Notes of SHORWELL 2023 PARISH ANNUAL MEETING.

Held at 19.30 on Tuesday 3rd April 2023 in Shorwell Village Hall.

Present:

P Turner	Councillor Shorwell Parish Council.
K. Cram	Councillor Shorwell Parish Council
M Davies	Clerk Shorwell Parish Council.
5 Members of the public.	

1. Parish Council Chairman's Opening Remarks
Insufficient present for a quorum.
2. Apologies.
G. Butler
C. Critchison
Non Attendance: G Alldred, D. Russell,D. Rimmer.

3. Minutes of Last Annual Parish Meeting.
The last Annual Parish Meeting was by way of a report, the contents of which were circulated to all members and the contents approved.

4. Parish Church Council.
Cemetery Fund Report 2022.

Opening Balance	£273.75 Dr
Maintenance Costs	£340.00
Receipts	
Sundry Donations	£420.00
Collection	£ 80.00
CWGC	£ 35.00
MSF	£300.00
Closing Balance	£221.25

5. Parish Council Report.

5A. IWC Report.
Cllr Claire Critchison
2023 Annual councillor summary

Parish Council
I have attended almost all Parish Council meetings and liaised with the Parish Council on issues involving the IW Council e.g. Footbridge, Wightfibre, Island Roads, Rights of Way.

Resident engagement

Monthly councillor updates in the village newsletter each month to keep residents informed of latest council news and what I have been involved with locally.
Regular visits to the community coffee mornings at the Crown – this had been a useful way to meet with residents and get to know the community.
I have followed up resident enquiries with planning issues, road safety, vehicle access, police enquiries, rights of way and environmental health. Given advice and passed on information to residents.
My facebook page is updated with road closures and I post relevant information on local facebook groups to keep residents informed.
Road safety meeting
Cllr Nick Stuart and I arranged a joint road safety meeting on Wednesday 22nd March in Brighstone.
The meeting discussed traffic management, quiet roads, road safety and community speed watch in the South/West Wight. Several residents from Shorwell attended and gave feedback about a range of issues.
There was a presentation from the West Wight community speedwatch team and advice about to set up one in our area.
It was a very informative meeting and we will be arranging more in other villages throughout the year.
Winter pressures
I have shared cost of living information, details of warm spaces, helped with access to services and signposted residents to Citizens Advice for assistance.
Events
I have attended Shorwell village events including Midsummer Fayre, Wolverton Fair, WI Soup and pudding day, Parish Hall Christmas markets, Church services, Dark Skies Event.

5.B Chairman's Report-Prepared by Clerk.
11 meetings during the year.

The Recreation Ground was used on Sundays by Downside Youth.
Following earlier concerns about the limited opening hours of The Crown, it was re-registered as an Asset of Community Value.
Keith Cram was welcomed as a replacement for John Harrison.
A Climate Matters Group is being established.
A survey was carried out in The Dell. Steps & Handrails have been repaired, and urgent tree-work is due later this month.
A Picnic on the Rec. was arranged to mark the Jubilee.
A donation of £500 was made to SWAY.
4 New planning applications were dealt with, together with ongoing issues at Atherfield Bay and Chine Farm.
The condition of the Footbridge remains a concern, and a contractor is still being sought who can provide an acceptable survey at a realistic cost.
The shortage of available plots in the Cemetery is also an issue which needs to be resolved,

5.C Parish Council Accounts.
The accounts at 31/3/2023 will be prepared for audit, before being submitted for approval to the

Parish Council.
Draft expenditure figures have been circulated to all members.

6. Wadlow Legacy.
This was not drawn on during the year and the balance remains at £11.28.

7. Policing & Related Matters.
Total incidents for year ending Feb 2023 were 31(40 previous annual report)
Theft 1
Violent/Sexual 24
Burglary 1
ASB 2
Crim Damage/Arson 2
Pub. Order 1

8. Date of next Annual Parish Meeting.
8 April 2024

Chairman's Closing Remarks.
N/A