

SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Shalfleet Parish Council held in the Shalfleet CE Primary School on Wednesday 14th November 2007 at 1915 hrs.

Present; Cllr. C. Hedgley Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. B. Baxandall Vice-Chairman.

Councillors Mrs. P. Broadhead, W.Burt.CC (1935), M. Carr, Mrs. R. Runnette.

In attendance; J.A.H.Whitney Clerk & RFO.

There were 5 members of the public present.

Before the formal council sitting commenced the Chairman welcomed the public and explained that a formal request had been received for a member of the public to speak regarding agenda item 5. (SPC SO 15 refers)

Cllr Hedgley also advised that The Clerk had recently been nominated and narrowly defeated in an election for the National Presidency of the Society of Local Council Clerks.

56/07-8 APOLOGIES

Full attendance.

57/07-8 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations at this point.

58/07-8 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION

The minutes of the previous meeting having been prior circulated were confirmed and the Chairman was authorized to sign them as a true record.

59/07-8 MATTERS ARISING NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

The Clerk advised that two large circular drainage structures that had been occupying the western end of Ningwood Green had now been removed.

60/07-8 SHALFLEET HALL - FUTURE SUPPORT.

Mrs. Janet Carr an elector of the Civil Parish spoke for 12 minutes regarding the Shalfleet Hall and its upgrading project.

Cllrs Hedgley & Carr declared personal interests, The Chairman gave a brief history of the project and progress to date, a lengthy debate then followed with strong opinions being expressed and consideration being given to the requirements of the LPA, County Archaeologist, time scales to complete and financial viability of the project if it is restricted in size of extension.

RESOLUTION

That the Parish Council continues to support the work of the Steering Committee in furthering the improvements to the Shalfleet Hall firstly the kitchen & toilets then in the future extension of the Hall.

Proposed: Cllr Hedgley.

Seconded Cllr Carr,

Failed 3-2

61/07-8 CAROL SINGING AT NEWBRIDGE

The Chairman advised that he had been approached by a Newbridge resident asking the Parish Council to support carol singing at Newbridge with a view to raising funds for “special” name signs at each end of the village.. The event would be attended by Pastor Jenny Yates of Wellow Baptist Church and refreshments will be provided at the Newbridge Social Club. The event is scheduled to take place on Monday 17th December at 7 pm. The Council agreed to support the event and work in partnership to provide the signs and eventually consider extending such provision to other villages within the civil parish as a future project.

62/07-8 ONE MILLION BLOOMS-GIFT OF BULBS

The Clerk advised that Shalfleet PC and Calbourne PC have received a gift of daffodil bulbs donated from the publishers of *Village News* to provide a floral tribute to the fallen of the two parishes, Mr Whitney went on to advise that two communications had been received from local residents expressing concern regarding potential planting sites and critical of the bulbs not being of a wildflower type. A letter was read out and mention was made of an email addressed to the Chairmen of the two parishes. The Clerk advised that bulbs planting in Shalfleet civil parish would be restricted to areas actually owned by the council. Members of the council were divided in opinion regarding the advisability of using domestic bulbs and whether wild flower bulbs and stock could be readily found or legally used. One member felt that the critics had lost sight of the fact that these bulbs had been freely donated in a worthy tribute and the Chairman thought the complaint was mean spirited.

The Chairman and Cllr. Mrs Broadhead briefed members on progress regarding the One Million Blooms tree planting, it was confirmed that suitable trees were awaiting collection from Ventnor Botanical Gardens and that arrangements for payment now required action.

63/07-8 FUTURE OF THE OPTIO CAR SCHEME

The Chairman read out a discussion paper prepared by the Clerk regarding the future of

Optio and a possible solution to the problem involving P&TC legal powers. The Clerk then briefed members on the content of a recent telephone conversation he had received from the RCC advising that possible funding in the future was being considered by the Isle of Wight Council. It was decided to place this matter on hold pending developments.

64/07-8 CLERKS REPORT

- a) Finance The Clerk tabled a budget monitoring report indicating the revenue budget as being exactly on course but stating that future support of the W.Wight Landscape Partnership would require a substantial increase in the precept as funding derives from that budget. The following payments in a list (prior circulated) were approved £1692 Plantscapes Ltd,£1950.51 Wicksteed Leisure Ltd,£12.47 Staples,£15 Newbridge Community Assn,£23.50 Netguides Ld,£88.63 expenses, £5 IWSRC one further item was delayed for consideration at a part11 session to follow the main meeting as it concerned employment conditions.
Resolution : proposed Cllr.Carr. seconded: Cllr.Mrs Runnette. Passed.

- b) Administration The Clerk advised members on the following items:
Parish Task Group-the formation of a core group within the main consisting of 4 councilors, 4 clerks, and 4 members of the IWC Parish Team. Councils may nominate councilor members of this group via their IWALC representative with the relevant meeting being held on the 28th November2007.

IWSRC-is requesting nominations for the Sports Achievement Awards for 2007, nomination forms were circulated.

Moles- a severe infestation of moles on the Newbridge Playing Field has caused safety problems necessitating emergency action by me under SPC SO 14, five moles have so far been destroyed.

63/07-8 CORRESPONDENCE

Items in the correspondence file were listed.

64/07-8 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING

There were no extant applications. The Council noted 4 planning applications commented in accordance with SPC SO 14 due to a specially convened planning meeting proving inquorate. The four applications and recommendations made are appended to these minutes.

65/07-8 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Chairman & Vice-Chairman reported they had examined the traffic speed monitoring results and clearly there was some cause for concern, the Clerk was instructed to place speed and traffic management on the next agenda.

Cllr.Mrs Broadhead said portable “slow down” electronic signs would be useful at Bouldnor on the approaches to Yarmouth, Mrs Broadhead also confirmed she has some interesting information regarding the compatibility of the proposed new Yarmouth-Lymington ferries and requested the subject of ferries be placed on the next agenda.

Cllr.Carr advised he has requested figures regarding the income available to the Air Ambulance from the new clothes recycling facility at Ningwood. Cllr Carr also advised that waste bins may be available from Island Waste.

Cllr.BurtCC Reported progress on the provision of new bus shelters, he also stated that local burial facilities are almost exhausted and requested this subject be placed on a future agenda. Cllr Burt requested the Clerk to write to the Highways Dept and advise them of the clear concern of Shalfleet PC regarding the width of footways from Bouldnor View Point to the Thorley turning. Cllr Burt concluded his report by advising he has secured the temporary deployment of an electronic “slow down” anti-speeding sign at Newbridge.

With no other business for part 1 of the meeting the council rose at 2050hrs after taking public questions which produced a request to place the new proposed IW Education system on the next agenda.

PART11

The second part of the meeting was held without press or public attendance for reasons of confidentiality regarding staffing matters.

Clerks conditions of employment

The Council agreed to accept the new NALC/SLCC model contract of employment and the Clerks progression to SCP 19 plus the agreed (2007 rise in wages) it was further agreed to support the Clerks professional membership of the Institute Local Council Management.

Council future participation in the West Wight Landscape Partnership was discussed and the Clerk was instructed to try to get Mr Jim Fawcett IWC to address the January meeting.

The current temporary closure of the Newbridge Post/Office store was discussed and various steps were considered for implementation should the Post Office/Store permanently close.

The meeting closed at 2120hrs.

Signed as a true record.....Chairman

Dated.....