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 6th November2023

Present

K. Cram	Parish Councillor & Chairman
G. Butler	Parish Councillor
D. Russell	Parish Councillor
G. Alldred	Parish Councillor & Vice Chairman
C. Critchison	IW Councillor
M. Davies	Clerk.

21 members of the public.

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

2. APOLOGIES.
P Turner(unwell)

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

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the 2nd October meeting were tabled, read and accepted as a true record.
Proposed . G. Alldred Seconded: G. Butler

Matters Arising. None

INFORMAL CONSULTATION BY ZHANA VINCENT-NETWORK IMPROVEMENT OFFICER.

This was to make the Parish Council aware of proposed Traffic Regulation Orders in the area, prior to the public consultation.

Areas under discussion were:
1) No waiting at any time parking restrictions around the roundabout by the Crown.
There was a general view that parking in this area had not been an issue in the past,and that only official cars for weddings or funerals at the Church had ever parked there.
2) Military Road near Chine Lane-to prevent verge parking to stop damage & improve visibility.
A response will be submitted after consideration by the parish councillors.

CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL.

It was agreed by all members that Lisa Beaney be co-opted, and she was invited to join the other councillors.

5. REPORTS.

a)Recreation Ground.

Majority of work now carried out, but adjustments still necessary to zip wire stop & height of swinging basket.

Councillor Russell has cleared the ditch and cut back the willow beside the entrance.

b) Isle of Wight Council.

See attached.

c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.
No meeting.

d) Local Policing.

August-1 incident -Russell Road(Theft from the person
Sep. - 4 incidents-Westcourt Close 3(2 Viol/Sex & 1 Other Theft)
-Paddock Close 1 (viol/Sex)

e) Clerk's Report.

1) The expired defibrillator pads have been replaced.
2) Enquiry received about former Yafford Mill museum & artefacts.
3) Complaint re flats in Fine Lane-Bins being left out indefinitely. Southern Housing contacted & note to be put in Newsletter.
4) Issues re local flooding & water from Recreation Ground.
5) Information from Cruse Bereavement Support-added to website.

All other items appear under separate headings.

f) Highways Report.

6. Planning.
The LDC for Brighstone Holiday Centre(Continued use of Caravan Site), discussed at the last meeting has been approved by IWC, but has incorporated the issues raised by Brighstone & Shorwell PCs.
The application covering proposed stabilisation on the Military Road has been refused.
New application(23/01791/FUL) Shorwell Methodist Chapel-Alterations to convert to residential accomodation, with additional accomodation in roof space & new timber utility extension.
There was no objection to the conversion in principle, as the building is not required for any other local purpose. There are concerns about the parking and visibility for exiting the driveway, and proposed velux & dormer windows may not be compliant with local Dark Skies Policy. There was also a concern about the proposed side garden area and retention of hedging.
A detailed report will be submitted to Planning.

7. Finance.

The balance of the account at 31st October was £30,959.26

Items to be approved for payment.

Rec Maint-Sep	£320.00	
Annual Sub WWT&PC	£ 64.00	
Annual Web site maintenance fee	£ 39.95	VAT £6.65
Admin exp Apr-Oct	£ 20.42	
Clerk's Wages Oct	£164.48	

HMRC-Tax Ded	£ 41.00	
Bridge Survey	£1800.0	VAT £300

Cheques Issued

001894	D. McGeoch	£320.00
001895	WWT&PC Assn	£ 64.00
001896	Spanglefish	£ 39.95
001897	M Davies	£ 20.42
001898	M Davies	£ 164.48
001899	HMRC	£ 41.00
001900	PTR CE Ltd	£1800.00

Proposed .G. Alldred Seconded G. Butler

8. Parish Record Book.

A list of outstanding entries has been produced and is being worked on.
A new email has been set up to receive information: shorwellpr@gmail.com. and a note will be placed on the website to encourage contact from family members, friends etc.

9. Footbridge.

The digital topograhical survey has now been completed, and options will be reviewed at the next meeting.

10. The Dell.

The application for permission to deal with a total of 13 trees in the Dell has been submitted to IWC, who have requested additional information.

11. Cemetery.

No progress, although removal of shrubs may be sufficient to create additional burial space.

12. Notice Boards.

Draft designs have been prepared for review.

13. Date of Next Meeting.

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

Problems were caused by a blocked ditch in Stone Place Cottage, and the gardener will be contacted to see whether this can be remedied.
The bench opposite The Crown was again discussed to see whether it can be slightly re-sited/rebuilt.
It was mentioned that the Bus Sheler, which is the responsibilty of the PC, was leaking and it will be looked at to see what is necessary to fix it.
It was agreed to purchase a Christmas Tree and Councillor Russell will arrange.
There being no further questions the meeting was closed at 9.10.The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

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

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Road closure updates and general information notices www.facebook.com/clairechalenitonshorwell

Cllr community catch up/surgery sessions 2023

Niton: Wednesday 6th December 10.30- 11.30 am, Niton Exchange
Chale: Saturday 18th November 10.30 – 11.30am at the village hall
Shorwell: Friday 10th November 10.30 – 11.30am at the Crown Inn

Military Road

It has been suggested that a Task and Finish Group is established within the IW Council. Calling on the expertise of all implicated stakeholders to develop a forward strategy on the future of the A3055 coastal road from Ventnor to Freshwater Bay.
This would enable that in the event there is a sudden catastrophic failure, there is a plan on how to deal with the impact.

Bowcombe Road

Following the closure of the road due to flooding last week. I will ask Highways authority and Island Roads to detail any works that have been completed in the past and to look into what can be done, if anything to improve the drainage for the future.

Winter resilience plan

I am advising all Parish Councils to consider having a local plan for dealing with flooding, ice, water shortages, power outages etc. This can include having a storage of sandbags, grit and emergency contacts for people affected.

Advice on disposing of used sandbags is available on council website and they are awaiting further details of financial relief for businesses affected by flooding.