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 September 2023

Present

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K. Cram	Parish Councillor & Chairman
G. Butler	Parish Councillor
D. Russell	Parish Councillor
M. Davies	Clerk.

3 members of the public.

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

2. APOLOGIES.
P. Turner, G. Alldred & C. Critchison

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.
None.
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4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the 3rd July meeting were tabled, read and accepted as a true record.
Proposed D. Russell. Seconded K. Cram

Matters Arising.
David Rimmer has not attended the last 6 meetings, and has not provided an apology or asked for an extension of time. This means that his position is forfeited and his seat on the Parish Council is declared vacant. This was confirmed by all the members who were present.
The Clerk will now publish an official notice of vacancy, allowing 10 local electors a period of 14 working days to request a by election.
After this has elapsed, the process of co-opting a new member can commence.

5. REPORTS.

a)Recreation Ground.

Thanks to Councillor Turner who has supervised the ongoing programme of maintenance, repair and improvement, along with Steve Tanner who has been the local"handyman".
Work has been carried out to the equipment, including new rubber matting and turves, anti bird

fouling and new fireman's pole. All equipment has been weather proofed and the goal posts repainted.
There was a recent overflow of sewerage from a blocked drain which was cleared by Southern Water. The damaged drain cover and surround is being repaired.
The willow hedge along the main entrance will be cut back by Councillor Russell.

b) Isle of Wight Council.

No report provided.

c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

No report provided.

d) Local Policing.

May -4 incidents.
2 Corve Hill (Public Order
1 New Barn Lane (Viol/Sexual)
1 Northcourt Close (ASB)
June-2 incidents
1 New Barn Lane, 1 Westcourt Close(Viol/Sexual)

e) Clerk's Report.

1) A complaint from a local resident about an overgrown section of the Kingston Road has been resolved.
2) A complaint has been received that the bench by the bus stop opposite the Crown is no longer useable, and needs repair/replacement. More local residents are using the bus to the Brighstone shop for the post office facilities and newspapers, and the Chairman will look into this matter to see what can be done.
3) Minimum hourly rate for Clerk's is now £10.63.
4) An invite has been received to Best Kept Village event on 27/9 in Whitwell at 7:30.
5) New dates have been published for the local beat surgeries in the village shop.
6) There is a backlog with the research for the Parish Record Book, dating back to Covid. D. Lumley has confirmed he is happy to continue with this task, although an advert will have to be placed in due course to find a replacement for the lady who previously wrote up the entries.
7) A Defibrillator status check has been carried out for the village hall equipment.

All other items appear under separate headings.

f) Highways Report.

No new reports.
The previous report submitted to request changes to the exit from New Barn Lane has been acknowledged, and this has been added to the list of works up for future consideration.

6. Planning.

No new applications.

Comments have been submitted for the proposed Lighting Scheme for the Brighstone Holiday Camp.
There were no objections to work on 3 trees in Eden House., Main Road.
There were no objections to a single storey rear extension for Moor House, Orchard Way.
Prior approval has been granted for a proposed steel barn for Westcourt Farm.

7. Finance.

The balance of the account at 31st August was £32,737.44.

Items to be approved for payment.

Rec Maint-June	£130.00	
Rubber Matting-Rec	£ 70.00	
Top soil/Turves-Rec	£ 91.80	VAT £15.30
Labour Rec(30 hours)	£600.00	
Materials/Paint etc-Rec	£284.72	VAT £47.45
Dog Bins(Apr-Sep)	£168.96	VAT £28.16
Clerk's Wages-July(17.5 hours)	£148.83	
Clerk's Wages Aug (12h 40m)	£107.58	
HMRC-Tax Ded-July	£ 37.20	
HMRC-Tax Ded-Aug	£ 27.00	
Rec Maint-July	£260.00	

Cheques Issued

001877	D. McGeoch	£130.00
001878	D. Roberts	£ 70.00
001879	R J Cook Ltd	£ 91.80
001880	S Tanner	£200.00
001881	S Tanner	£200.00
001882	W Hurst & Sons	£284.72
001883	S Tanner	£200.00
001884	Ringway Island Roads	£168.96
001885	M Davies	£256.41
001886	HMRC	£ 64.20
001887	D. Mcgeoch	£260.00

Proposed .D. Russell Seconded G. Butler,

8. Parish Record Book.

EJR Eades.(known as Dick-Serendip, Fine Lane)
S. Wren 1 Northcourt Close
Mrs R Watkins Kelly Bray Farriers Way.

9. Footbridge.

An initial meeting has taken place with a local company who can design and construct a replacement bridge.
This will need to be explored further when all councilors are available.

10. The Dell.
The new contractor has been forwarded previous approval for tree felling, and is awaiting confirmation of road closure for the work to be undertaken.

11. Climate Matters.

Meeting awaited.

12. Cemetery.

No response to further advert.

13. Notice Boards.

Being followed up
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14. Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 2nd October in the Village Hall at 7:30.

There being no further questions the meeting was closed at 8.05.The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.