

SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT WELLOW INSTITUTE ON WEDNESDAY, 10th JULY 2019 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Cllrs: S Cowley (Chair), G Head, H Hewston, S Stables, I Broad
Clerk: Mrs S Woods
Cllr Stuart Hutchinson
26 members of public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

53/19-20 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cllr Hutchinson explained his Ward covered from the centre of Yarmouth to Gurnard and the north coast through to the Middle Road.

He spoke of three issues:

1. West Wight School Places consultation - he was opposed to the closure of Yarmouth School and the building of a replacement school in Freshwater. He was attempting to get his colleagues to support him but was did not think it was likely. The final decision on this would be made in October 2019.
2. Housing numbers – the last time an Island Plan had been approved was in 2013. That plan had estimated 8,320 houses would be built and nothing like that number had been. Typically 300 – 350 across The Island each year. He said the Government’s methodology in calculating the figures is being challenged – need the right kind of challenge – an exceptional case had never been granted. There were damaging planning consequences if central government requirements were not met. It was noted that pressure on things like medical services and water pressure were not material considerations.
3. Broadband – 5 million pounds had been spent on the Rural Broadband Intervention Programme on The Island (half of this money coming from IWC and half from Government). Wightfibre were now rolling out a 35 million pound programme on The Island – mainly on the other side, as only 20% of the Island population live in the West Wight. He queried whether some additional funding would be coming for the West Wight.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Hutchinson for meeting him and parents to brief him regarding West Wight School Places for the Cabinet meeting. He said they now have a legal team on board to see if there are any cracks in this suggestion. He said the current proposal does not address the issue and aim of falling pupil numbers – thinks it a farce.

It was noted there was some confusion over the IWC Draft Island Planning Strategy which IWC Officers had written. Cllr Hutchinson confirmed it was a draft and the figures are not statutory. He had agreed up to £100,000 for added resources to challenge the figures and that is what they are now doing.

The Chairman said asked if there were any questions for Cllr Hutchinson.

Mr Peter Spink, resident of the Parish, Vice Chairman of the West Wight Villages Association, member and Trustee of CPRE said there was a great amount of concern over the 9,500 houses proposed in the Draft Island Planning Strategy and concern in the West Wight over individual applications and collectively regarding the proposed Garden Village. He queried the IWC only just starting to challenge their own draft plan as a result of Island MP’s actions. He referred to Bob Seeley MP’s petition that 4,500 had signed against this. He asked Cllr Hutchinson and the Parish Council to firmly support the reduction in numbers. He also commented that he believed the PC had been half-

hearted in their response on the Draft Island Planning Strategy. The Chairman refuted this and reminded him this part of the meeting was questions to Cllr Hutchinson and the PC was non political.

Another resident commented that he was extra impressed with how Cllr Hutchinson had put his points across in a clear, succinct way. He spoke of the Development Charter. Cllr Hutchinson outlined the three sorts of development there was and the fact he felt the Housing Associations had failed The Island in the past. IWC had been pushing for a site in Newport to be developed and as it was not happening, when said they would take it off them, they were now starting to develop it. The Government were looking at giving authority to cancel planning permission if building does not start – 2,000 sites un-built on The Island.

Cllr Hewston said she supported Cllr Hutchinson and as Chair of IWALC (26 Parish and Town Councils were members of this Association) reported the whole Island were up in arms over the numbers of proposed buildings in the draft plan.

Cllr Hutchinson said they had been lobbying for 26 years to obtain Special Status for The Island – to be recognised that we are an Island. The University of Portsmouth had been researching this and he agreed the Island needed special funding.

Cllr Hutchinson agreed, when asked by The Chairman, that his reply to Yarmouth TC on proposed housing numbers, could go on the PC website and in Village News, for information. Clerk agreed to put his on tomorrow.

Further discussion took place on schools and housing numbers.

The Chairman gave thanks to Cllr Hutchinson – applause given, and he left the meeting.

54/19-20 MR IAN WRIGHT FROM WEST WIGHT MEN IN SHEDS TO SPEAK:

Sent apologies – unable to attend due to illness. Clerk will look to re-arrange to attend September meeting.

55/19-20 UP TO 30 MINUTES QUESTION TIME:

Mr Martin Bayley from Stop 5G Isle of Wight Association gave some information on his background. He said people had not got firm control on this technology and the health aspects around it. Thousands of reports show some harm from it. The overall organisation of wireless is manned and funded by industry. He queried if a risk assessment had been done on it by the IWC. He said the PC could ask this question of them and for the Environment Scrutiny committee to get it looked at. He said 5G was unsafe with possibility it could cause cancers, tumours and other health issues. He said bee numbers were down and wifi works near frequency of all life.

