for improving the drainage in the play area paddock was received and accepted. It was agreed to consider further improvements and the possible purchase of additional equipment when it was seen whether the drainage work had been successful.

Sundry Matters

- **Civic Service** – it was noted that the collection at the service was £242.90 and that this had been donated to Port Erin Anti-cancer Association.
- **Lights in Bus Shelters** – it was confirmed that the Chairman and the Clerk had met Mr I Bates of IOM Transport and that an indication of the cost of had been received. It was agreed to proceed in principle but to first establish whether all five shelters in the Parish required lighting.
- **Freedom of Information** - it was noted that courses would be held in November.
- **Southern Area Waste and Social Housing Working Groups** - various papers produced by the working groups were received. Participation in the groups was discussed.
- **Cronk Cullynn public open spaces adoption** – it was agreed to arrange a site visit with Hartford Homes to ascertain exactly what areas were being adopted and what responsibilities were being taken on.

- **Millennium Wood** – following a query from a neighbouring property owner, it was noted that a small amount of branch trimming might be required on mature trees on the western boundary. It was agreed to investigate this further.
- **Southern Amenity Site Opening Hours** – details of the revised opening hours, including no opening on Mondays and Bank Holidays, were received and noted.
- **Bring Sites / Plastic bottles** – there was further concern regarding the unsuitability of the receptacles provided by Buck Recycling. It was agreed to ask that more suitable containers be used.

Planning Matters

New Applications:-

- 1700178 - Ballabeg Stores – Change of use to tourist accommodation & revised windows – no comments.
- 1700116 - Ballastewart, Ballakilpheric Road – alterations & extensions – no comments.
- 1700240 - Crofton (formerly Tighnabruaich), Pooilvaish Road – removal of sliding sash windows condition on previous approval. – no comments.

Accounts for payment

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- Manx Telecom – telephone	58.66
- Jones Services Ltd – refuse collection - March	3,509.95
- IOM Government - Refuse disposal - Feb	3,964.68
- W I Lowey - Salary 2016/17 (net)	6,600.00
- IOM Govt - ITIP on Clerk's salary	1,650.00
- IOM Govt - Nat Insurance on Clerk's salary	270.36
- Jones Services Ltd - gulley cleaning	430.21
- Sinking Fund Account - annual payment	207.52
- Quine & Cubbon - Order of Service	114.70
- MEA - Christmas tree	19.18
- MEA - streetlights maintenance to 31 March	1,903.92
- Arbory Church - donation re Civic Service	50.00
- Ballabeg WI - donation re Civic Service	30.00
- V Kneale - refreshments expenses Civic Service	12.50

Sundry Correspondence & Other Matters

- Waste discharge licence Ballachrink – no comments
- Consultations – no comments.
- Dog DNA registration proposal – a proposal for tackling the Island-wide dog fouling problem by the introduction of a compulsory DNA register and the testing of faeces was received from DEFA. There was acceptance that the present byelaws were not fully effective and that the DNA proposal were acceptable in principal . It was also felt that the scheme could possibly assist with the sheep worrying problem. However strong reservations about enforcement were felt to cast doubt on whether the scheme would be workable in practice.

Mr Cowin left the Meeting and Mr Cringle took the Chair.

Sundry Matters Raised by Members

It was reported that tree branches or bushes were starting to overhang the road in various locations on the Ronague Road. It was agreed to liaise with IOM Transport regarding any problem with the school buses in this respect.

The Meeting ended at 9.20 pm.