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 the Parish Hall at 19.30 Tuesday 5th May 2026

Present.

G. Alldred	Parish Councillor & Vice Chairman
K. Cram	Parish Councillor & Chairman
D.Street	Parish Councillor
V.Goodman	Parish Councillor
D, Russell	Parish Councillor
C. Critchison	IW Councillor

M Davies(Clerk).

3 members of the public.

1.Chairmans Opening Remarks.

The Chairman opened the meeting & welcomed everyone.

2.Apologies.

L. Beaney

3.Councillors Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items.

None.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting.

The Minutes of 7th April were tabled, read & accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising.

None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Keith Cram was re-elected as Chair, and Giles Alldred was re-elected as Vice Chair.

5.Reports.

- Recreation Ground.

  Glenn has repaired the shackels on the swings.

  Costs have been obtained for Zip Wire certified cable at £168, Trolley £235 & Seat & Chain assembly. A mini digger will be required to check the state of the posts, plus any fixings & cement.

  It was agreed by all present to press ahead with these repairs as soon as possible & ideally before the annual inspection takes place.

- .Isle of Wight Council.

  Several recent local road issues-Kingston Rd closed for 2 days for water pipe installation to private address. CCTV drainage works on Farriers Way will not require closure.Meeting will take place with Flood Officer at several local sites.

IWALC

Unable to attend meeting.

Local Policing.

Feb: No incidents.

- Clerks Report.

  1) Internal Auditor completed review of accounts, & information circulated to all members.

  2) Complaint of Dog on Rec-New sign to be obtained for Westcourt Close.

  3) Request from Rec Neighbour to have digger on Rec to deal with overgrown hedge.New rear fence being errected and a comment from a neighbour that a gate into the Rec will be included will be checked out.

  4) Details of Best Kept Village Comp.advertised -May-July. Presentation in Brighstone on 17th Sep.

  5) There is a query with the annual insurance premium relating to the condition of the footbridge, and further information is awaited.

- Other items are listed under separate headings.

- Highways Report.

  Farriers Way temp closure-CCTV Drainage investigation.

6.Planning.

Chine Lane, Yafford 26/00452CLEUD-continued use of former stables as residential.

Unable to offer evidence to contradict evidence submitted.

Atherfield Bay Holiday Camp-joint response with Brighstone PC in connection with amended Landscape Planning Submission- Requested removal of use of weedkiller/pesticides and use of Hawthorn/Blackthorn not Gorse.

A further report to be submitted in connection with their follow up to the Lighting issues, and their main lighting is now dark skies compliant.

7. Finance.

Balance of the account at 30 April £88,175.34, after receipt of Precept £20,328.00.

The Internal Auditor has approved the accounts and completed the Internal Audit Report.

The Accounting Statement was approved and completed by Chairman & Clerk.

The Annual Governance Statement was approved by all members and completed by Chairman & Clerk.

The Publication Requirements on the website will be completed in accordance with the guidelines.

As the turnover is over £25K as a result of the loan funds, further confirmation will now be required from an External Auditor which will be provided.

Items to be approved for payment.

Internal Auditor	£120.00
Clerks Wages-Apr	£193.74
Tax Ded-HMRC	£ 48.40
Maint Rec-April	£ 265.00

Cheques Issued.

002101	BR Townsend	£120.00
002102	M Davies	£193.74
002103	HMRC	£ 48.40
002104	D. McGeoch	£265.00

Approved DR. DS

8. Parish Record Book.

None

9 Footbridge.

The newly appointed ~~Surveyor~~ STRUCTURAL ENGINEER is awaiting official confirmation from his predecessor that he can now act.

10 The Dell.

Road closure and crane hire awaited.

11. Cemetery.

Some trees need to be cut back by the Lytch Gate.

The Church is now recognised under the Historic Churches Record, which may provide access to funds for repairs in due course.

12. Tree Warden.

Explored further footpaths and will remove an abandoned cycle.

Date of Next Meeting- Monday 1st June.

Any other Business.

A reminder of "NO MO MAY"

The meeting was closed at 8.20 and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.