The Chairman felt the PC needed more factual information which Mr Bayley gave to the Clerk and all agreed this go in the Correspondence file to be circulated to Cllrs.

The Chairman thanked Mr Bayley for attending.

Mr Dunkley reported that there was cancellation of building works near The Solent due to pollution from sewage. He gave a number for people to phone if they were aware of any sewage spillage and it was agreed this go in Village News. He referred to the fact a Sewage Station in St Denys had been closed due to spillage.

Mr Tyrell asked about a footpath closure near Corf Camp – have to walk round. The Clerk believed this was in the neighbouring Parish and asked him to contact her outside the meeting to confirm.

The Chairman asked Cllrs if they were happy to move item 67/19-20iii to this part of the meeting and they confirmed they were and **resolved** to support West Wight Villages Association in their application for The Island to be an exceptional case.

56/19-20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr A Burt

57/19-20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS: None.

58/19-20 TO ACCEPT ANY DISPENSATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None received.

59/19-20 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12TH JUNE 2019:

Cllr Stables proposed the Minutes be agreed, seconded Cllr Head - **resolved**. The Minutes having been agreed, were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

60/19-20 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD 1ST JULY 2019:

Cllr Stables proposed the Minutes be agreed, seconded Cllr Hewston - **resolved**. The Minutes having been agreed, were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

61/19-20 FINANCE:

- i) **To Consider PC paying for the hire of Newbridge Community Centre for a Celebrating Age Festival - Table Top games and refreshments afternoon on Friday 27th September 2019 and agree amount for costs for the event.**

Cllrs Hewston said the event was due to be on 2.30 – 4.30 pm plus set up and clear up time, so about 3 hours. There will be the hall hire fee plus other costs. Cllrs **resolved** to agree a budget of £100 and any surplus will be donated to West Wight Men in Sheds. Cllr Head said she was happy to help.

- ii) **To Agree price for a Red Ensign for Shalfleet Church to keep to fly on their flagpole at the Merchant Navy Day and on other occasions (details circulated to Cllrs).**

Clerk had obtained 3 prices and circulated to Cllrs for appliqué sewn flag with rope and toggle.

Resolved Clerk order Red Ensign from South Coast Flagpoles who were the least price = £60.95 (including £4.95 delivery charge). **Action: Clerk**

- iii) **To Agree to pay a donation to West Wight Sports and Community Centre (copy of Accounts for year ending 31st March 2018 emailed to Cllrs).**

It was noted that there was a £3,000 donation budget for this financial year of which to date spent: £50 in memory of Sara, £50 Armed Forces Day, £500 Churchyard, £140 dictionaries = £2,260 left. Cllr Stables proposed PC give £1,500, seconded Cllr Hewston.

Cllr Cowley proposed PC give £2,500, no seconder. Cllr Broad agreed with first proposal. Vote take on this – 1 against, Cllr Head abstained, 3 for – by majority vote £1,500 will be given this year.

- iv) **To Agree to pay Chairman's Allowance of £200 for 2019/20.**

Cllr Stables proposed this be paid, seconded Cllr Head – **resolved**. (Cllr Cowley abstained).

- v) **To approve list of payments (copies available for Cllrs and tabled at the meeting).**

Cllr Hewston proposed the accounts be agreed, seconded Cllr Head – **resolved**.

CHOYD	Hiring Fee for Housing event	36.00
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Sally Woods	Remainder June Salary + mileage	179.11

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BT	Phone & Broadband	85.44
Shalfleet Church Fabric Fund	Donation towards grass cutting	500.00
Waterstones	25 x Dictionaries	139.82
WBS	Stationery	106.87
Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Supply plants/plant up x 3 planters	300.00
Wight Computers	Microsoft Office 365 Annual Subscription	43.20
Roy Woods	Noticeboard refurbish (+ fit x 2)	40.00
S Cowley	Chairman's Allowance 2019-20	200.00
Broxap	Goal posts & nets	1,585.32
	TOTAL	£4,135.76

Chairman commented that the CHOYD deposit should be returned to the PC.

62/19-20 PLANNING:

a. **Updates and decisions:** None.

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

19/00339/FUL Land to read of Luketts, Bouldnor Road, Shalfleet: Change of use of land for siting of school bus to be used as residential.

