

SHORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall at 19.30 Tuesday 7th May 2019

Present

R.J.Haynes	Parish Councillor
K.Smith	Parish Councillor
A.Pearse	Parish Councillor & Vice Chairman.
J. Harrison	Parish Councillor
M. Davies	Clerk.
7 members of the public.	

1. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS.

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. APOLOGIES. G. Butler/S. Hastings.

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

A.Pearse was Proposed as Chairman by J. Harrison, seconded by K. Smith & confirmed by R. Haynes. He confirmed he would be happy to accept.

A. Pearse then proposed K. Smith as Vice Chair, which was seconded by J. Harrison and confirmed by R. Haynes.

The Chairman then continued the meeting, and a local resident was allowed to speak about the music license being applied for by the Crown. The first music took place last weekend.

The wording of the application is very imprecise, and although the Crown have indicated that they only intend to run one regular weekly session, the permission sought would allow outside music virtually open ended between May / October.

J. Harrison expressed an interest as a neighbor and indicated he would personally comment.

It was agreed that the Parish Council, although wishing the Crown to be successful and remain competitive, would comment to ask for the application to be made more precise, so that the neighbouring properties would know what was happening and when.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the 2nd April 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 purchase has been completed although the legal documents have not yet been received.

2) Although the grass has been cut several times, the use of the small mower has left a lot of grass on the main area, and the contractors will be asked to address this.

3) The bolts in the round swing have been replaced, but there is evidence that the timber is soft and will need replacing in due course. To be monitored.

4) The request from a resident to purchase a corner area of the land was deferred, as under the Parish Plan there are still hopes that an entrance can be created at that end from behind the village hall.

b) Isle of Wight Council.

Councillor Hastings provided the attached report.

He has not mentioned the construction of barriers adjoining Shepherd's Chine on the Military Road which he was to query with Island Roads, and the clerk will ask if there is any news.

c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

No report.

d) Local Policing.

Three incidents of Burglary reported for February- 2 in Farriers Way and 1 in Mill Lane.

The PCSO has advised that he will not be able to fulfil the beat surgery this month due to restricted duties.

Clerk's Report.

1) The Clerk will attend a meeting for Island Clerks at IWC on 31 May.

2) Approval for tree works at Northcourt House & Old Stables has been received from IWC.

3) There have been issues with loading new items onto the Parish Website which now seem to be resolved.

4) The hourly rate of pay for Clerks has been increased from 1st April, and this will increase from £9.34 to £9.77.

All other correspondence is shown under individual headings.

f) Highways Report.

The Yafford sign in Chine Lane has been removed, and this is to be queried.

6. Planning.

No new applications.

A previous application for Corve Farm(reuse of redundant buildings) has been accepted by IWC.

7. Finance.

The balance at 30 April was £12,621.86, including £1200 earmarked for agreed usage on footpaths and their improvement, and after receipt of the Precept and Grant of £10,000.

Cheques to be approved for payment.

Clerk's Wages-April

15 hours	£112.12
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HMRC-Tax Ded.	£ 28.00
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Cheques Issued

001567	M Davies	£ 112.12
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001568	HMRC	£ 28.00
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The following documents were previously submitted to members with a summary of the receipts and payments for 2018/19 and it was resolved that they should be signed by the Chairman & Clerk:

Certificate of Exemption.

Annual Governance Statement.

Accounting Statement.

A Cancellation request to the Bank was also signed in respect of the annual rent no longer required on the recreation ground.

Proposed R. Haynes: Seconded J. Harrison

8. Parish Record Book.

The volunteer has been provided with a list of names and will commence researching information to bring the Record Book entries up to date.

9. Parish Plan.

With regard to investigating access to the recreation ground from the village hall, the Chairman will contact the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee for an initial meeting.

It is considered that the potential acquisition of the land adjoining the cemetery should still be followed up, despite the lack of interest by the Church, and information will be sought from the owners.

Environmental History-a talk is planned for later in the year, which could be followed by production of a booklet.

The previously produced Landscape Character Assessment could be updated.

10. Footbridge.

The request from SPC to the IWC, Highways PFI Contract Management Team has now been

acknowledged and their full reply is awaited.

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

The date of the next meeting is 4th June in the Village Hall.

The following items were raised:

The notice board in the bus shelter has not been fixed, and Chairman will deal with this.

The Dell-It was agreed that Nigel Early be asked to assess previously referred to tree with a view to potential removal of problematic branch.

It was suggested that the Parish Council should consider management of the area and ask the AONB about available grants for replanting.

The fundraising Garden Opening & Tea Party is confirmed for 2 June.

A stile on the permissive path around Northcourt Farm will be replaced with posts, but monitored.

Ramblers will replace stiles on Russell land with gates.

There being no further questions the meeting was closed at 8.25 and the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.