

SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SHALFLEET C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Cllrs: S Cowley (Chair), G Head, S Stables, I Broad, H Hewston, A Burt
Clerk: Mrs S Woods
4 members of public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

114/19-20 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT: Cllr Hutchinson had sent his apologies – due to fact it is pre-election period he is not able to make statements which might influence anyone listening. He is happy to answer any specific questions via email.

115/19-20 UP TO 30 MINUTES QUESTION TIME:

Mr Dunkley pointed out that ‘Village News’ is not delivered to Cranmore due to lack of volunteers. It was noted there are about 100 properties in this area. Clerk suggested she liaise with the editor and see whether some can be left in the green ‘bin’ by the noticeboard in Cranmore Avenue in the interim.

Mr Dunkley was aware that some volunteers had come forward to undertake Speed checks and he asked if some could be done in the nearby 40 mph areas, where the major number of fatalities had occurred over the years.

The Chairman pointed out that the WW Council had been informed by the local Police that they do not undertake these checks any more, but a unit on The Island. Also it had been thought the equipment from Newport Community Council was ready to be borrowed and used but it had not been yet purchased. Clerk liaising with Cllr Hastings and the 3 volunteers on this.

Cllr Stables said Mr Dunkley was aware she had done Speedwatch before and believed training, undertaken on the Mainland, would be required to do checks in 40 mph areas. She is waiting to hear about the equipment and training and can only do what she can do.

It was noted that accident statistics for the last 3 years were used by the Police and Mr Dunkley would need to take this up with the Chief Constable if he wished to take further.

116/19-20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Hutchinson

117/19-20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

Cllr Cowley regarding:

West Wight School Places and Google Maps, under Correspondence, due to family connections and planning application 19/001255/FUL for Pennethorne Park Farm; he had met with the applicant and her husband and brother-in-law. As he had been the only Cllr there, he said he would pass if this application came to a vote, as he would not want to be accused of taking sides.

Cllr Broad declared an interest in Shalfleet School as he had grandchildren attend there.

Cllr Burt declared an interest in Shalfleet School as he had children attend there.

118/19-20 TO ACCEPT ANY DISPENSATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None received.

119/19-20 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13TH NOVEMBER 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.

120/19-20 FINANCE:

- i) **To Agree to purchase a 2m length Reformed Plastics seat for Bouldnor Play area at a cost of £325 plus £65 delivery + £4 for every letter engraved (if have ‘Shalfleet Parish Council’ cost would be £88) = £478 plus VAT plus fitting.**

Resolved this be purchased, with lettering at a cost of £478 and installed by Maintenance man.

Action: Clerk

- ii) **To Agree to pay £557.56 to Zurich Municipal for insurance premium and tax for 2020.**

Resolved this fee by paid.

- iii) **To Agree to purchase a new set of Defibrillator pads at cost of £32:**

For those that are not aware PC obtained a defibrillator through the British Heart Foundation – located at Shalfleet Stores.

Resolved these be obtained and Cllr Stables agreed to fit.

Action: Clerk/SS

- iv) **To decide whether to give a donation to Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day 2020 – letter circulated to Councillors.**

Noted PC gave £50 for this year’s event and there is £560 left in the donation pot.

Two Cllrs expressed reservations about giving to this but it was **resolved** £50 be given.

Action: Clerk

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

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

Chq No.	Paid to		Amount
SO	Sally Woods	November Salary	900.00
2061	Sally Woods	Remainder November Salary £147.73 + mileage	164.37
DD	BT	Phone & Broadband	81.72
DC	Shide Xmas Trees	Newbridge Christmas Tree	26.99
2062	IW Music Dance	Donation to Festival	75.00
2063	Zurich Municipal	2020 Insurance Premium	557.56
		TOTAL	£1,805.64

121/19-20 PLANNING:

- a. **Updates and decisions:**

Approved by IWC:

P/00259/19 Pitts Farm, Main Road, Ningwood – Proposed residential dwelling (revised description) subject to a Legal Agreement & Subject to a Revocation Order.

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

The Clerk confirmed both Case Officers had said they were happy for PC comments to be submitted tomorrow.

19/01281/LBC Brookside Cottage, Main Road, Shalfleet: LBC for installation of a wood burner and external flue.

The Parish Councillors had no objections to this planning application.

19/01255/FUL Pennethorne Park Farm, Hamstead Drive, Shalfleet: Change of use of agricultural land to tourism and siting of 5 holiday units.

At the invitation of the application, site visit arranged for Monday 2nd December 2019. The Chairman said he was the only person who turned up to meet the applicants (one of whom was present at the meeting) and her brother-in-law. The Chairman said he had looked at the plans and they matched up with the site. It was noted the site was one mile up Hamstead Drive.