The Parish Council agreed to object to this planning application on the grounds that:

1. It is outside the development envelope.
2. There is no justification of need for residential use of land.
3. It is in an AONB.
4. Noise and disturbance to wildlife and birds (there are Nightjars in the area) resulting from use.
5. The Cllrs uphold the recommended refusal by Island Roads.

63/19-20 CLERKS REPORT:

Goal posts and nets for Bouldnor Field – Clerk confirmed she had ordered these, to be delivered direct to the maintenance man for him to install and dispose of the other old goal post. Firms whose quotes were unsuccessful had been informed. Yesterday Clerk received a call asking if she had ordered the posts and nets! Confirmed yes and paid by debit card on 19.6.19. payment went through Bank on 20.6.19. Clerk told them she very disappointed as had hoped they would be installed for school holidays. Later rang and said there had been confusion as order in maintenance man's name and transport was being arranged.

Dictionaries for Shalfleet C of E Primary School leavers – Clerk ordered 25 from Waterstones in the end. Prices had varied every time looked on line and they were priced at £7.99 each but managed to get a discount to £5.59. Arranged for them to be paid for by Debit Card and delivered direct to the school. School informed and pleased to report these have now been delivered. The Chairman, Vice-Chair and Cllr Hewston will be attending the Leavers Assembly to present these on Friday 19th July 2019 at 8.45 am. Clerk confirmed with the School.

Hamstead Drive visibility – no reply received.

Roll of Honour booklet – Clerk had printed some more.

Chairman's Board – was fitted but unfortunately had to be re-positioned – now done.

Clay Lane Railing – Clerk emailed Cllr Hutchinson and asked him to take up on PC behalf. He immediately emailed Island Roads and asked for action to be taken. Notice from Island Roads that this road is to be re-surfaced, starting 26th July 2019 – copy in Correspondence file. At Chairman's request

Clerk emailed Island Roads on 27th June 2019 and asked for gabions and posts to be installed where the rotten railing is, on safety grounds. No reply received to date.

Cllr Hewston informed the PC that Island Roads had a capacity problem with work on the Safety Register and Parish Council can pay to have work undertaken.

Burt Close – response from Project Manager received on the PC petrol interceptor query circulated to Cllrs.

External Audit – all signed paperwork sent off before deadline, receipt confirmed.

Wellow Air Warden Shelter – set up a meeting with District Steward, Island Roads, Chairman and Wellow Millennium Green Chairman to look at how best to refurbish.

Bouldnor Meadows – arranged event, on behalf of Vectis Housing, at CHOYD for 9th July 2019.

Wight Computers – confirm invoice is the annual renewal of Office 365 Exchange Online email.

Speeding in Spring Hill, Newbridge – PSCO asked if Cllr Stables and Community Speedwatch still active, as she can get hold of the equipment if the group can assist. Equipment no longer in existence.

Celebrating Age Event – Newbridge Community Centre booked for Friday 27th September 2019. The event to run from 2.30 – 4.30 pm and be in the format of table top games and refreshments. Notice of this event had been submitted for the brochure.

Parking along Tennyson Road, Yarmouth – resident sent email, together with photographs and copy of letter placed on vehicles parking along this stretch of road (photo shown). A group had been formed to attempt to solve this situation. Clerk has asked her to keep PC updated.

Excess nitrogen levels - Mr Dunkley rang Clerk about excess nitrogen level in Newtown river – told him this in next Parish and he asked her to email Clerk (which she had done,) and to give her details of Environment Agency contacts and phone nos. Calbourne, Newtown and Porchfield Clerk confirmed by email that she had noted this information.

64/19-20 COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Cllr Hewston – Attended meetings of: IWALC 20th June – CAB given a full report, 22nd June – Armed Forces Day, 24th June – Raised the flag, 26th June – CPRE – presentation given on water situation on the IW – running out.

1st July – attended housing event with her IWALC ‘hat on’, 3rd July – Community Safety Partnership meeting, 6th July – Ningwood Manor Open Garden, 8th July – IWALC – met IWC members, 9th July – Vectis Housing event, 10th July – Ningwood Green seat opening.

Cllr Head – Attended Armed Forces Day with Cllrs Stables and HeWSTON. Also Ningwood Manor Open Garden which she said was stunning. It was noted £500 had been raised at this for the Church Fabric Trust.

Cllr Cowley – Attended Vectis Housing event at CHOYD on Bouldnor Mead development. He said PC should get deposit cheque back. Some interest, with younger people attending this event.

