**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 6th January 2025

**Present.**

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

2 Members of the public.

**1.Chairmans Opening Remarks.**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**2.Apologies.**

D. Russell.

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

None.

**4. Minutes of Last Meeting.**

The Minutes of 2nd & 9th Dec (The Crown) were tabled, read & accepted as a true record.

GA.LB

**Matters Arising.**

None.

**5.Reports.**

- Recreation Ground.

The blocked ditch has been cleared, but the debris needs to be removed.

- Isle of Wight Council.

  Report attached.

- Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

  No report.

- Local Policing.

  Figures not updated since October.

- Clerks Report.

1) Bridge Loan request sent to IWALC for onward transmission to Dept for Levelling Up, who have to confirm before sending on to PWLB.After requesting additional information,the Govt Dept has now ruled

that they cannot fully consider the application until planning permission is granted

2) Sand Bags purchased as agreed. Permission to store in the Village Hall to be obtained.

3) New Bank Signing Mandate obtained and completed.

4) Use of The Green to temporary store thatching materials.It was commented that the verges are being damaged by car parking, and ideas to remedy this will be considered.

Other items are listed under separate headings.

- **Highways Report.**

Further case of flooding-Bowcombe Rd.-See IWC report for further details

**6 Planning.**

New application-Oak Cottage, Main Road-Ref 24/01830/HOU.

Demolition of Timber Store & single storey flat roof extension.

Will be concealed by boundary wall and will not be readily visible

There is also a revised application for Hasletts Farm, where permission to extract sand was agreed last year-24/01926/RVC. A variation in conditions is requested for when Hydrogeological information has to be submitted.

**7. Finance.**

Balance of the account at 31st December was £27,305.66

VAT Paid and due to be reclaimed £764.62

Amout received via Just Giving re Bridge £520.

Items to be approved for payment,

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| Maint Rec | £ 238.00 |
| Emergency Sandbags | £ 120.60 |
| PTR Consult (Footbridge) | £1794.00 VAT£299.00 |
| BDS(Footbridge) | £ 400.00 |
| S.H.Lambert(CGI Footbridge) | £ 235.00 |
| Clerk's Wages-Dec (16.7 Hours) | £ 155.03 |
| Tax Ded-HMRC | £ 38.80 |

Cheques Issued.

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| 001966 | D McGeoch | £ 238.00 |
| 001967 | M Davies | £ 120.60 |
| 001968 | PTR Consult | £1794.00 |
| 001969 | BDS | £ 400.00 |
| 001970 | SH Lambert | £ 235.00 |
| 001971 | M Davies | £ 155.03 |
| 001972 | HMRC | £ 38.80 |

Agreed LB/GA.

**8. Parish Record Book.**

No entries.

**9 Footbridge.**

The amended application has been submitted -Ref 24/01552/FUL-following the additional information & details supplied following the recent meeting.

Local residents are encouraged to write to Planning in support of the application.

It was anticipated that there might be some conditions attached to any planning permission and it was agreed that GA could explore any formalities required with a cost of up to £500 agreed.

**10 The Dell.**

It was agreed that it was now necessary to produce a definite list of what permissions for tree felling had already been requested, what work has already been carried out, and any trees that permission might still be required for.

The Chairman will also follow up on the sale of the adjoining land, and whether a strip has been earmarked for a path, as previously indicated.

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**11. Cemetery.**

Awaiting dry weather until a digger can be utilised to clear an area.

**12. Notice Boards.**

It was agreed that design be delayed until the future of the bridge and the paths is clarified.

**13. Consider Future Winter Resilience Plan.**

180 Sandbags have now been purchased, and a convenient local site(Village Hall?) will be agreed.

With this and the publication of the list of emergency contact details, this can now be removed from future agendas.

**Co-Option to fill Vacancy.**

The notice advising the vacancy has now been advertised on the website, notice boards & village facebook page. Potential candidates are to apply to the Clerk by 24 January.

