

Notes of Shorwell 2019 Parish Annual Meeting

Held in the Village Hall at 7:30 on 2nd April 2019

<u>Present:</u>	<u>C. Warne</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
	<u>A.J.Pearse</u>	<u>Vice Chairman</u>
	<u>K.Smith</u>	<u>Parish Councillor</u>
	<u>J. Harrison</u>	<u>Parish Councillor</u>
	<u>R. Haynes</u>	<u>Parish Councillor</u>
	<u>S. Hastings</u>	<u>IW Councillor</u>
	<u>M Davies</u>	<u>Clerk</u>

24 members of the public.

Before the meeting there was a presentation to mark Charlie Warne standing down from the Council after 32 years.

1) Parish Chairman's Opening Remarks.

Mr Warne thanked everyone for attending to mark his farewell.

2) Apologies. G. Butler

3) The notes of the last meeting were confirmed as a true record.

4) Parish Church Council.

Cemetery Fund:

Gifts £120 Donation from Mid Summer Fair £400-Total Income £520

Maintenance Costs £1528.10

5) Parish Council.

Chairman's Report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2018/19

20 Planning applications were considered.

It was agreed to carry out a review of the Village Plan.

The Parish obtained the services of an Environment Offer on a trial basis.

Recreation Ground- the Stark family gave notice of their intention to dispose of their land. Legal advice was taken and a private meeting held. The Stark's refused a request to extend the length of the lease, and declined an initial offer to purchase.

Eventually the final offer from the Parish Council was accepted.

The Zip Wire Platform and swing shackles were repaired.

A General Data Protection Policy was agreed.

The Community Directory was extended to include Shorwell.

Village Shop- This closed following the sad death of Marion.

The Parish Council held private and public meetings and worked with the owners until new tenants came forward to re-open the business.

The proposed Boundary Review will include Shorwell with Niton & Chale, and this move was opposed.

Tree cutting was undertaken along Shorwell Shute to maintain safety.
Shorwell Footbridge-Following an initial inspection by Island Roads, the Parish Council's own inspection by a structural engineer confirmed corrosion to the main beams supporting the structure. The Parish Council have asked IWC to fully assess the safety and to confirm what needs to be done.

The Chairman gave notice that he would stand down from the Parish Council after this meeting, and thanked all the members for their support.

Parish Council Accounts.

The Clerk has circulated a receipts and payments statement for the year to councillors, and the full financial reports will be presented at the May meeting.

This year's finances have been distorted with the purchase of the Recreation Ground land, with Legal Advice of £500 and legal fees and charges of £1801.53. There was also a payment of £360 towards the Environment Officer scheme.

6) Wadlow Legacy

A balance of £11.28 was carried forward.

7) Policing & Related Matters.

The following incidents were reported between 1/4/2018 & 31/3/2019.

Assault 2

Burglary-Residential 2

Burglary-Business 1

Public Order 1

Road Traffic 4

Anti Social Behav. 1

Total 11

8) Date of Next Parish Annual Meeting.

7th April 2020

9) Chairman's Closing Remarks.

The meeting was closed at 7:55

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 April 2019

Present

C. Warne	Chairman
R.J.Haynes	Parish Councillor
K.Smith	Parish Councillor
A.Pearse	Parish Councillor & Vice Chairman.
J. Harrison	Parish Councillor
S. Hastings	IW Councillor
M. Davies	Clerk.
24 members of the public.	

1. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. APOLOGIES. G. Butler

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

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

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

5. REPORTS.

a) Recreation Ground.

1) Purchase of Land.

The Land Registry transfer form has now been signed by the Chairman & Vice Chairman & witnessed by the Clerk. This has been returned to the solicitors for transmission to the 3 trustees who need to sign to confirm the sale. A cheque for the purchase price and the balance of costs outstanding has been forwarded for clearance.

2) The first (partial cut) has been completed and the remainder should be arranged this week. The condition will be monitored and it was considered that the parish council could give one month's notice of termination if suitable standards are not met.

b) Isle of Wight Council.

Councillor Hastings provided the attached report:

He was also questioned on Damaged Verges and 20mph limits where there are ongoing policy reviews taking place.

A question was raised about the construction of barriers adjoining Shepherd's Chine on the Military Road which has taken away the previous parking area. This will be queried with Island Roads.

c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

No report.

d) Local Policing.

One incident reported for January-Violent offence on or near Westcourt Close (Unable to prosecute suspect)

Clerk's Report.

- 1) There has been no response to the notice advertising the vacancy on the parish council, and this still needs to be addressed.
- 2) A query was received about bonfires.
- 3) The notice board in the bus shelter has become unfixed, and needs to be re-hung.
- 4) A meeting of the West Wight group of councils will be on 4 April at 6:30 in Newbridge.
- 5) Information has been received from the IWC on Child Employment Licensing.

All other correspondence is shown under individual headings.

f) Highways Report.

A damaged sign on Kingston Road was reported.

It was mentioned that some local trees appear to have been marked by Island Roads, but there has been no notification.

6. Planning.

No new applications.

A previous application for Old Nursery, Atherfield Green (Garden Office) has been accepted by IWC.

There will be a new "Public Access" site set up to enable comments on future applications.

7. Finance.

The balance at 31st March was £2995.66, including £1200 earmarked for agreed usage on footpaths and their improvement.

The Internal Auditor has confirmed he will be happy to act again this year.

The External Auditors-PKF Littlejohn-have provided the pack to enable completion of this year's accounts and records.

Cheques to be approved for payment.

Jeromes	£8051.53
Admin Exp Nov.18-Mar.19	£ 15.21
Hire of Hall for meetings	£ 140.00
Footbridge Report	£ 75.00

Clerk's Wages-Mar	
17 hours	£127.00
HMRC-Tax Ded.	£ 31.80

Cheques Issued

001561	Jeromes	£8051.53
001562	M Davies	£ 15.21
001563	Shorwell Parish Hall	£ 140.00
001564	DMA Ltd	£ 75.00
001565	M Davies	£ 127.00
001566	HMRC	£ 31.80

Proposed R. Haynes: Seconded J. Harrison

8. Parish Record Book.

An entry for the retirement of C. Warne as Chairman after 32 years.

A volunteer has been obtained to take on research for the entries.

9. Parish Plan.

The Rev. Todd has confirmed that the PCC will not pursue the land potentially available for a cemetery extension, and are not willing to enter into any agreement that would incur financial costs or future maintenance costs for the Church.

This will have to be considered further.

Other areas to be considered in the review are:

Access to the Rec from the Village Hall/A housing Needs Review/Oral Histories/an update of the Landscape Character Assessment and a possible History of Shorwell.

10. Footbridge.

Island Roads have advised that an approach should be made to IWC, Highways PFI Contract Management Team. A report has been sent and their reply is awaited.

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

The date of the next meeting is 7th May in the Village Hall.

This will be the Annual Meeting and will commence with election of officers.

The following items were raised:

There was a difference of opinion over how the dangerous tree in The Dell should be dealt with. It was considered that a large branch could be removed to help balance the tree, and potential costs will need to be obtained.

The fundraising Garden Opening & Tea Party is confirmed for 2 June. It is hoped that members of the parish council, volunteers and the WI will be able to assist with parking/gates/cake making etc.

A decision on possible removal of stiles on permissive paths around Northcourt Farm will be made at the next meeting.

Timber will need to be obtained to repair some steps in The Dell.

There being no further questions the meeting was closed at 8.50 and the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and support for him during his Chairmanship.

