

SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT WELLOW INSTITUTE ON WEDNESDAY, 11th OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Cllrs H Hewston (Chair), S Stables, G Head, I Broad, A Burt
Clerk: Mrs S Woods
Cllr S Hutchinson
IW County Press Report
5 members of the public

91/17-18 UP TO 30 MINUTES QUESTION TIME:

Mr Tyrell asked how and when Bouldnor Field was purchased by the Parish Council and asked for details of the conditions of use and sale that came with the transfer/Deeds. He wanted to make sure if something was put on the field the conditions were not broken. Cllr Hutchinson said if there was a condition of sale or a covenant on the land, the person who put it on could lift it.

The Clerk said Bouldnor Field had been purchased in 1995 with money made available by South Wight Borough Council about the time when the Isle of Wight Council Unitary Authority was formed. She would need to check the Deeds for other information.

Mr Tyrell thanked the Clerk for keeping him informed about the Southern Water Reed bed.

Mrs Broadhead congratulated Newbridge on the Best Kept Small Village Award (it was noted a photograph had been in the IW County Press). She commented on the Part 2 of the Agenda, when press and public excluded. She had received a phone call on this and whilst in Holdings heard of rumours that were flying around. Cllr Hutchinson said as past Chairman, she should be aware of the procedure for this. It was noted until decisions had been made nothing more could be said but the PC agreed to give the public information when it could.

Mr Dunkley said Station Road would be closed for 5 weeks whilst re-surfacing works were carried out and asked where teachers and staff would park. Noted the parking in Station Road affects the Parish but there was no one at the meeting from the school to answer his query. Cllr Hutchinson said some necessary drainage work had already been completed and subject to no untoward events, it was hoped to do the resurfacing during the 10 days when the school is closed for half term. Whilst sympathy given, the PC have no responsibility for schools parking.

Cllr Hutchinson referred to Mr Meaning's offer of land for parking for the school to use during the day with a condition they pay £1 a week to charity. If a traffic regulation was agreed to restrict parking in Station Road, it would take about a year to be put in place.

Val Gwynne said she had received a phone call to say an Alder tree had fallen downstream from her property and a crane was being brought in to remove it. She commented on the great response from Southern Water who had quickly appointed a contractor to deal with the emergency.

Mr Dorey referred to the Agenda and asked about the name 'Bouldnor Field' – believed it should read 'Bouldnor Playing Field'. Clerk asked to check Deeds. **Action: Clerk**
Queried when work at Bouldnor Mead was to start – both the Clerk and Cllr Hutchinson and been told it was imminent. Cllr Hutchinson had raised the issue of one parking space for each property and stressed this was not acceptable and he had managed to get an increase in capacity for the site.

When query made if Abbeyfield had necessary money, Cllr Hutchinson replied he did not know.

Mrs Broadhead had heard a rumour that the Council were allowing a road to be put through Bouldnor Field. PC had not heard this.

Cllr Hutchinson confirmed that the proposed Fleetway development, that had planning permission, had 2 years to work out how to deal with the 19 conditions placed on it and then 3 years before building need start.

There were 2,500 plots on The Island, with planning on them, not being built. The Island should provide 500 new homes a year.

Discussion on local building standards.

Mr Tyrell enquired about the Homestead Solar Farm and pointed out the road that was put in should be removed on completion of the works – part of the planning conditions. Cllr Hutchinson said the road put in at Lee Farm had now been reinstated.

92/17-18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None – all present.

93/17-18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS: Cllr Hewston declared a personal interest in Agenda item 98/17-18, planning application P/1163/17, as the property is diagonally opposite her own.

94/17-18 TO ACCEPT ANY DISPENSATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None received.

95/17-18 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13th SEPTEMBER 2017:

Cllr Stables proposed that the Minutes be agreed, seconded Cllr Burt - **resolved**.

The above Minutes, having been agreed, were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

The Clerk informed the meeting that she would be recording the meetings for the purpose of aiding her with the typing up of the Minutes and started recording from here, (did not get chance before).

96/17-18 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cllr Hutchinson said he had spoken to Island Roads concerning the mud on roads, left by vehicles moving silage to the bio-mass plant (which costs us all a £154 levy a year) – the Yarmouth road had recently been closed to be pressured washed and brushed. He had been told farmers would be charged.

IWC were in the throes of early preparation for next year's budget. He spoke of the fact only discretionary services could be cut and a need to save £19 million over 3 years – saved 7 and a half in the current financial year. Social Services was the biggest service. Some services would stop. Mentioned Care Close to Home service which prevents people having to go into residential care.

Green waste from home service to start which would cost £1 a week and it was hoped this would bring in £100,000 a year. If there is a large take up on this then the two tips would have opening hours reduced.

