**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 Parish Hall at 19.30 Monday 3rd March 2025

**Present.**

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| K.Cram | Parish Councillor & Chairman |
| L. Beaney | Parish Councillor |
| G. Alldred | Parish Councillor & Vice Chairman |
| D. Russell | Parish Councillor |
| D. Street | Parish Councillor |
| M Davies | Clerk |

5 Members of the public.

**1.Chairmans Opening Remarks.**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Daryl Street was welcomed as a new member.

**2.Apologies.**

G. Butler & C. Critchison

**3.Councillors Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items.**

None.

**4. Minutes of Last Meeting.**

The Minutes of 3rd February were tabled, read & accepted as a true record.

GA.LB

**Matters Arising.**

None.

**5.Reports.**

- Recreation Ground.
- Rubbish needs to be cleared before annual inspection, which will be due in the next couple of months.
- Isle of Wight Council.

  Report to follow.

- Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

  **Meeting not attended.**

- Local Policing.

  December -3incidents reported.

  Starks Close-1 Viol/Sexual.

  Westcourt Close-1 ASB

  Orchards Way-1 Crim. Damage/Arson.

- Clerks Report.

  1) Precept for 2025/6 Claimed..

  2) Survey completed on Emergency Planning..

  3) Dog Fouling-Fine Lane. Note to be added to Newsletter.

  4) Auditor for annual accounts confirmed,

  5) Claim submitted for refund of VAT paid.

  6) Various contacts with the Dept for Levelling Up in connection with the requested loan.

  7) Request to put book case in the bus shelter to encouage local book swapping. No objections from members and L. Beaney offered to liaise.

Other items are listed under separate headings.

- **Highways Report.**

  Discussion about request for review of speeding on Kingston Rd.

  It is still not clear whether there will be any local consultation on proposed changes to speed limits, and in particular the potential 20mph limit through the village.

  It is hoped that C. Critchison will be able to obtain further information.

**6 Planning.**

Previous application-permission granted.-Oak Cottage, Main Rd-Demolition of Timber Store & single storey flat roofed extension.

Brighstone Holiday Centre appealed against the previous LDC, and this has been subsequently rejected.

There are concerns that caravans stored in an adjoining field for some years might lead to an eventual permission for usage as an actual site, and it is hoped that enforcement can be arranged within the 10 year cut-off.

It is planned that Shorwell & Brighstone PCs will again take joint action.

**7. Finance.**

Balance of the account at 28th February was £23,936.37. A claim of refund of VAT paid of £764.62 has been submitted.

Items to be approved for payment,.

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| Maint Rec(Jan) | | £ 108.00 |
| Clerk's Wages-Feb | | £ 170.73 |
| Tax Ded-HMRC | | £ 42.80 |

Cheques Issued.

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| 001978 | D. Mcgeoch | £108.00 |
| 001979 | M Davies | £ 170.73 |
| 001980 | HMRC | £ 42.80 |

Agreed GA/DR

**8. Parish Record Book.**

No additions.

**9 Footbridge.**

In connection with the loan application, The Dept for Levelling Up has asked for the entry in the November minutes to be clarified. This was submitted to all members before the meeting and it was agreed by all members that the minutes be updated accordingly. This will be confirmed to the Govt Dept and it is hoped that this will then enable them to agree the loan request which can then be passed to the PWLB.

The amended wording will be:

The proposed loan to finance the footbridge was discussed following the financial information that has been circulated.

It was agreed by all present that an initial loan of £40,000 be applied for, although only £30,000 might need to be eventually drawn down.

This was to be at a fixed rate over a 10 year term, with early repayments to be made where possible from any grants available or fund raising.

If the full loan is drawn down. the initial annual payment to cover interest and repayments would be approx. £6,000.

A draft Application for Technical Approval was discussed and this will be circulated to all members before submission.

This will cover the 3 stages of the process, and there are no specific application forms or no schedule of fees available.

An application has been submitted in connection with possible grant funding, and further information is awaited.

**10 The Dell.**

Quotes are being obtained for the urgent tree work that is required.

It appears that the sale of part of the adjoining land is progressing,and the purchaser is apparently aware of the existing path and has no objections.The possibility of adopting the path in due course will be explored.

**11. Cemetery.**

Ongoing work to create additional space, with an area to be levelled and sewn with grass seed.

**12. Notice Boards.**

No further action until the footbridge proceeds, and will be removed from the agenda.

**13. Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting is Monday 7th April in the Parish Hall at 7:30 This will be the Parish Annual Meeting, followed by the monthly meeting.

**Any other Business.**

None

**The meeting was closed at 8.25 and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.The Chairman mentioned that he will not be able to attend the next meeting due to planned treatment.**