

SHORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Methodist Chapel at 19.30 Tuesday 12^h February 2019

Present

C. Warne	Chairman
R.J.Haynes	Parish Councillor
K.Smith	Parish Councillor
M. Davies	Clerk.
5 members of the public.	

1. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. APOLOGIES. S. Hastings, J Harrison, G. Butler and A. Pearse.

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the 8th January meeting were tabled, read and accepted as a true record.
Proposed : K.Smith. Seconded: R. Haynes .

5. REPORTS.

a) Recreation Ground.

- 1) Further costs of £200 plus VAT incurred by vendor's solicitors have been paid.
- 2) The IWC are setting up a Playing Pitch Strategy, and using external consultants to provide information on existing facilities. An inspection of the Rec. was planned for 11th Feb. They advise that this will not affect any existing arrangements or usage.
- 3) The annual safety inspection will take place in May. Costs are £39.50 +VAT for site, and £6.85+ VAT per piece of equipment.
- 4) 2 quotes have been received for grass cutting.
At present the existing contractors quote is considerably cheaper for the routine cuts, although slightly more expensive for the initial cut and removal of all the grass.
One further quote is awaited.
- 5) A worn shackle on the swings has been replaced.

b) Isle of Wight Council.

Councillor Hastings provided a report which is attached.

There is a private meeting on Monday 18th Feb. called by IWC for Brighstone, Calbourne, Chillerton & Shorwell Parish Councils

c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

No report.

d) Local Policing.

No incidents for December.

The next round of Beat Surgeries will take place in the village shop.

Clerk's Report.

- 1) The official notice of the vacancy was advertised on the website and notice boards on 21 January, with a deadline of 8th Feb. Following confirmation from IWC, the Co-opting notice has been advertised asking for applicants to advise their interest by 31st March.
- 2) The Structures Technician from Island Roads has carried out a routine examination of the footbridge. He has reported some corrosion and recommended an inspection by a Structural Engineer, although the structure is not considered dangerous at present. R.J. Haynes will advise a suitable engineer to deal with this.
- 3) The IWC has been advised that Shorwell will be claiming Precept of £10,000 less grant available of £65-net £9935.
- 4) The Solicitors acting in the purchase of the Rec. have been supplied with a copy of the existing lease, confirmation of payment of annual rent and details of access.
- 5) The West Wight group of Town & Parish Councils are meeting on 14th Feb. As previously advised they are hoping to have a clerk to carry out the work involved at a cost of £1000pa. The cost would be allocated between members based on head of population, and Shorwell's contribution would be £52.
- 6) A complaint has been received about signage outside the village shop.

All other correspondence is shown under individual headings.

f) Highways Report.

Nothing reported.

6. Planning.

Previous applications reviewed for 1 Pells Cottage(window) & the barn at Kingston Farm(occupancy by site manager) have been refused by the IWC.

2 application for the Old Nursery, Atherfield Green have been reviewed without objections.

Comments were raised about the window opening for Yafford Mill. Lee Byrne the Conservation Projects Manager has advised that the suggested design has been amended in line with our previous objections.

The objections by the Parish Council and neighbours to the siting of the shed at Long Mead, Fine Lane have not been considered by the IWC, and the application has been approved.

A new application for Morgans Farm House, Atherfield Road was reviewed-conversion of 3

redundant farm buildings to holiday accommodation.- and there were no objections as long as the conversions were done to a suitable standard to maintain the character of the site.

7. Finance.

The balance at 31st January was £ 12382.84 including £1200 earmarked for agreed usage on footpaths and their improvement.

A claim for repayment of VAT paid of £179.22 is included.

Cheques to be approved for payment.

Jeromes	£240.00	VAT £40.00
Dog Bin clearance	£ 84.60	VAT £14.10
IWALC-Sub	£147.33	
Tree Cutting-Dell	£720.00	VAT £120.00
Clerk's Wages-Jan. 19.5 hours	£145.75	
HMRC-Tax Ded.	£ 36.40	
Swing Shackle	£ 4.80	VAT £ 0.80

Cheques Issued

001551	Jeromes	£240.00
001552	Island Roads	£ 84.60
001553	IWALC	£147.33
001554	Nigel Earley Ltd	£720.00
001555	M Davies	£145.75
001556	HMRC	£ 36.40
001557	R J Haynes	£ 4.80

Proposed K. Smith: Seconded R. Haynes.

8. Parish Record Book.

An entry for the re-opening of the shop.

9. Parish Plan.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee provided an update on the present situation.

The extension was achieved through a Lottery Grant & fundraising, and the new heating through fundraising.

A new roof is now the major area of concern and initial quotes of £15/£18K plus VAT were obtained, but recent more detailed estimates could be considerably higher, and in excess of existing bank balances. The existing tiles would be sold to raise funds.

Hiring of the hall has increased and it is a popular venue.

Fund raising by the committee is ongoing to cover general maintenance, but there is also a need for some re-decoration, and replacement of card tables.

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

The date of the next meeting is 5th March in the Village Hall.

The following items were raised:

The resident who has constructed a wood container in front of his property at Corve Hill was present to answer questions and provide feedback. There were some concerns that the strip in front of the houses was owned by IWC, and this had not been confirmed. The resident was adamant that he had right to occupy this after 20 years usage of the area and he had spoken to all the neighbours who had no objections to the construction.

There being no further questions the meeting was closed at 8.30