

The Monthly Meeting was held on Wednesday 16th August 2017 at 7.30pm at the Halley MacLiagh. Present were Mr Gawne (Chairman), Mr Cowin, Mr Cringle and Miss Greenhalgh. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Glover. The Clerk was in attendance.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed.

Risk matters

The Clerk advised that he had met Mr Kevin Acum of NFU Mutual Risk Management Services Ltd and that the Risk Policy in operation and the various risks arising from the Board's activities had been discussed, and that the Friary Park and Cronk Cullynn play areas, the Millennium Wood and Colby Clock had been visited and inspected. Mr Acum confirmed in writing that the existing Risk Policy document was satisfactory, and he produced a workplace inspection report, indicating several minor matters requiring attention. It was agreed to have these attended to.

Highways – Commissioners Responsibilities

Work done during last three weeks:-

Hedge trimming Ronague Road.

Hedge and trees trimming at Ballacriy entrance and side road

Work planned next five weeks:-

Hedge trimming between Colby and School, B39 Cringle Road, Parville/Ballagawne Road

Guidance on hedge trimming was received from the DOI, indicating that the regulations appertaining to farm hedges applied to roadside hedges, including the prohibition of cutting between 1st March and 1st September, unless there were over-riding road safety issues.

Other Highways Matters

It was agreed to place the Mr Smiley speed checker in a suitable position on the approach to Ballabeg on Duck Street, and on the 20mph speed limit stretch of Glen Road.

Municipal Association Matters

It was noted that the Association had arranged to hold a training session on Human Resources issues.

Sundry Matters

Annual Garden Competition – It was confirmed that judging had taken place and that the results would be announced in the near future, and that Mrs Glover was arranging a presentation and photograph with the winners during September. It was decided that first prize winners would not be considered for a prize for the following year's competition.

Cronk Cullynn adoptions - It was reported that Mrs Glover was arranging with Hartford Homes Ltd a photograph and press release to mark the formal handing over of the play area and public open spaces to the Commissioners.

Southern Amenity Site Board – Mr Cringle brought the Commissioners up to date on suggestions being made by Malew and Port Erin Commissioners to change the Amenity Site Board into a Committee. It was agreed to await clarification on the exact details of the proposals before taking a position.

Rates bad debts – It was reported that no progress had been made on the rates bad debts issue, but that Douglas Corporation was going to court to seize properties upon which rates were owing.

Sundry Correspondence

- **Encouraging Active Travel** – details were received regarding a new Central Government initiative to encourage more cycling and walking on the Island.
- **Poll card production** – notification was received that it had been decided that poll card production would in future become the responsibility of the local authorities. It was considered that this was a retrograde step, in that all the knowledge and expertise in such matters was within the Cabinet Office and that it would be more efficient if responsibility remained there.
- **Invitations** were received to Onchan Civic Service, the Enthronement of the Lord Bishop, CRHS Awards Evening, and the RAFA Battle of Britain Concert and Service.
- **Consultations** – the following consultation documents were received:-
 - Proposed pension freedoms
 - Voluntary land registrations
 - Control of employment
 - NHSC charter
 - Central Registry Bill
 There were no comments to be made on these matters.

Planning Matters

New Applications:-

- 1700761 - Gys yn Jiass, Main Road Colby – rear extension. It was felt that the planners should ensure that they are satisfied that the proposed development would not be un-neighbourly. Mr Cowin declared a personal interest in this application and took no part in the decision.

Decisions:-

- 1700697 - John Jimmy's, Main Road, Colby – conservatory – Approved.
- 1700698 - Gat y Whing, Glen Road - ancillary detached accommodation unit. – Approved.
- 1700544 - Cooil Drinagh, Ronague Road – extension – Approved.
- 1700542 - Colby AFC – signage at entrance – Approved.
- 1700662 - 16 Friary Park – roof lantern to porch – Approved.

Accounts for payment

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- Manx Telecom – telephone	60.25
- Jones Services Ltd – refuse collection - Aug	3,587.17
- S Booth - grass cutting & weed spraying	1,525.00
- Quine & Cubbon - newsletter	108.70
- J Qualtrough & Co Ltd - treated fence post	8.98
- NFU Mutual Risk Management Services – 50% annual fee	285.00

The Meeting ended at 9.00 pm.

