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 June 2023

Present

K. Cram	Parish Councillor & Chairman
G. Alldred	Parish Councillor & Vice Chairman
P.Turner	Parish Councillor
D. Russell	Parish Councillor
M. Davies	Clerk.

8 members of the public.

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

2. APOLOGIES.
G. Butler(Hols) C. Critchison
D.Rimmer has not attended the last 6 meetings which means he would normally cease automatically to be a member of the Council.
In view of his personal circumstances it was agreed that the Clerk would attempt to contact him.

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.
D. Russell-Planning application for Westcourt Farm.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the 5th June meeting were tabled, read and accepted as a true record.
Proposed: P. Turner. Seconded: G. Alldred.

Matters Arising.
None

5. REPORTS.

a)Recreation Ground.

The annual safety inspection has taken place and a number of issues need to be addressed.
The potential handyman is away, and will be contacted to discuss the list of outstanding items, which it is hoped can be addressed before the next meeting.

b) Isle of Wight Council.

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

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Cllr community catch up/surgery sessions 2023
Chale: Saturday 15th July 10.30 – 11.30am, Village Hall
Niton: Wednesday 19th July 10.30 – 11.30am, Niton Exchange
Shorwell: Friday 29th September 10.30-11.30am, The Crown
Whitwell: Monday 2nd October 10.30 – 11.30am, Whitwell Church
No August surgeries due to school holidays

Police Speed Enforcement
Operation Golden Mile speed enforcement includes 15 roads per month.
I have notified the Police of Sandy Way and Farriers Way as areas requiring the attendance of mobile police cameras and that Road Traffic police visibility in the village would be appreciated.

Bus services and meeting with FYT
I welcome the proposal for an evening service from September on the No. 12 that will enable residents to catch the bus to Newport early evening and return late at night.

I have had a meeting with the organiser of the FYT bus and will be looking at options for organising special outings or shopping trip days for residents. If you would be interested in this opportunity or would like to be a volunteer driver for these trips, please get in touch.

Bus at Chilton Chine
There have been discussions with IW Pearl, who own the parking area and the double decker bus that was parked there has now moved.

Chilton Chine
Following a report of the metal railings at Chilton Chine being loose, I have enquired with Rights of Way about their repair, and the access is a scheme in their 23/24 capital programme. They will check to see if an immediate repair is required ahead of the scheme.

Shorwell Midsummer Fair
I would like to thank the organisers of the fair for putting on a superb family event. It was a wonderful day and great to see the traditional village fair continue and I hope it will continue for another 60 years.

Carriageway crack sealing
Reminder that Island Roads will be carrying out carriageway crack sealing works on various roads across the Island. The programme commences on 3 July, with completion expected by end of July. Due to the very short duration of the works per site, they will be using 15-minute delay boards where necessary to minimise disruption.

Report attached.

c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

A meeting of local parishes has taken place on the potential Dark Skies Park, and it was agreed to support the proposal on the understanding that appropriate planning controls are put in place when the new Draft Island Plan is finalized.
Under the Environment Act 2021 there will be a Biodiversity duty built in when new policies are considered. Although the PC will have to consider this, it will be exempt from compiling a report.

d) Local Policing.

Figures not updated since April.

e) Clerk's Report.

1) The condition of a number of local footpaths was raised with Byways, and some maintenance has already been carried out.
2) Some local verges have become overgrown and dangerous to road users, and these have been reported.

All other items appear under separate headings.

f) Highways Report.

No new reports

6. Planning.
Previous application 23/00663/HOU -Ranham, Fine Lane-Side extension, has been approved.
New application Westcourt Farm(23/01051/6PA) -Agricultural prior notification for Proposed Steel Barn.
There were no objections to this proposed development.
The stabilization of the Military Rd application(20/01281/FUL) was discussed, although officially under Brighstone Parish.
The National Trust has agreed use of their land for re-siting a stretch of road.
This road is considered vital for both the local area and the tourist industry on the Island and the parish council will support any realistic long term plans to stabilize this area.

7. Finance.

The balance of the account at 30 June was £33,887.53.

Items to be approved for payment.

Clerk's Wages-Jun		
17 hours		£138.97
HMRC-Tax Ded		£ 34.60
Cheques Issued		
001875	M Davies	£138.97
001876	HMRC	£ 34.60

Proposed G. Alldred-Seconded P. Turner.

8. Parish Record Book.

Tony West to be included.
The upkeep of these record has fallen into arrears and the Clerk will check the present position, and, if necessary,add a note to the Newsletter asking for help.

9. Footbridge.

The Clerk has contacted an online support facility which can match up particular requirements for surveying and planning with the most appropriate organisations, and a reply is awaited.
Two local companies have been asked to provide estimates for demolishing the structure so that the PC can have figures on which to base any future decisions.

10. The Dell.

A further meeting has taken place with the provider of the most competitive quote, who will seek approval for the required work from IWC and approach Island Roads for road closure permission.
A local resident will clear and remove any felled timber, and a nominal figure will be agreed based on the time and difficulty in removing.
The previously set up Tree Management Plan was raised, and it was agreed that a regular inspection should be carried out as part of the duty of care to spot any obvious and urgent dangers. Councillor Cram agreed to undertake these regular visits.
A copy of the Management Plan will be re-sent to all members

11. Climate Matters.

Meeting awaited.

12. Cemetery.

No response and to be re-advertised.

13. Notice Boards

To be chased up.

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14. Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 4th September in the Village Hall at 7:30.

A query was raised about the triangle at the end of New Barn Lane, where large tractors are having difficulty in using the correct exit onto the main road and having to use the entry road which has worse visibility.
A remedy would be to reduce the size of the triangle to allow farm vehicles more turning space, and the Clerk will follow this up.

There being no further questions the meeting was closed at 8.35.
The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.