Discussion followed, some Cllrs had concerns over the access and it was noted; Island Roads had recommended refusal, plus some reports were missing from the Ecology Report.

Mr Dunkley spoke and suggested a donation to upkeep Hamstead Road could be made or help given with the maintenance of this Ancient unadopted Highway – PC confirmed this was a neighbour matter, not PC matter. He said there had been a road traffic accident recently at the entrance to Hamstead Drive.

PC suggested traffic could access the site via Hamstead Drive and come out through Hamstead Road. After further discussion the PC resolved to support the application in principle, as they were in favour of rural diversification, subject to the applicants doing their best to ensure the traffic egress the site via Hamstead Road.

122/19-20 CLERKS REPORT:

Planning applications – Contacted both Case Officers relating to two applications on agenda – they were happy for comments to be submitted on 5th December 2019 after the meeting. Also contacted Planning Agent for Pennethorne Park Farm to ask him to let applicant know this, which he did.

Insurance Premium – Clerk had read through insurance policy and it seemed to cover all needs and assets. Also includes indemnity for Cllrs, loss of money, employer's liability of up to £10 million, libel and slander, personal accident for employees, volunteers and Cllrs, as well as legal cover.

Withyfields – Footbridge in need of attention – Rights-of-Way came back immediately to say they would ask their maintenance officer to look into. Cllr Broad looking at fence and cherry suckers. Cllr Broad said he had visited the site and found IWC working to repair the bridge, which is now safe. He said there were quite a lot of cherry suckers and area looks a bit 'scrubby' but we live in a rural area. **Resolved** no action be taken.

Wellow Millennium Green – received and banked cheque for £140 being 20% of ground maintenance works. Receipt given.

Newbridge Bus Shelter – reported in broken shingles – works programmed. Cllr Stables confirmed these had been completed and the bus shelter in Calbourne had also had works undertaken to it. Noted Wellow bus shelter had been refurbished, the one at Cranmore was in the process of being done and Island Roads had 49 to do under the PFI Contract.

Christmas tree – ordered and purchased from Shide trees and contractor will collect and put up with lights and take down – quoted £50 plus cost of tree. Had problems confirming with contractor.

Bouldnor Playing Field – Seat – arranged for maintenance man to repair whilst obtain a new one. He had screwed the arm back on for now and said it should last until new seat obtained. Agenda item.

Adult Gym equipment and Trim Trail – asked Totland Clerk if any problems and if well used. Reply said it is used every morning by a group of 4/5 people and when she passes at different times of day, usually sees at least one or two people using. Company they used was Caloo and their sales team really good as well. Hand grips need replacing occasionally and never had to pay for replacements. Reformed Plastics do Trim Trails – sending information but query whether they would come to The Island to install. Need to bear in mind would need fencing off whilst installed and ROSPA inspection required to sign off prior to use, plus insurance. They did say Trim Trails are geared for children under supervision but some adults use whilst there too.

Obtaining prices and information and will put this on the January Agenda.

Electricity Cable – chased again for date, so can arrange hedge planting. Wayleave Officer confirmed developer digging trench, SSE putting in cable – beginning of December. Phoned and asked to meet someone on site to confirm where cable is going and purchased outside spray paint to mark. Yet to hear back. Spoke with Site Manager – fence up Monday, trench started and work should be completed Friday of this week. SSE contacted Clerk to ask if they could back a transformer just inside the gate (where the hard standing is) as they have to do works to the sub-station. This will take place on 10th December. Cllrs had no objection. The Chairman expressed concerns over the fence as the cable had to travel from one side to the other. Agreed this be kept an eye on.

Office Intercom – arranged for electrician (taken from Village News) to come and see if he can improve the operation of it. Also asked him when he is here, to carry out PAT testing on electrical equipment, as requested by Newbridge Community Association.

Hedge planting – Clerk spoken to Brighstone Landscaping and said PC had agreed their quotation subject to the number of whips/variety being planted per metre (he said about 5-6). They confirmed they had planted a similar mix at the ASDA site with plants which encouraged dormice. Agreed Clerk would notify him once electricity cable in. Given him an update.

Cherry Tree – replacement for Newbridge – chased supplier – delay due to wet weather (informed John Whitney who kindly agreed tree could be delivered to). Should be delivered this week – maintenance man will then plant.

Southern Water discharge – Letter sent to Cllr Hutchinson, copy to Calbourne Clerk and Mr Dunkley. Reply stated Southern Water is allowed consented discharges into waterways. There are lots of these consents across the Island, as there are in every County in the country. Amounts are set by the Environment Agency and how and when they may be monitored their responsibility. This is governed by national legislation and is not something the Island Council has any control over.