In respect of collecting money, instead of paying for Bailiffs to carry out this role – Capacity Grid were to be used – no saving/no fee system.

Also looking to agree investment of 100 million in gold plated property – gaining income from tenants – could borrow this at 2% and generate 6 – 7% return. Final decision to be made.

When the Clerk asked if Footpath maintenance was likely to come to Parish and Town Councils, he said there were no plans at present. Conscious P & T Councils would be formulating their own budgets soon and would need to know of any services the IWC wanted them to look at taking over.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Hutchinson. Cllr Hutchinson and resident left the meeting.

97/17-18 COASTAL DEFENCE AND NEWTOWN NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE REPORTS FROM PC REPRESENTATIVE VAL GWYNN:

Val gave full and comprehensive reports on both meetings that she had kindly attended as PC representative – copies on file.

The Chairman gave thanks to Val Gwynn for giving her reports to the meeting.

98/17-18 PLANNING:

a. Updates and Decisions: None.

b. To Agree comment on applications (*for each application 5 minutes are allowed for applicant/objector etc to comment*):

P/01163/17 Northlands, Main Road, Newbridge: Proposed extension/workshop/garage.

The Parish Council discussed this application and **resolved** they had no objections.

99/17-18 CLERKS REPORT:

Bouldnor Viewpoint – Clerk confirmed work undertaken to clear overgrowth in front of seats.

(Note – this land is not Parish Council's but an area which falls through gaps in ownership – Island Roads are responsible for the tarmac area and grass verge at the front).

Defibrillator Training – continuing to book in people on training sessions. Session on 17th October at Shalfleet Hall 4 – 6 pm. Arranged opening and closing. In the process of booking a further session at Newbridge Community Centre on 22nd November, time tbc. Cllr Stables kindly agreed to attend the start of both sessions to take people's money.

Next year's meeting dates – arranging these and confirming with various locations – Clerk will let Cllrs have list as soon as finalised/put on website.

Co-option – still have vacancy on PC to be filled through this process.

Recycling Centre – cars apparently coming and going. As PC had agreed closure of the actual Recycling centre, Clerk was arranging for the bins and Air Ambulance textile bank to be removed.

Withyfields – resident asked for boughs/branches of Ash tree on PC land be cut off – making his decking area green – concerned over grandchildren slipping. Rang Brighstone Landscaping - asked them to do site visit, give price and contact IWC Tree Officer to ask if work can be done as in Conservation Area.

Youth Sessions – Discussed youth provision in the area with Community Action – Youth & Development Officer (Laura Read) and suggested venues for 'pop up' sessions. They aim to establish a need in time for IWC budget venues.

Voice Recorder – at request of Chairman, obtained one to use as an aid when doing the Minutes (cost £22.98 from Petty Cash).

VAT Claim - £1,164.85 claimed back from HMRC.

Southern Water – residents complained overflow onto the public footpath still not solved. Contacted and informed crane on site moving equipment into place and it should be connected up by now – this will continuously pump out the reed bed cell that is leaking until the refurbishment takes place. Once more permanent fix to the problem sorted, they will talk to Rights of Way about the requirements for reinstating the footpath.

Station Road – works to resurface the carriageway are to start on 24th October for 5 weeks. Cllrs agreed to request from resident to park his car in the Recycling Centre overnight during this time and asked Clerk to obtain his registration number and give him a permit as an informal arrangement.

Cllr Stables reported that a car with a removal notice put on it on whilst on the public highway had now moved to the Recycling Centre.

Maintenance man – had replaced goal net and oiled the two information boards in the Horse and Groom car park, as well as replaced the repaired ‘Springie’ at Bouldnor. See accounts.

Computer – main computer had a problem – continually froze after 5 minutes use. Clerk took to Wight Computer who could not find fault and said PC needed a new one. Cost quoted to supply, install all content from old one and bring to office and set up - £440. Cllrs **resolved** to agree this necessary expenditure.

Co-option – Clerk will re-advertise.

100/17-18 COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Cllr Stables – Continues to regularly monitor the Recycling Centre at various times of day/night. She said there is one long stay vehicle parked there and one that keeps shifting and coming back. Noted there was a vehicle which had been parked in Calbourne Parish, had a 7 day removal notice put on it and it had then moved and parked in the Recycling Centre. Clerk asked to inform Calbourne PC. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Hewston and she had undertaken a litter pick of the area and gathered one big bag of rubbish. Looking forward to planting the bulbs the PC had been given through the Best Kept Village Awards.

Cllr Burt – people have informed him they think Shalfleet Garage is an eyesore, both the existing and new development.

