

SHORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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THESE MINUTES WILL BE FORMALLY ADOPTED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall at 19.30 Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Present

C. Warne	Chairman
R.J.Haynes	Parish Councillor
K. Smith	Parish Councillor
G. Butler	Parish Councillor
J. Harrison	Parish Councillor
M. Davies	Clerk.

3 members of the public.

1. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. APOLOGIES. A. Pearse

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.

G. Butler declared an interest in the planning application for 3 Paddock Close.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the 5th December meeting were tabled, read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed : R. Haynes. Seconded: K. Smith .

5. REPORTS.

a) Recreation Ground.

Vanessa Whitewood who was present indicated that Michael Stark was only one of several family members who had an interest in the recreation ground land.

Her solicitors are writing to clarify the situation.

b) Isle of Wight Council.

Steve Hastings had no matters to report. Bob Seely has resigned as IW Councillor and elections will take place on 25 January.

c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

No recent meeting.

d) Local Policing.

PC Campany reported that he had carried out speed camera recording in the village (No excess speeds recorded) and breathalyzer checks, all with negative readings.

No incidents were reported for October and one for November (Berry Shute-no details held)

Clerk's Report.

A letter was received from HMRC indicating that there would be new arrangements for re-claiming VAT paid.

All other correspondence is shown under individual headings.

f) Highways Report.

Soil from badger digging is still spilling onto the road by Westcourt Cottage, and this has been reported again.

Flooding has again occurred in Yafford and recently into Dungewood Lane (possibly caused by the raising of the road surface following recent re-surfacing).

6. Planning.

The application for a first floor side extension at 3 Paddock Close was reviewed after G. Butler left the meeting.

It was considered that this would have no impact on other properties in the close, and there were no comments or objections.

7. Finance.

The balance at 31st December was £10,020.94.

Cheques to be approved for payment.

Xmas Tree Lights	£ 12.49
Clerk's Wages-Dec	
14 hours	£99.42
HMRC-Tax Ded.	£ 24.80

Cheques Issued

001433	M Davies	£ 12.49
001434	M Davies	£99.42
001435	HMRC	£ 24.80

Proposed: G. Butler : Seconded: J.Harrison

An estimate of expenditure projected to 31/3/2018 was produced (attached), together with estimations for the following year.

Claiming the same precept as last year (£8500) would provide sufficient to cover the estimated expenditure, with a working balance of approx. £5500 being carried forward after allowing for earmarked funds and a prudent reserve.

This would allow funds (if necessary) to pay for the services of the Environmental Officer and to contribute towards Planning Enforcement which might become necessary to continue this service.

8. Parish Record Book.

No entries

9. Date of Next meeting and Chairman's Closing Remarks & Questions.

The date of the next meeting is 6th February in the Village Hall.

The following items were raised:

J. Harrison reported that a grant of £1200 was available to the PC for use only for footpath access and associated enjoyment.

The following suggestions for use were put forward:

- A) Benches: Above Hasletts, Above Ladylands west of the gate and alongside the path at Samber Hill.
- B) Replacement of various stiles with gates.
- C) Replacement of the boardwalk supports below Westcourt.
- D) Improved drainage for the path across the Moor towards Wolverton.
- E) Steps/Handrail for the slope at the top of the Shute path.

The permissive path behind Northcourt was identified as being impassable due to wet/mud which has been contributed to by the Bloodhounds, and the hedge is overhanging the path up from New Barn lane.

It was agreed that the grant be accepted by the PC and the funds will be earmarked accordingly.

K. Smith reported on the IW Day plans.

Consideration is being given to a Hog Roast with marquee on the Rec. The Clerk will check the insurance cover held.

There being no further items, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and the meeting was closed at 8.20 PM

Expenses 2017/18 Actual & Estimated to 31/3/2018	Amount paid in £s	Estimations for 2018/19
Clerk's Wages	2000	2000
Insurance	584	600
Audit fees	125	135
Public Works	621	1000
Garden Competition	91	100
Rent of Methodist Chapel	100	
News Letter	310	100
Recreation Ground Rent	100	100
Recreation Ground	2768	3000
Dog Bin	203	240
Cemetery	250	
Sundries	280	500
Total Expenditure	7432	7775

ESTIMATED BANK BALANCE

AS AT 31/3/2018

£9000

Less

Funds held for:

Wadlow Legacy £ 11

Charity Donation £ 16

Youth Club a/c £421 £ 448

WORKING BALANCE

£8552

Less Reserve(40% of planned expenditure) £3000

Estimated balance available 31/3/2018 £5552

AMOUNT OF PRECEPT CLAIMED LAST YEAR £8500