

SHORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall at 19.30 Tuesday 4th June 2019

Present

G, Butler	Parish Councillor
K.Smith	Parish Councillor & Vice Chair
A.Pearse	Parish Councillor & Chairman.
J. Harrison	Parish Councillor

M. Davies Clerk.

7 members of the public and IW Councillors Stewart & Hastings.

1. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. APOLOGIES. None.

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

Co-option to fill vacancy.

D. Rimmer had previously expressed an interest in joining the parish council, and met the members after the last meeting.

It was proposed by the Chairman that Mr Rimmer be co-opted to fill the vacancy, and this was approved by all members present.

Mr Rimmer was invited to join the councillors.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the 7th May meeting were tabled, read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed : J. Harrison. Seconded: K. Smith .

5. REPORTS.

a) Recreation Ground.

The annual safety inspection report has been received and circulated. The Chairman suggested that it would be useful to have a specific councilor to oversee the various items of maintenance that were necessary, and D. Rimmer agreed to take this on with appropriate support where necessary.

b) Isle of Wight Council.

Councillor Hastings provided the attached report.

He had previously reported on the situation at Shepherds Chine.

The recently installed safety barriers were an integral part of the parapet upgrade, and of the standard required for the PFI contract. Barriers on a national speed limit road are designed to crumple and absorb energy on impact.

The verge area was not a formal layby, and the loss of parking was accepted as necessary for the upgrade.

c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

The local MP will work with towns and villages on the Island to encourage support for the reduction in the housing target which he considers unsustainable.

d) Local Policing.

Nothing reported for March.

Clerk's Report.

- 1) Parish Councillor R. Haynes has resigned. The IWC has been advised & the statutory notice will be displayed from 6 June -26 June to enable a sufficient number of local electors to call an election. After this date the vacancy can be advertised for co-option.
- 2) 2 further comments were received about live music at the Crown.
- 3) The Village Hall Committee advised that some users of the hall did not find it easy to locate the venue and would like to consider local signage.
- 4) Advice of the annual renewal of the data protection registration has been received.
- 5) The papers re the annual insurance renewal have been circulated to all members. The previous premium was £583.52, but under the new policy there is an annual premium of £379.96 or the option to take on a 3/5 year agreement for a reduced premium of £360.96. It was agreed to take on the 5 year arrangement.
- 6) A donation of £50 has been received from a local resident towards the Rec. Ground fund.
- 7) The Boundary Review final recommendations have been published and it was confirmed that Shorwell will form part of a new grouping with Chale & Niton. Councillor Stewart explained the background to this.

All other correspondence is shown under individual headings.

f) Highways Report.

Nothing to report.

6. Planning.

A previous application for Morgans Farmhouse, Atherfield Road (reuse of redundant buildings as holiday accomodation) has been accepted by IWC.

A new application for Yafford Mill was discussed-Porch/rooflights/external staircase.

It was commented that the mill had been subject to a number of applications over the years and

the new one would be supported on the basis that the materials were carefully chosen to sympathetically blend with the existing structure.

7. Finance.

The balance at 31May was £12,481.74, including £1200 earmarked for agreed usage on footpaths and their improvement.

The Internal Audit has been completed, and the Certificate of Exemption sent to the external Auditors.

The necessary financial information has been posted on the website, and the records are available to inspect from 17June -26 July.

Cheques to be approved for payment.

Data Protection Fee	£ 40.00		
Rec. Ground maintenance	£618.00	VAT Rec.	£103.00
Recreation Ground Inspection	£112.26		£ 18.71
Tree work-The Dell	£180.00		
Internal Auditor	£145.00		
Clerk's Wages-May			
20 hours	£149.62		
HMRC-Tax Ded.	£ 37.20		
Annual Insurance	£360.96		

Cheques Issued

001569	Information Officer	£ 40.00
001570	Br. Landscaping Ltd	£618.00
001571	N W Adams	£112.26
001572	Wight Woodlands	£180.00
001573	M Davies	£149.62
001574	HMRC	£ 37.20
001575	K. Ritchie	£145.00
001576	Bus Services at CAS Ltd	£360.96

Proposed K.Smith : Seconded J. Harrison

8. Parish Record Book.

No entry.

9. Parish Plan.

The Village Hall is in favour of creating a path into the Rec. from the rear of the Hall, and this will be followed up with the landowner in due course.

The owner of the land next to the cemetery has been contacted. Has not yet received details of the land from his solicitors, and thinks this might take 6 weeks. Is happy to deal with the Parish Council on this matter.

It was suggested that a review of the existing Conservation Ares could be undertaken, and

Councillor Hobart's name was put forward as someone who could help.

10. Footbridge.

The IWC, Highways PFI Contract Management Team has now replied, and their response was that they could not adopt the bridge.

The matter has been referred to IW Councillor Hastings who brought it up at the Cabinet meeting yesterday. Councillor Stewart and his colleague with responsibility for transport and infrastructure will do what they can to attempt to get the bridge formally adopted as a highway structure.

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

The date of the next meeting is delayed one week until 9th July in the Village Hall.

The following items were raised:

It was reported that the road closure on the Shute allowed three branches to be removed from the previously reported tree.

It was suggested that a quote be obtained for a tree survey in the Dell to see if there are any potential problems.

The Ramblers will have a working party on the local permissive paths to deal with undergrowth, barbed wire and steps.

D. Russell who was present confirmed he was happy with stiles being replaced with kissing gates on his land, and the £1200 grant will be utilized to assist.

It was suggested that a note be put in the Newsletter to ask if any locals would like to Donate-a-gate.

J. Harrison reported on the Designated Landscapes meeting he attended.

J Harrison reported on the Garden Opening & Tea Party on 2 June at Northcourt for the Recreation Ground fund.

A total of £1300 was generated, including donations, and thanks to be sent to the WI members who provided the refreshments, other helpers and those who provided donations.

Mr Harrison was thanked for an excellent afternoon and a significant fund raising achievement.

It was reported that there was a new owner for the Chalk Pit. Activity was likely to increase and the owner has offered to attend a meeting if there are any local concerns.

There being no further questions the meeting was closed at 8.15 and the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.