**15 Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting is Monday 3rd Feb.in the Parish Hall at 7:30

**Any other Business.**

A question was raised about the state of the roads as a result of local cauliflower picking. It was confirmed that the contractors were obliged to clear the roads afterwards, but if there were any concerns a complaint should be made through the I.Roads site.

**The meeting was closed at 8.50 and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.**

**SPC report January 2025**

**Cllr Claire Critchison,**
**IW Council representative for Chale, Niton, Shorwell, Whitwell**

Email: Claire.critchison@iow.gov.uk Tel: 07855022429
For road closure updates and general information please visit:
www.facebook.com/clairechalenitonshorwell
Please get in touch if you have any concerns or issues.

**Speed review**
The speed review report is now available. It includes a proposed 20mph through Shorwell Village. I will get further details on what is planned and implementation timescales.

**Bowcombe Road**
I have enquired about the process for additional drainage to be installed and will take this up with the Highways Team.
Please all report any flooding issues on www.fixmystreet.com

***Updates from Island Roads***

*On 3rd July, Island Roads excavated and investigated of a buildup of stones within the drainage system near Granary Cottage, on Bowcombe Road. This was resolved at the time, with no further works required.*

*On 17th September, 13 gullies were cleansed and flushed on between Rowborough House and Rains Grove. No blockages were identified at that time.*

*On 28th November, we carried out a mechanical sweep of mud and stones between Plaish Way and Bowcombe Farm. This issue was also reported by the Clerk of Shorwell PC.*

*There are currently no drainage works scheduled for Bowcombe Road as the existing gullies are working as they should. They simply become overwhelmed during periods of heavy rainfall when water and debris runs off the fields. Our Drainage Engineer is currently investigating this issue with a view to putting together a Land Drainage Act casefile for the IWC's attention and possible enforcement.*

*Both the District Steward and Drainage Engineer have attended site for inspection following a report this morning of flooding on the carriageway. The road was, however, not flooded at the times of inspection this morning, which indicates that the gullies are working appropriately to drain water running off the fields.*

*Island Roads will continue to monitor the road and take action within our powers as and when necessary. This includes putting out flood boards and/or closing the road for safety reasons.*

*Island Roads is responsible for maintaining the existing highways network. Any requests for changes or additions to the network would need to be considered via the HSIR process by the Isle of Wight Council based on safety priority across the Island and, of course, funding availability.*

*Island Roads remit is to attend on a reactive basis as described in my previous email. This may involve placing out flood boards, closing the road for safety reasons, sweeping the carriageway of debris, and/or attending with the gully tanker if the gullies haven't drained the water in the appropriate timescale.*

*I have checked our reporting system and, whilst we did have a busy weekend due to adverse weather conditions, we don't appear to have received any reports in relation to Bowcombe Road. However, I have asked a District Steward to attend for inspection to see if any reactive jobs are required.*

**Shorwell Village**

I have enquired about drainage clearance in the village and Shorwell Shute.

*The street cleansing service of the PFI contract was subject to an IWC savings review in 2019. The savings resulted in a reduction of cleansing resource which, in turn, reduced cleansing frequencies and standards for both sweeping and litter bin emptying.*
*Prior to this savings review, Shorwell Shute was swept/cleansed every 3 weeks. It is now cleansed on a 6-weekly schedule. This area is also on our leaf fall programme, so the main road through Shorwell will receive additional sweeps between October and the end of December.*

**Waste survey**

The Isle of Wight Council has launched its annual recycling and waste survey, inviting residents to share their views and suggestions on how to enhance recycling efforts and minimise waste across the Island. The survey will run for six weeks closing on **Thursday, 23 January 2025**. www.iow.gov.uk/waste

**Budget consultation**

The annual budget consultation is now underway — These views will help shape the draft budget for the 2025/26 financial year.
Each year the council is required to balance its budget so that spending does not exceed income from council tax, grants and other sources.
Residents are encouraged to complete the consultation survey and have their say by **Sunday, 26 January**. Responses are anonymous and the survey should take no more than ten minutes to complete.