Wellow Air Raid Wardens Shelter – had a site meeting with Mr Bean, District Steward who had said Island Roads could take it down and replace, or refurbish. Agreed it would be refurbished. They had also looked at the bus shelter opposite, which they thought in a worse condition, needs painting and a bush cut back on the west side, so people can see the bus coming.

Attended lots of meeting over the last month with Cllr Hutchinson and regarding the School consultation and the problems this had caused.

Cllr Stables – Attended Shalfleet Village Hall Committee meeting and gave a full report (copy on file). She had requested, and obtained, a copy of their Constitution. She noted this stated that there should be a PC representative on the committee, although Clerk had been asked to notify Cllrs that they did not require one at present. Cllr Stables had informed them they are going against their Constitution.

Cllr Broad – Deferred to Jill Cowley to speak about VE Day.

65/19-20 TO AGREE TO USE RJR SOLICITOR TO LOOK THROUGH WAYLEAVE CONSENT FORM FROM SCOTTISH & SOUTHERN FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN UNDERGROUND CABLE AT BOULDNOR FIELD:

Clerk had sent these through to Solicitor and forwarded his comments to Cllrs:

He felt the PC should be informed what the annual fee for the Wayleave would be.

Wayleave should state Parish of Shalfleet, not Bouldnor.

He said if PC would like him to draft a more formal agreement there would be a charge of £150.

Cllrs agreed DN Associates should pay this fee.

Cllr Hewston asked about the future of the agreement should SSE be unable to continue as the supplier. The Chairman replied this was for the installation, not supply.

Cllrs **resolved** for the solicitor to draft a formal agreement at cost £150 before the easement is signed and if it takes in all previously agreed, for the Clerk to then sign the easement and relevant paperwork, bearing in mind no August meeting. Developers be asked to pay £150 legal cost of this agreement.

Action: Clerk

66/19-20 TO AGREE TO SUPPORT THE COMMEMORATION OF WWII VE DAY AND THOSE WHO SURVIVED IN MAY 2020:

Mrs Jill Cowley showed Cllrs some laminates she had put together depicting WWII matters. She referred to Cllr Broad's booklet, which she said had been meticulously researched, commemorating those from Shalfleet Parish who died in WWI. She understands he is now researching those who died in WWII in order to produce a similar booklet as a memorial.

In parallel to his research, she would like to ask the PC to support an exhibition and tea party in the Parish about those from the Parish who served in WWII. Seems important to remember not only the people who served but those who stayed behind and families who often suffered hardships and to make children aware. She asked if she could use the PC's name when approaching people to talk about their memories of WWII.

Cllr Broad said he supported Mrs Cowley and confirmed he had researched 14 of the 17 casualties so far.

Cllrs agreed to support Mrs Cowley on this project and provide office support.

Mrs Cowley also asked if the PC could put money on one side and plant more trees. When asked, Mr Bayley agreed this helps with carbon monoxide levels.

67/19-20 CORRESPONDENCE – items tabled for Cllrs.

- i) **To note/comment on IWC Council Tax Reduction Scheme Consultation (letter circulated to Cllrs).**

Cllr Stables proposed PC support option 2a of those put forward 'Disregarding Carer's Allowance which is currently taken into account as income in the calculation' and disregard the other options – **resolved.**

Action: Clerk

- ii) **To note/comment on IWC Review of Polling Districts and Places 2019 (letter circulated to Cllrs).**

Cllrs noted that the IWC were reviewing Polling Districts and Places and asked it be noted that the access to Wellow Institute, which is usually a Polling Station, needs improving – it is steep and crumbling. Clerk to inform. **Action: Clerk**

- iii) **To decide whether to support West Wight Villages Association in their application for The Island to be an exceptional case (Vice-Chair will be attending the meeting).**

Cllrs had agreed earlier in the meeting, under Question Time, that they supported this.

- iv) **To note letter from IW Age UK offering to attend a meeting to talk about their Digital Inclusion Project (in Correspondence file).**

Cllr Head pointed out that some residents cannot, and do not, look at websites and use technology. Cllrs noted this letter and agreed the Age UK Digital Inclusion Development Officer could be a future speaker at a PC meeting.

68/19-20 TO AGREE A LONE WORKING POLICY FOR SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL:

Chobham's policy circulated to Cllrs for information. It was agreed Cllrs Head and Stables draw up a Policy for Shalfleet and undertake a Risk Assessment for the Clerk and report back with it at a future meeting, possibly September. **Action: Cllrs Head/Stables**

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4th September 2019 at Newbridge Community Centre at 7.15 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm

Signed Date