

welcomed the prospect of the possible deployment of flashing “slow down” signs within the parish.

71/06-7 NEW FERRIES YARMOUTH-LYMINGTON ROUTE

In the absence of Cllr. Mrs Broadhead who had requested this agenda item the Chairman briefed members on the content of a letter (circulated) from a local resident which gave unbiased details of Wightlink’s new proposed ships for the route. After a brief debate the council agreed to support the provision of new ferries on the grounds that the continuation of the route was vital to the preservation of the local economy and an important strategic local transport amenity.

72/07-8 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE IOW EDUCATION SYSTEM.

Members debated at length the proposed changes to the Islands education system noting the content of a recent published letter from Andrew Turner MP and the informed opinion of two members as experienced teachers. The possible side effects of such changes on the Shafleet & Yarmouth Primary schools and connected issues such as parking and road safety was raised by the Vice Chairman. At the conclusion of the debate the following policy resolution was proposed and passed.

RESOLUTION:

This council supports a two tier education system that encompasses children aged 11-18 years of age.

Proposed: Cllr. Mrs. Runnette

Seconded: Cllr. Carr.

Passed.

73/07-8 CLERKS REPORT

- a) Finance: the following list of payments (prior circulated) was approved, £19.06
Brighstone Landscaping, £52.88 IW Beacon, £110 4 All Pest Control, £91
SLCC, £30.48 J. Whitney expenses Clerks salary, £334.38 Audit Commission.

RESOLUTION: Proposed: Cllr Carr. Seconded: Vice-Chairman passed.

- b) Administration.

Audit. The Clerk advised that final clearance of the 2006-7 accounts has been received from the Audit Commission and all statutory advertising requirements have been complied with. The huge (over 200%) increase in audit fees was explained as being due to the increased grants received by the council during the 2006-7 fiscal year.

Community Chest The Clerk advised members on details of a further IWC Parish funding source and requested permission to make a bid for the maximum possible for quality councils (£2500) Cllr Carr agreed to lead a project should it be successful .

Other minor admin items were discussed.

74/07-8 CORRESPONDENCE

Items in the correspondence file were listed.

75/07-8 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING.

The following applications were discussed and recommendations made:

P/02791/07 Land adjacent to Snowball Cottage, Clay Lane Newbridge-erection of oak fronted barn as an implement store. *Shalfleet Parish Council has no objection.*

P/027741/07 SW Housing Malthouse Green Newbridge-residential parking area- *Shalfleet Parish Council has no objection.*

P/0281/07 Downs Cottage Thorley Road-extensions and alterations. *Shalfleet Parish Council has no objection but would prefer to see the proposed zinc cladding replaced by a more sympathetic colour.*

Planning results

The following results were noted.

Refused- outline permission for bungalow at Springhill, Main Road Newbridge.

Passed-Glenrae, Main Road Wellow.

76/07-8 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Vice-Chairman advised members that Shalfleet Parish Church has just received a large legacy which could influence future issues regarding the future of the Shalfleet Hall.

Cllr Mrs Runnette advised the recent bulb planting initiative had been extended to the Shalfleet School and circulated a letter of appreciation from the pupils.

Cllr.Carr advised the council's special sign at Adams Brook was partially obscured by new safety railings erected by the IWC. Mr Carr also expressed his concern at the tidal encroachment that currently is effecting footpaths S3 and S9. Concluding his report Cllr Carr mentioned that fluoride treatment of the Island's water supply would shortly come under consideration.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS AND AFTER PUBLIC QUESTIONS THE COUNCIL ROSE AT 2050 hrs.

Signed as a true record.....Chairman.

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