Commented the ongoing problem of school parking was a nightmare, he receives many emails and texts.

Cllr Broad – Discussion on County Hall phone answering times. Aware more money had been made available to help improve these, although still long waiting periods at times, for calls to be answered.

People had also approached him over the development taking place around Shalfleet Garage. Commented he was not happy about the PC giving people permits to park in the Recycling Centre, which was not a public car park. Cllrs aware of an IW County Press article referring to this (Chairman had asked Locum Clerk to ask IW County Press to put in an addendum to confirm this but she had not done so and she confirmed it was private land and school parking there down to good grace). Chairman asked Cllr Broad when he did his write up to stress it is a Recycling Centre, not a car park; private land owned by the PC.

Clerk confirmed that previously the PC had agreed they see it as a short term parking area – to drop recycling off, go for a walk, rather than for someone parking permanently. IW County Press asked for clarification on area; an informal arrangement for parking. Pointed out there was a ‘No Overnight’ parking sign on site.

Cllr Head – reported she had attended the Shalfleet Hall management committee meeting; will pass Minutes on to the Clerk. Also attended the Best Kept Village Award ceremony with the Chairman (photograph in IW County Press).

Cllr Hewston – reported on various events she had attended – on file.

101/17-18 TO AGREE WHO WILL LAY THE TWO REMEMBRANCE SERVICE WREATHS:

Resolved Cllr Head to lay one at Shalfleet Church and Cllr Hewston at Totland. Clerk confirmed wreaths ordered, she will collect and let Cllrs have. She will check details regarding the Church Service and inform Cllr Head. **Action: Clerk**

102/17-18 TO NOTE LETTER FROM VAL GWYNN REQUESTING TWO BOLLARDS BE INSTALLED ON PORCHFIELD ROAD AND AGREE ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Cllrs had received copies of Val’s letter. Val said there had been much trouble and she was aware of the PC having the bollards installed at Winchester Corner.

Cllrs Hewston and Stables had come out as observers and seen the problems.

Resolved Clerk send Island Roads a copy of Val’s letter and notes and ask them to look at what can be done. Val quite happy for her details to be given. **Action: Clerk**

103/17-18 TO AGREE DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR IWALC:

Resolved Cllr Gill Head take on this role. Clerk gave her list of 2018 meeting dates.

104/17-18 REVIEW OF PARISH NOTICEBOARDS:

The Clerk gave Cllrs details of the eight notice boards in the Parish that the PC use and showed photographs of all.

Clerk asked to investigate the Cranmore notice boards, find out who responsible for the one in Cranmore Avenue.

Resolved Clerk arrange for maintenance man to put a new, pin friendly front to the one at the Church. **Action: Clerk**

105/17-18 CORRESPONDENCE – details of correspondence received tabled.

The Chairman requested Cllrs to either pass the correspondence file round Cllrs or drop back to the Parish Office.

106/17-18 FINANCE:

i) To approve list of payments (circulated to Cllrs and copy available at the meeting).

Cllr Stables proposed the accounts be agreed, seconded Cllr Broad – **resolved:**

Chq No.	Payable to	For	£
1885	Ringway Island Roads Ltd	Supply & Install 10 bollards/move sign	1,488.17
1886	Ringway Island Roads Ltd	Annual charge for Litter Bin empty Withyfields	95.88
1887	The IW Computer Geek	Website style upgrade and ongoing support	390.00
1888	Cash	Petty Cash	100.00
1889	Royal British Legion	2 x Wreaths + Donation £25	65.00
1890	Mark One Maintenance	Play Area repairs/checks, oil information boards	95.00
1891	Valerie Taylor	Locum Clerk cover £345 + Mileage	433.20
1892	Isle of Wight Council	Recharge of Election Costs – uncontested	30.16
SO	Sally Woods	September Salary	830.00
1893	Sally Woods	Remainder Salary £97.81 + Mileage £16.20	114.01
DD	HMRC	3 months Tax and NI	254.41
DD	BT	Phone & Broadband – September	54.65
TOTAL			£3,950.48

107/17-18 TO REVIEW THE PARISH COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT:

Cllr Head proposed PC had reviewed and accept the Code of Conduct as it stands, seconded Cllr Burt – **resolved.**

The Clerk reminded Cllr Burt that she needed a new Register of Interest form completed and signed as he had moved.

108/17-18 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE PRESS AND PUBLIC UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 DURING THE CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS AS PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED – RECYCLING CENTRE AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF BOULDNOR FIELD.

Cllr Head proposed PC resolve the above, seconded Cllr Burt – **resolved.**

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 8th November 2017 at Newbridge Community Centre at 7.15 pm

The meeting closed at 9.47 pm Signed.....