



ANDREAS PARISH COMMISSIONERS

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Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 7.30pm in Andreas Parish Hall, Smeale Road, Andreas

Members Present: Mr JRW Clague -JRWC (Chair); Mr JKW Allison – JKWA (Vice-Chair); Mrs JEH Faragher (JEHF); Mrs V L Hind (VLH)

In attendance – Clerk (Ms M Callow)

1. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st February 2022 having been circulated, were taken as read, and after approval, proposed by JF and 2nd by JA, were signed by the Chairman BC, as a correct record.

2. **Matters arising** from the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st February 2022
 - i)3a – Gladwyn House. The Clerk reported that a letter has been sent to the owners as phase one in relation to the Building Control Act 1991/ Section 24. This matter will be monitored and further considered at a future meeting of the Commissioners
 - ii)3c – There are still unresolved issues concerning the ownership and maintenance of the open ditch running along Bride Road to the village shop. The Clerk will make further enquiries through DOI and report to the next meeting. JF also to further discuss with owners of the adjacent property.
 - iii)5c A number of residents within the village have been contacted and asked to cut their boundary hedges which are obstructing movement along the pavements. This will be further monitored by the Commissioners.
 - iv) 5e Notice of Casual Vacancy for Andreas Parish Commissioners has been advertised. Nominations close 3rd March.
 - v) BC reported that new Christmas lights for the tree have now arrived.

3. **Correspondence**
 - a) The Board has now received the 1st Supplemental list for 2022 from The Treasury. This includes newly rated commercial properties on Andreas Airfield
 - b) The DOI has forwarded details regarding new road layouts and signage for Andreas Village in and around the school. The Board discussed these and agreed to the plans

but would like clarification of where the '60' speed limit signs are to be placed. Clerk to contact DOI.

- c) Details were received from Cabinet Office on Volunteering guidance for the IOM. These were circulated to the Board.
- d) Information received from Manx Motorsport regarding May rally to take place on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th. This was circulated to the Board
- e) An email was received from a resident regarding Play Park in relation to cleanliness and general condition. The Clerk forwarded the following response: *" the Play Park has been discussed at length by the Commissioners over the last few months. The site itself is not the best and it was hoped that an application to DEFA might allow for the Commissioners to remove a number of the trees from the area, and this would have alleviated some of the problems with maintaining this site. Unfortunately, DEFA would only allow for 2 trees to be removed and these weren't considered to be causing the most problems. The residue from the trees, and the birds, makes it difficult to keep this area clear and clean, most especially at this time of year. It is intended that a clean-up and repainting exercise can take place as the weather improves. New equipment has also been discussed but cost for this is prohibitive when considered alongside all the costs incurred to provide the services for the Parish."*

Further suggestions to relocate the Park have also been discussed to relocate the equipment to the adjacent garden, but again, the cost of this exercise, taking into account the ground works required to do this made the idea unfeasible, especially in the current economic climate.

- f) The Commissioners have received an update from Treasury/ Rates Office regarding rates arrears for the Parish, which includes both the Commissioners and the Refuse rates. The Board are concerned that the outstanding balances are now beginning to impact on the services required of the Local Authority. The Board intend to monitor this situation going forward and work closely with the Rates Office.
- g) The Board are interested in arranging celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations. A request for funding from the Event Fund/DoE. IOM Gov was acknowledged and will be considered in the new financial year. A sub-committee is also considering events to mark this occasion.
- h) An email was received from a resident regarding blocked gullies on A9 road. These have now been cleaned but require jetting by DOI. A request for this has been made. (Edit: it has been reported that the gully under the highway has collapsed and will have to be repaired by DOI)
- i) An email was received from a resident regarding pavements at Regaby Cross roads. These have been discussed previously with another resident and it was explained that the Local Authority are responsible for weed spraying and hedge trimming but not general maintenance of the pavements. This matter should be referred to the DOI Highways.
- j) An Invite was received from Lezayre Parish Commissioners for Civic Service Sunday 13th March and noted.

- k) The Board received and noted an invite from Planning/DEFA for introduction evening at Ramsey Town Hall on 9th March starting at 6pm.

4. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING

Planning Applications for consideration

PA Ref: 22/000127/B – Smeale Farm Andreas, IM7 3EB. Creation of 2 shallow wildlife ponds as part of DEFA agri-environment scheme.

The Board have no objections to this Ref Application No. 21/01479/B. Erection of detached dwelling and improvements to existing vehicular access and parking to Thie Sollysh. Additional documents submitted.

The Board have no further comment

Decisions by DOI – Planning

Ref: 21/01560/B. Farrants Fort, St Judes, IM7 2EN. Alterations including roofing works and erection of an extension to rear elevation.

APPROVE

Ref: 21/00893/B. Greenhill, Jurby road, Andreas IM 7 2EJ. Erection of proposed single storey extension to rear elevation of dwelling.

APPROVE

Ref: 21/01503/C. Kielthustag Lodge, Smeale, Ramsey IM7 3EB. Additional use of gardens as wedding venue.

APPROVE.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The Board considered the NCAS Joint Committee agreement which is due for renewal before 1st April 2022. Item 5.2.3 was discussed and it was proposed by BC and 2nd by JF, and agreed by the Board, that this be amended so that S.5.2.3 be replaced in a format whereby it is confirmed that any redundancy costs are not solely RTC's responsibility but are split amongst the 7 parishes based on the rateable value as is the present running costs. (Therefore, RTC would still have the largest liability. It would not be split equally 7 ways.)
- b) JF reported that very favourable comments had been received regarding the upkeep and cleanliness of the Parish Hall. The Board asked that these be reported to Mrs Dalziel, and their appreciation also be relayed to her.
- c) It has been reported by a number of residents that there are often no toilet rolls in the public toilets and also that the public bins are being used for what is obviously domestic waste. The Clerk has previously discussed these issues with the Caretaker but they now appear to be becoming a regular occurrence. It appears the new toilet rolls are being removed and that local residents are using the public bins and doggy bins to dispose of household waste. The Board has information regarding these issues and will imminently be taking steps to address them.

- d) The Board reported that complaints have been received regarding the upkeep of the Balancing Ponds in Little Meddow which are adopted by the MUA. Clerk to contact MUA.
- e) The Board reported that a request has been made to plant a memorial tree on the amenity area at the entrance to Little Meddow. The Board refused this request on the grounds of maintenance and also as this would potentially set a precedent for further such requests. The Local Authority has to take responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of such areas.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

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