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 Village Hall at 19.30 Monday 5th February 2024

Present

K. Cram	Parish Councillor & Chairman
P Turner	Parish Councillor
D. Russell	Parish Councillor
G. Alldred	Parish Councillor & Vice Chairman
C. Critchison	IW Councillor
L. Beaney	Parish Councillor
M. Davies	Clerk

4 members of the public.

1. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS.
The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. APOLOGIES.
G. Butler.

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.
None.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the 4th December meeting were tabled, read and accepted as a true record.
Proposed: GA Seconded: LB

Matters Arising.

Leaking Bus Shelter Roof- Councillor Russell will inspect and remedy.
It was suggested that a bin be installed to prevent litter. It was thought that other bins around the village are not being utilised and consideration will be given to asking for one to be moved.
Bench opposite Crown has been dealt with.

a)Recreation Ground.

No action.

b) Isle of Wight Council.

Separate Report Provided.

c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

Unable to attend meeting.

d) Local Policing.

October-1 incident-Westcourt Close(Viol/Sexual)
November-1 incident-Main Road(Viol/Sexual)

December-2 incidents-Westcourt Close (1 Viol/Sexual & 1 Other Theft)

New Designated Neighbourhood police officer appointed for West Wight-Liz Clapp
email: liz.clapp@hampshire.police.uk
phone:07974049899

e) Clerk's Report.

1) NHS posters on Notice Boards-Keeping well in winter.
2) Details of new Living Well & Early Advice Service added to website,
3) Speedwatch Camera purchased and handed over.
4) Defib checked and details updated.
5) Wolverton Folk & Blues -Sat 11th May 11.30-8.00-Proceeeds for Brighstone Primary School.
6) Front Garden Competition- This has not taken place for last 2 years. Chairman will approach Brighstone Hort. Soc to enquire if they have anyone who would be prepared to act as Judge.
7)) Complaint received about damage to verges caused mainly by cauliflower-picking vehicles. Councillor Critchison will follow up.

All other items appear under separate headings.

f) Highways Report.

Fine Lane-Overgrown verge at the top of the lane preventing water from running into drain and causing pooling lower down-to be actioned by Island Roads.

6. Planning.

Previous application Thorold Russell Rd-approved.
Permissions for Limes opposite St Peters Church to be re-pollarded.
Permission for Wild Cherry on The Green to have Cown lifted.
New application -Cheverton Chalk & Gravel, Cheverton Shute-Proposed winning & working of minerals & restoration of land.
Additional area required as existing site has only 2 years usage. It was considered important to maintain this site to avoid the need to bring necessary materials over to the Island, but that the working must be fully compliant with the Island Roads drainage requirements.
A complaint had been received about what was considered illegal dumping of inert waste on the site. Councillor Critchison is happy to follow this up on behalf of the complainant.

Pre-application details for Sandy Lane Holiday Resort.
This was discussed, and it was agreed that the Agents be contacted to attend a future meeting to specify their requirements. This would be on the basis that the meeting would be for information purposes only, and that formal written response would be submitted later after full discussion.

Sandy Way Methodist Chapel- It appears that planning requirements with regard to windows and adjoining land have been amended, and a response will be submitted after consideration by the councillors.

7. Finance.

The balance of the account at 31st January was £28106.56.
A request for VAT reclaim of £340.55 has been submitted.

Items to be approved for payment.

IWALC-Annual sub	£164.52
Clerk's Wages -Dec/Jan	
24.5 hours	£208.23
HMRC-Tax Ded	£ 52.20

Cheques Issued

001908	IWALC	£164.52
001909	M Davies	£208.23
001910	HMRC	£ 52.20

Proposed PT Seconded GA

An estimation of the financial situation at 31st March 2024 has been circulated.
This should leave funds in excess of £26,000, although there are outstanding liabilites in connection with tree work in The Dell/Road Closure & Crane Hire & Bridge Design/Removal/Replacement.
It was considered that bridge re-building costs could be funded by a combination of Precept/Long term loan and specific fund raising /donations/sponsorship.
Basic annual costs covering Rec.Ground/Clerk/Dog Bins/Insurance etc should be between £7/£8,000.
After careful consideration it was agreed by all members to request an increase in the Precept of 10%,

8. Parish Record Book.

J. Russell

9. Footbridge.

An initial indication of structural engineering design costs has been provided at £2500 plus VAT.
It was agreed to proceed with this as the next stage in the process.
IWC had previously agreed to cover half of structural survey which was originally believed to cost £10K, and contact will be made to enquire whether they can still provide this contribution to the amended process.
It is still not known officially who owns the land on the opposite side of the road.

10. The Dell.

Still awaiting visit from IWC Tree Officer.

11. Cemetery.

A work party hopes to clear sufficient area to provide for additional space for new graves.

12. Notice Boards.

No update.

13. Consider Future Winter Resilience Plan.

Some work has been done, but the publication of the IWC Flood Report is awaited to provide further information.

14. Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 4th March in the Village Hall at 7:30.
The meeting was closed at 9.15 and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Cllr Claire Critchison, IW Council representative for Chale, Niton, Shorwell and Whitwell - January 2024 update

Email: Claire.critchison@iow.gov.uk Tel: 07855022429
Road closure updates and general information notices www.facebook.com/clairechalenitonshorwell

Cllr community catch up/surgery sessions
Niton: Wednesday 28th February 10.30 -11.30 am, Niton Exchange
Shorwell: Friday 8th March 10.30 – 11.30am, The Crown

Happy New Year
The last few months have seen some very intense weather. As the winter continues please make sure you are prepared for further extremes of weather including rain, wind and ice. If you need assistance or advice please get in touch with me or the IW Council Cost of Living page includes links to welcome spaces, heating support, health advice and much more. **www.iow.gov.uk/keep-the-island-safe/cost-of-living/**

Flooded roads
I have requested drainage clearance and Island Roads are liaising with landowners to identify areas where improvements, extra drainage and storm ditches can be installed. I have asked for several areas continually affected by flooding, to be investigated including – Bowcombe Road and Emmet Hill.

Military Road
There is a contractual obligation in the PFI to repair the areas at Brook and work on potential solutions to the issues continues. Regarding a re-route, landowners have been contacted and discussions were continuing. Dept. for Transport funding would be required for any new road to be built.
There are several public meetings being held in the coming weeks.
Sunday 11th Feb at Seely Hall, Brook
Sunday 18th Feb Wilberforce Hall, Brighstone

Warmer homes scheme
Eligible residents can now get free upgrades to make their homes more energy efficient. Energy saving measures could include solar panels, solid wall insulation and air source heat pumps which can cost thousands to install can be installed for free. Apply now by visiting the Warmer Homes website www.warmerhomes.org.uk/apply or calling the freephone number 0800 038 5737. retrofit@warmerhomes.org.uk