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 Friday 11th October2024

Present

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K. Cram	Parish Councillor & Chairman
L. Beaney	Parish Councillor
P. Turner	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.

G. Butler, D. Russell, C. Critchison.

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.

G.A. declared a non pecuniary interest in the new planning application which is for his brother.

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4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the 2nd September meeting were tabled, read and accepted as a true record.
Proposed: LB Seconded: PT

Matters Arising.

The proposed Solent CO2 pipeline has been withdrawn due to lack of funding at present.

REPORTS.

a) Recreation Ground.

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Ditch by entrance requires clearance before winter.
Some maintenance has been carried out and a snagging list will be provided to cover the remainder.

b) Isle of Wight Council.

Attached.

c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

Recent activities taken up with CO2 pipeline and School closure consultation.

d) Local Policing.

July- 7 incidents.
Main Road 1 (Viol/Sexual) Crown Bus Shelter 2 (1 ASB 1 Viol/sexual) Starks Close 4 (3 Viol/Sexual 1 Other)
August -2 incidents
Starks Close(2 Viol/Sexual)

e) Clerk's Report.

1) Complaints re Flooding at Bowcombe Rd. Reported & I Roads to remedy.
2) Initial contact made re road closure for bridge-Details of Indemnity insurance sent & traffic management plan & permission for cranes to be finalised.
3) Comments re CO2 pipeline submitted.
4) Letter from IWC re usage of Environment Officer. New rates: Daily £193, Half Day £96 and Hourly £26.
5) Enquiry made to National Lottery Heritage Fund re footbridge. Declined as they fund conservation rather than replacement.
6) Claim for repayment of VAT paid has been submitted.

All other items appear under separate headings.

f) Highways Report.

Water on road by Long Pond, Yafford reported. Landowner contacted by Island Roads.

6. Planning.

Previous Application-New Wolverton Farm House(24/01135/HOU) Detached Timber Garage/Carport.
Permission granted.
New Application: Stone Cottage, Kingston Road (24/01386/HOU) Single & 2 Storey Extensions & replace thatch with slate.
The work is necessary to update this old and badly maintained property into a modest home more adapted to modern living. The Councillors were happy with the work that is being proposed and had no adverse comments or objections.

7. Finance.

The balance of the account at 30th September was £38,201.59 before receipt of £500 from Mid Summer Fair. A claim for refund of VAT paid of £1363.87 being submitted.

Items to be approved for payment.

DMR 1st payment re Bridge	£5901.06	VAT £983.51
Woodside Tree Consultancy(Bridge)	£ 395.00	
Building Design Services(Bridge)	£1258.80	
Jewsons-Rec materials	£ 169.36	VAT £ 29.40
Hurst-Rec Materials	£ 39.38	VAT £ 6.56
Clerk's Wages -Sep	£ 165.23	
HMRC-Tax Ded	£ 41.20	
Maint Rec(Aug/Sep)	£ 390.00	
Rec Ground Rent (S.O)	£ 50.00	
Planning Application Fee	£ 216.50	
A. White Planning	£1848.00	VAT £308.00

Cheques Issued

001947	DMR	£5901.06
001948	A.J. Southcott	£ 395.00
001949	P Mitchell T/as BDS	£1258.80
001950	Jewson	£ 169.36
001951	W Hurst & Son	£ 39.38
001952	M Davies	£ 165.23
001953	HMRC	£ 41.20
001954	D Mcgeoch	£ 390.00
001955	M Davies(Already paid by Clerk)	£ 216.50
001956	A White P.C.Ltd	£1848.00

Proposed GA Seconded LB

8. Parish Record Book.
No entries.

9. Footbridge.

The proposed planning application has been circulated to all councillors and has now been submitted.
It was agreed to accept an estimate from Crown Park(£685) to assist with the road closure application and traffic management plan which will be necessary.
It is hoped that the end of January can be earmarked for the bridge & treework, to enable a potential grant to be obtained.
It was suggested that consideration should now be given to applying for a loan from the PWLB to finance the costs that cannot be met from the Parish Council's available funds, and the Clerk will prepare some figures to circulate to members.

10. The Dell.
An estimate for extra necessary work was agreed by all members.
Wood will now be left after felling,and a notice will be put in the Newsletter.

11. Cemetery.

Ongoing work to create additional space.

12. Notice Boards.

No further action.

13 Consider Future Winter Resilience Plan.

Flood Report now signed off by IWC, but Shorwell not mentioned due to small number of affected properties.
Local drains and gullies have been cleared and a note will be published to encourage locals to be aware of potential problems and to report them before they cause issues. A list of Emergency numbers will also be published and funding for any local issues might be possible from a scheme promoted by Southern Water.

14 School Place Planning.

6 Schools are now being considered for closure under a further consultation .
Brighstone has been granted 12 extra places for pupils with SENs which will help to protect it in the future.
A support letter will be agreed by the Parish Council and submitted in due course.

15. Date of Next Meeting.
Monday 4th November in the Village Hall at 7.30.

Any Other Business.

A member of the public has offered to install and maintain a planter adjacent to the bus shelter by The Crown.There were no objection to this, but it was suggested that it might be advisable to flag this up with Island Roads.
It was also suggested that the bus shelter(when roof repaired) could house a box or shelves to serve as a Book Exchange, for locals to deposit and take books.

The meeting was closed at 8.30 and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.