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 4th March 2024

Present

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K. Cram	Parish Councillor & Chairman
G. Butler	Parish Councillor
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

9 members of the public.

1. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. APOLOGIES.

None

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.

D. Russell-Westcourt Planning application..

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4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the 5th February meeting were tabled, read and accepted as a true record.
Proposed: GA Seconded: PT

Matters Arising.

Leaking Bus Shelter Roof- No developments.

Front Garden Competition- Volunteers have been obtained from Brighstone Hort. Soc. to act as judges, and the gardens will be assessed in June & Sep.
Details to be submitted in The Newsletter.

PLANNERS - SANDY LANE HOLIDAY RESORT.

Chris Brooks, the Project Manager, and Andrew White, the Planning Agent, were in attendance to provide additional information on the planning application to amend and upgrade the former Atherfield Bay Holiday Camp.

The application will include:
Upgrade in power supply to include Kitchen, 10 car charging points & hot tubs.
New entry barrier and new water tanks.
Moving the Spa area to the Pool. Amended Club House & Reception area.
Playground for young children.
New maintenance area.
2 Padel courts with floodlights.
2 Outdoor table tennis areas, crazy golf & Boules.

Questions were asked about Foul Water Drainage & Dark Skies issues.
The concerns about light spill from glazing and lighting have not yet been resolved, although there is now a proposal to instal black- out blinds in the chalets.
There was a question on holiday occupation versus letting chalets for personal occupation which was outside the remit of the project mamager.
Floodlighting of the Padel Courts was raised as a concern, and it was suggested that site should actively promote dark skies and astronomy to potential customers.
The site will potentially function as a community hub for use of Spa/Padel Court etc, and a major boost for the local economy is anticipated.
Changes in the road signs around the entry and exit will be considered for safety.
Chris & Andrew were thanked for their attendance, and the parish council will provide a written response when this has been agreed by the councillors.

a)Recreation Ground.

No action.

b) Isle of Wight Council.

Funding for the additional evening bus service will continue.

A complaint was made to Island Roads about road closures at Rookley & Chillerton which took place at the same time and caused travel issues.

Some damaged verges will be re-seeded and the timing of local hedge cutting will be ascertained.

c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

No update.

d) Local Policing.

Jan-4 incidents:
1 New Barn Lane, 1 Walkers Lane, 1 New Barn Lane -all Violence/Sexual
1 Muggleton Lane (Theft)

New dates advertised for PCSO meetings at Village Shop.

e) Clerk's Report.

1) Precept Request advised to IWC & Ack.
2) Contact from IW Red Squirrel Forum to resurrect Tree Warden Scheme.
3) Biosphere Festival 29/30 June.

All other items appear under separate headings.

f) Highways Report.

No new reports.

6. Planning.

Previous application for Pond Cottage, Kingston Road-Retention of slate roofing-has been granted permission.

New applications:
Wescourt Farm- Demolition of Stables & creation of single storey holiday accomodation with 2 parking places. Measures have been taken, in conjunction with planners, to reduce light spillage, and accomodation will be situated well away from the listed farmhouse.
No objections.

Land at Haslett Farm-Quarry for extraction of sand.
Proposal to move to a new parcel of land within existing site. To be limited usage as per existing site, and no previous complaints about noise or dust.
No objections although it was suggested that the working hours be limited to daytime activity only.

7. Finance.

The balance of the account at 29th Feb. was £28,186.68 after receipt of VAT paid refund of £340.55 .

Items to be approved for payment.

Newsletter Donation	£ 100.00	
Bridge Design	£3000.00	VAT £500.00
Maint Rec	£ 108.00	
Clerk's Wages -Feb 19.92hours	£169.51	
HMRC-Tax Ded	£ 42.20	
Admin Exp Nov-Feb	£ 13.45	
Work to date on new signs	£ 65.00	

Cheques Issued

001911	The Newsletter	£ 100.00
001912	PTR Consulting.	£3000.00

001913	D. McGeoch	£ 108.00
001914	M Davies	£ 169.51
001915	HMRC	£ 42.20
001916	M Davies	£ 13.45
001907	S. Dickens	£ 65.00

Proposed GB Seconded DR

8. Parish Record Book.

Paddy Hodgson.

9. Footbridge.

The Structural Engineering Design has been completed and circulated.
DMR Engineering have been contacted to provide an estimate for fabrication costs based on the design information.
It appears that The MidSummer Fair Committee has started a Shorwell Bridge Fund, and consideration will need to be given to other fund raising ideas in due course.

10. The Dell.

Still awaiting report from IWC Tree Officer, although it has been suggested that T1 is removed and reported separately.
ARB who provided a previous arborical report have been contacted to re-visit.

11. Cemetery.

Some additional area has been created to provide space for new graves.
The Vicar has been contacted to investigate the present situation and anticipated future needs.

12. Notice Boards.

Sign details have been circulated with additional wording to cover the permissive paths.
Previous estimates for design and construction of signs were approx £300, and it was agreed that Councillor Alldred would obtain updated details and costing for replacements.

13. Consider Future Winter Resilience Plan.

Some work including a list of emergency contacts and phone numbers has been done, but the publication of the IWC Flood Report is awaited to provide further information.

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14. Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 2nd April in the Village Hall at 7:30.
The meeting was closed at 8.55 and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.