

SHALFLEET PARISH NEWS

By John Whitney Parish Clerk

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Following a casual vacancy occasioned by the death of Councillor Roslyn Runnette, Shalfleet Parish Council is pleased to announce the recent cooption of Mrs Helena Hewston .

Cllr Mrs Hewston signed her Declaration of Office at the September Council meeting and in a subsequent statement pledged to bring to Shalfleet Parish Council reasoned comment and support particularly with rural priorities and planning consultation. Mrs Hewston has an impressive record of voluntary public service including a prime role in the collation and production of the Ningwood Village Design Statement which has subsequently been adopted by the Council, she brings to her new role specialist skills acquired in previous working life as a teacher and lecturer in the higher education sector.

Shalfleet being one of the villages and hamlets that together make up the Civil Parish of Shalfleet has won the title of "best kept medium sized village" on the Isle of Wight . Shalfleet Parish Council Chairman Cllr Colin Hedgley and Cllr Mrs Hewston were pleased to receive the award from the High Sheriff on behalf of the people of Shalfleet at a recent ceremony held in Arreton. A copy of the award certificate will be posted on the village notice board outside St Michaels Church as a tribute to the civic pride and hard work carried out by villagers.

I am pleased to remind all parishioners they are welcome at Council meetings and encouraged to take part in local governance at the appropriate sections in the monthly agendas. Agendas are placed on 7 notice boards situated throughout the parish and dates , times , and venues together with the minutes of previous meetings are advertised on the Councils website www.shalfleetiow.org.uk

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