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 Parish Hall at 19.30 Monday 4th November 2024

Present

K. Cram	Parish Councillor & Chairman
L. Beaney	Parish Councillor
D. Russell	Parish Councillor
G. Alldred	Parish Councillor & Vice Chairman.
M Davies	Clerk

1 member of the public.

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

2. APOLOGIES.

P Turner & G. Butler.

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.
None

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the 11th October meeting were tabled, read and accepted as a true record.
Proposed: LB Seconded: GC

Matters Arising.

a) Recreation Ground.

Ditch by entrance requires clearance before winter. Also blocked at present by neighbour's fence which is to be repaired.
List of outstanding maintenance items has been prepared and will be followed up.

b) Isle of Wight Council.

Report attached.

c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

Unable to attend meeting.

d) Local Policing.

September: No incidents reported.

e) Clerk's Report.

1) Asked to publicise loan scheme for Blood Pressure Monitors-note added to website and notice boards.
2) Financial Statement produced for members to provide information for decision on Footbridge loan.

3) Bank advised that account to be re-named Community Account from Jan 2025.

All other items appear under separate headings.

f) Highways Report.

Overgrown bank at top of Fine Lane reported again-Rainwater not able to run into drain-action promised.

6. Planning.

Previous Applications-Permission granted.
Cheverton Chalk & Gravel-Winning & Working Minerals & restoration of land.
Longhill, Sandy Way-Log Cabin as ancillary accomodation.

New Application: Summers, Atherfield Road-Detached garage with office/Close Vehicle Access/ New access with hard standing.
Some of the objections to previous application have been addressed-size and position of garage. It was considered that a condition be attached to prevent the roof space of the proposed garage being converted to living accomodation.

Brighstone Holiday Centre has appealed against the previous LDC which restricted usage to only part of the area.
It was agreed that Shorwell & Brighstone PCs would write to support the actions of IWC Planning to only allow partial usage and oppose the Centre in their request for full usage.

7. Finance.

The balance of the account at 31st October was £28,782.93 before receipt of £500 from Mid Summer Fair. A claim for refund of VAT paid of £1055.87 has been received and a further amount of £326.32 due to be claimed.

Items to be approved for payment.

Web site annual fee	£ 39.95	VAT £6.65
Clerk's Wages -Oct	£ 184.46	
HMRC-Tax Ded	£ 46.20	
Maint Rec(Oct)	£ 390.00	

Cheques Issued

001957	Spanglefish	£ 39.95
001958	M Davies	£ 184.46
001959	HMRC	£ 46.20
001960	D Mcgeoch	£ 390.00

Proposed DR Seconded GA

The prosed loan to finance the footbridge was discussed following the financial information that had been circulated.
It was agreed by all present that an initial loan of £40,000 be applied for, although only £30,000 might need to be eventually drawn down.
This was to be a fixed rate over a 10 year term, with early repayments to be made where possible from any grants available or fund raising.

8. Parish Record Book.

John Morris.

9. Footbridge.

The planning application has now been submitted-24/01552/FUL.
A meeting was arranged at the contractor's premises attended by the Chairman, P Turner & the Clerk, when the proposed plans were clarified and demonstrated, and a tour of the substantial works was provided.

10. The Dell.

No update.

11. Cemetery.

Ongoing work to create additional space.

12. Notice Boards.

No further action.

13 Consider Future Winter Resilience Plan.

No updates.

14. Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 2nd December in the Parish Hall at 7.30.

Any Other Business.
None.

The meeting was closed at 8.15 and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.