

SHORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall at 19.30 Tuesday 9th July 2019

Present

K.Smith	Parish Councillor & Vice Chair
A.Pearse	Parish Councillor & Chairman.
J. Harrison	Parish Councillor
M. Davies	Clerk.
13 members of the public.	

1. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. APOLOGIES. G. Butler: D. Rimmer: S. Hastings(arriving late)

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

Co-option to fill vacancy.

D. Russell 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 Russell be co-opted to fill the vacancy, and this was approved by all members present.

Mr Russell was invited to join the councillors.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

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

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

5. REPORTS.

a) Recreation Ground.

The completion of the purchase of the area of land has now been registered.

The solicitors have provided a refund of costs prepaid of £23.94.

A new sign for the Fine Lane entrance has been ordered and is available for collection.

Complaints were raised about the deterioration in the standard of maintenance of the whole area over the past couple of years -thick cut grass to walk through, inadequate cutting around benches and play equipment.

The Chairman apologized on behalf of the Parish Council and confirmed that closer attention to the condition would be paid. Additional contractors with different equipment were being considered for the future, and a site meeting would be arranged with the present contractors. Some maintenance to the zip wire steps is required and some bamboo shoots which have “escaped” from a neighbouring garden need to be dealt with.

b) Isle of Wight Council.

Councillor Hastings provided the attached report.
He arrived later and answered some questions around the waste collection service.

c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

There have been issues about a scam involving a bogus company offering inspection and treatment of insulation for islanders.
A note will be put in the Newsletter to confirm that any concerns about insulation should be addressed to Warm Up Wight or Footprint Trust and unsolicited calls from non-local companies should be declined.

d) Local Policing.

2 incidents for April/May-Violent or sexual offences in Russell Road & Samber Hill-no details provided.

Clerk’s Report.

- 1) We have been asked to review again an alleged case of dumping beside the footpath in Sandy Way which supposedly occurred in May 2018 and of which there was no apparent evidence when it was subsequently drawn to our attention. Photographs have now been produced which claim to show the incident, although they have been taken without authority. It was agreed that as there had been no concerns from the landowner or local residents the complainant should be advised that the PC would not be taking any action, and that the Environment Agency would be the agency to contact in future.
- 2) West Wight Group of Parish & Town Councils-an invoice has been received for £64 as Shorwell’s contribution to the costs of a part-time clerk for the group. It was agreed by all members that this be paid.
- 3) Shop Update: A newspaper agency has now started with papers and magazines available off the shelf.
Opening hours are being extended to 8:30-5:00 on weekdays & 8:00-3:00 on Saturdays.
A kitchen is being installed to provide hot & cold sandwiches/rolls etc
- 4) An invite was received from Island Cottages for the Chairman to attend the opening of their new properties.
- 5) The IWC confirmed that after the display of the statutory notice, the parish council was able to co-opt to fill the vacancy.
- 6) There are further website issues in adding details of the new councilors, and our site providers are not responsive. It was agreed that if this continues we should approach locals who might be able to assist.

All other correspondence is shown under individual headings.

f) Highways Report.

Previous complaint about overgrown verges in Yafford/Atherfield which has been resolved.

6. Planning.

New applications for Old Nursery, Atherfield Road.

Demolition & Replacement of Garage/Store and LBC for proposed conservatory.

It was agreed to comment on the size of the proposed garage which was to include an office which appears to be already provided for elsewhere.

7. Finance.

The balance at 30 June was £12,203.70, including £1200 earmarked for agreed usage on footpaths and their improvement, and after receipt of £1365 which was raised for the Recreation Ground fund from the open afternoon at Northcourt House.

The Certificate of Exemption sent to the external Auditors has been approved.

The cheque previously issued for treework in The Dell has been re-issued with a different payee.

Cheques to be approved for payment.

Clerk's Wages-June	
17.5 hours	£130.67
HMRC-Tax Ded.	£ 32.80
West Wight Group	£ 64.00

Cheques Issued

001578	M Davies	£130.67
001579	HMRC	£ 32.80
001580	WW T & PC Ass	£ 64.00

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 and he will provide details of the land when he receives the information from his solicitor.

10. Footbridge.

Councillor Hastings has discussed the situation within the IWC and there appears to be a belief that the bridge is legally owned by Shorwell Parish Council. He will try to obtain clarification of this as the PC records are not specific on this point. At some stage an estimate of potential costs will have to be obtained so that the IWC can consider formal adoption of the bridge into their network, but the Chairman indicated that we should not consider further expenditure until ownership was resolved.

There could also be an issue to be considered with footpath adoption.

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

The date of the next meeting is 3rd September in the Village Hall.

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