

## SHORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall at 19.30 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Present

C. Warne	Chairman
R.J.Haynes	Parish Councillor
K. Smith	Parish Councillor
G. Butler	Parish Councillor
J. Harrison	Parish Councillor
A. Pearse	Parish Councillor
S. Hastings	IW Councillor
M. Davies	Clerk.

1 member of the public.

#### 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

#### 2. APOLOGIES. None

#### 3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.

#### 4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> January meeting were tabled, read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed : R. Haynes. Seconded: J.Harrison .

#### 5. REPORTS.

##### a) Recreation Ground.

The annual safety inspection has been arranged.

The contractors have confirmed cutting costs will be maintained at £165 plus VAT, with an additional £50 to be included when grass is collected and removed.

##### b) Isle of Wight Council.

Steve Hastings was congratulated on his success in the recent election.

He reported that he had arranged for badger spoils to be cleared from the Limerstone Road, and an abandoned vehicle removed.

He will oppose the amended planning application at Atherfield Bay Holiday Camp, and there is also a concern over asbestos on the site.

##### c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

G. Butler reported that they were considering the Island Plan, where information on housing

needs in various areas is being collected.

d) Local Policing.

No information updated since November.

Clerk's Report.

- 1) Letter from IWC re Tax Base & Precept setting. The grant received under Localised Council Tax Support to set off against the Precept is reduced from £182-£121.
- 2) Further complaint on dog fouling which was discussed. Further note in Newsletter to encourage someone to name the culprit(s).
- 3) Complaint from resident who has contacted Island Roads about farm vehicles and contractors, particularly at the top of Corve Hill, with mud & water on road, entrance to footpath impassable & vehicles parking on the grass at Willet's Cross where bulbs are now planted. Also large vehicles using Yafford Roads, where banks are being broken down which will in time affect the road edges.  
Staples will clear mud from the road when they return to work the site and will be asked not to park on the grass triangle.
- 4) Copy of complaint letter re night-time noise from the bloodhounds was discussed. Mr Wingate was present and advised that there were 3 new young dogs who were probably the cause and he would attempt to modify their behavior.  
A further comment was received asking if the hounds exercise walks could avoid the times when schoolchildren were being dropped off and collected at the school bus. Mr Wingate agreed that this would be arranged.
- 5) Contact from IW Ambulance Service re recent thefts of defibrillators on the Island, where they are planning to provide locked boxes to avoid further issues. The equipment outside the Village Hall is already in a recommended locked cabinet, and no further action is required.
- 6) Craig Eccleston –Todd has again raised the lack of availability of allotments in the area, but he was not at the meeting to discuss.

All other correspondence is shown under individual headings.

f) Highways Report.

Island Roads are due to meet residents at Yafford to try to address the flooding issues.

6. Planning.

The previous application for a first floor side extension at 3 Paddock Close was approved by IWC.

There were no objections to the revised scheme for the rear of 1 & 2 Newbarn Lane.

A new application for 2 Ivy Cottage Billingham was reviewed-single storey rear extension & re-siting access.

There were no objections as long as suitable materials were incorporated, and the improved access was considered beneficial.

The Atherfield Bay Holiday Camp has lodged a request for variation of conditions to allow

alteration to foundation details.

It was agreed to oppose on the basis that the application was lacking in detail and there were concerns that items previously rejected were attempting to be re-introduced by this means.

#### 7. Finance.

The balance at 31<sup>st</sup> January was £11,277.29

This includes £1200 which is earmarked for agreed usage on footpaths and their improvement.

#### Cheques to be approved for payment.

Bridge painting	£ 80.00
IWALC-annual sub.	£133.12
Clerk's Wages-Jan	
15 hours	£106.50
HMRC-Tax Ded.	£ 26.60

#### Cheques Issued

001436	IWALC	£133.12
001437	Hants & IW CRC Ltd	£ 80.00
001438	M Davies	£106.50
001439	HMRC	£ 26.60

Proposed: G. Butler : Seconded: K. Smith

Following on from the budget projections which were discussed at the last meeting, it was agreed by all members to keep the Precept Request at last year's level. IWC will be advised of a claim for Precept of £8379 & Grant £121 to make up the total requested of £8500.

#### 8. Parish Record Book.

No entries

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

The date of the next meeting is 6<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall.

#### The following items were raised:

J. Harrison reported that he had spoken to both landowners for the Shute path, and it was hoped to gain agreement for steps/rail on the steep section.

Estimates will be obtained for a gate/stile for the Withy Beds path, and an indication of the costs for improving drainage between Poplyngs Mill & Wolverton will be provided.

There were no objections to siting a bench above the pond.

It was suggested that the wire mesh on the bridge footway be removed and cleared and that further weatherproofing be applied to protect this. This will be considered further in due course.

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