

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 8th January 2019

Present

C. Warne	Chairman
R.J.Haynes	Parish Councillor
G. Butler	Parish Councillor
J. Harrison	Parish Councillor
A. Pearse	Parish Councillor
K.Smith	Parish Councillor
M. Davies	Clerk.
6 members of the public.	

1. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. APOLOGIES. S. Hastings(arriving late)

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the 4th December meeting were tabled, read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed : J. Harrison. Seconded: A. Pearse .

5. REPORTS.

a) Recreation Ground.

The legal work in connection with the purchase is proceeding. The final searches & reports have just been received, and will be sent to members. There are some queries which the Clerk will respond to. The Parish Council does not have a seal, and it was agreed that the legal document would be signed in due course by the Chairman & Vice Chairman.

The request to purchase a small piece of land by an adjoining resident was discussed, and there was a majority of 4:2 against accepting the offer at present.

R. Haynes said that the swing shackles needed replacement and will attend to this. The platform of the Zip wire becomes slippery when wet, and R. Haynes will coat this with the non-slip weather proofing left over from the bridge.

The Clerk is to obtain quotes for grass cutting.

b) Isle of Wight Council.

Councillor Hastings provided a report which is attached.

c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

The Association has had a meeting with the Island MP and the following were reviewed:

Concessional ferry rates for those attending hospital.

Rates Relief on public toilets.

Making the Island Plan more joined up.

Service provided by Southern Water.

Creation of National Park in association with the New Forest.

Bus Service issues.

High level of road accidents and fatalities.

d) Local Policing.

No incidents for October.

November-Theft in Mill Lane

The dates for the next round of Beat Surgeries will be shown in the Newsletter.

Clerk's Report.

- 1) IWALC have a training session on the Island Plan at the Riverside Centre on 30/1 between 6 & 8pm.
- 2) The Shop is to produce a flier for local residents prior to opening on 24 Jan. and K. Smith & A. Pearse have agreed to organize the distribution. The County Press will also be in touch to produce a report on the new business. It is understood that the post office side of the business will not be available for a short time after opening.

All other correspondence is shown under individual headings.

f) Highways Report.

The Long Pond at Yafford has been cleared which should help the flooding problems.

6. Planning.

A previous application for Stone Place Farm has been approved by IWC.

Applications for Kingston Farm (occupation of property by site manager) and 1 Pells Cottage (Window on S. elevation) were approved before the meeting.

A site visit was carried out at Corve Farm and feedback provided. The PC were in favour of returning the redundant buildings to constructive use, but there were observations made about the footpath/extra traffic/the need to record historic buildings and the need to seek permission for the toilet block already under construction.

A new application for Long Mead, Fine Lane was reviewed.

A photograph and specifications of the building were reviewed and concerns were raised by adjoining householders.

It was considered that the structure which is in advanced state of construction is situated closer to a neighbour's hedge than stated in the application, and there is also a new oil tank adjacent to the hedge. The size is inappropriate for a domestic garden and adversely affects the outlook of the neighbours. In view of a previous application to construct another large building in the area which was also contentious, the Parish Council are unhappy that construction has taken place prior to permission being obtained and oppose this development.

7. Finance.

The balance at 31st December was £ 12978.41 including £1200 earmarked for agreed usage on footpaths and their improvement.

A claim for repayment of VAT paid of £179.22 has been made.

Cheques to be approved for payment.

Rec. Ground Maintenance	£222.00	VAT	£37.00
Christmas Tree & delivery	£170.00		
Clerk's Wages-Dec.			
15.5 hours	£115.79		
HMRC-Tax Ded.	£ 29.00		

Cheques Issued

001547	Br. Landscaping Ltd	£222.00
001548	M Davies	£170.00
001549	M Davies	£115.79
001550	HMRC	£ 29.00

A Budget projection was sent to members-see attached and the level of Precept for the coming year was discussed.

J. Harrison said that he would guarantee £1000 contribution from a Garden opening/donation & K. Smith offered assistance with refreshments.

It was also advised that the Mid Summer Fair would donate £500 towards the purchase of the Rec.

Allowing for the above it was agreed by all present to set the Precept at £10,000 which would be sufficient to cover planned outgoings and restore some of the reserves that were depleted with the land purchase and legal costs.

Proposed A. Pearse: Seconded J. Harrison.

8. Parish Record Book.

No entries.

9. Parish Plan.

J. Harrison reviewed the priorities which have been established:

Cemetery: Work with PCC with a view to acquiring adjoining land.

Village Hall: Invite Chairman to meeting and continue to support.

Road Safety: Ongoing consideration.

Neighbourhood Watch: Revive?

Affordable Housing: Submit needs assessment to IWC & comment on Island Plan.

Recreation Ground: Reassess football usage & consider access to village hall.

Youth Club: Consider need.

Community Volunteers: Replace?

Environmental Working Party: Update original aims.

Village Shop: Monitor & encourage usage.

New Survey: Consider need to update data & obtain views.

Parish Council: Consider "Quality" status.

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

The date of the next meeting is delayed until 12th Feb. in the Village Hall. J. Harrison gave his apologies.

The following items were raised:

The tree work has been delayed, but will be dealt with as soon as possible.

A stile on a local permissive path has been removed and a solution will be arranged to ease access.

Island Plan

Councillor Hastings advised that the planners were available for discussion in Newport.

There was discussion on why Shorwell was not included in the plan, & J. Harrison expressed concerns that by not being noted as a sustainable community, Shorwell would not benefit from new housing that could bring in new life to the area, and that this could lead to eventual decline and loss of existing facilities.

These comments will be forwarded for consideration.

Chairman

The Chairman announced that he will be standing down completely from the Parish Council after many years of service, after the meeting in April.

K. Smith proposed that remaining councillors should review this situation & the Clerk will contact IWC re co-option.

There being no further questions the meeting was closed at 9:15