Community Speedwatch – contacted Ningwood resident who confirmed she was happy to become a Speedwatch volunteer. Sent her contact details, plus Cllr Head's, to Cllr Stables to arrange training with Police. Informed Newport Community Council not yet got the equipment for this – Cllr Hastings said he would keep Clerk updated.

Defibrillator – Totland Clerk highlighted fact they need replacement pads. Have ordered some through her, for the one at Shalfleet Stores – cost £32 – agenda item.

Westway resident fence – informed both Southern Housing and resident that PC had no involvement in their fence issues.

Wellow Air Raid Wardens Shelter and Bus Shelter – Clerk informed works taking place to the bus shelter; so on request of Chairman emailed Island Roads to ask for update on the Air Raid Wardens Shelter. District Steward visited Clerk to say they are clearing the brambles, painting wood with preservative and the metal sides (in and out) with green paint.

Newbridge Community Centre – arranged a meeting with Chairman and herself with three of the Trustees for Wednesday, 11th December 2019.

Hoarding in Shalfleet Layby – IWC have asked owner to remove. Noted if IWC wish to take legal action they will have to serve a notice on the owner and then take this matter to the courts – a long process. PC feel if left it will set a precedent.

Highway Safety and Improvement Register – Clerk asked Island Roads for an updated register. Reply said they are working with IWC to develop and implement schemes which have been identified through the prioritisation process. May have further consultation next year.

Cllr Hewston said she had met with Dave Stewart and John Metcalf from IWC on Monday and raised this register with them, as agreed by the PC. She said the matter was ongoing and they were looking at starting a separate list of jobs which were not priority, such as the lack of barrier at Clay Lane, that PCs may be prepared to pay for.

123/19-20 COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Cllr Hewston – 19th November – New County officer for IWALC appointed - Mrs Jill Webster.

27th November – CPRE Steering Group – asked Trustees to show more, and further, involvement in planning overall, not just rural.

28th November – IWALC Executive Committee meeting – West Wight School update is noted but as an Association considers this a local issue. The appointment of the County Officer was ratified.

Southern Water presentation focused on the vulnerable and affordable payments - discounts start for households with less than £16,000 income – agreed information go into Village News on this.

2nd December - IWALC meeting with IWC – report will follow.

Future events – LAF meeting Thursday 5th December which will involve Coastal path discussion and Carisbrooke Castle Museum Trust, which IWALC is a Trustee, has a meeting 9th December 2019.

Community Energy report – query made as to whether IWC have an investment in this, as Town and Parish Councils cannot. Confirmed IWC do have an investment in community energy, for example in the Solar Park at Hamstead Farm. Nothing to stop the general public investing.

The Chairman gave thanks to Cllr Hewston for her report.

Cllr Stables – update on Speedwatch given earlier.

Cllr Cowley – attended IWALC meeting – variety of issues discussed including WW School Places which Cllr Hewston had already mentioned.

Attended site visit at Pennethorne Park Farm.

124/19-20 TO AGREE MEETING DATES AND VENUES FOR 2020:

Due to the fact that the School Hall was so cold, despite Clerk being given assurance from the caretaker that the heating would be on, it was agreed to move the December 2020 to Newbridge Community Centre and after the meeting the Chairman asked the Clerk to also move the February 2020 meeting there too, due to lack of heating at the School.

125/19-20 CORRESPONDENCE – items tabled for Cllrs.

i) Letter from IWC on the future provision of Neighbourhood Services:

Resolved Clerk asks for dialogue to open with IWC and management of Fleetway Green.

Action: Clerk

ii) To discuss England Coast Path, if plans arrive in time for meeting:

Previous email from Natural England explained the proposals to improve this. Confirmed one resident had been speaking to him on these. He said he would be sending out maps in the next two weeks showing the overall draft route in Shalfleet area and is willing to come and speak and allow his email address/postal address to be given out to people.

Noted LAF are aware of this matter. Cllr had previously expressed concern over area of land at Jersey Camp which is a shooting range. Confirmation received there will be no new access over the firing range but the RFCA and MOD have very kindly offered some of their land on the very east of their ownership to ensure get off Porchfield road. Maps arrived and circulated to Cllrs.

Cllr Hewston will be attending the next LAF meeting when this matter is to be discussed. **Resolved** wait for her to report back on this meeting before taking further. **Action: HH**

iii) Email from Jill Cowley suggesting moving Shalfleet School to Freshwater:

Copies had been circulated to Cllrs.

Mrs Cowley thanked the PC for giving her the courtesy to come and explain her suggestion. She said some parents had asked why move Yarmouth School and not Shalfleet School, to Freshwater. She spoke of funding, parental choice, birth rates, school sizes and funding. Also mentioned statistically children perform better at small schools and that schools are only as good as the community that support them and expanded on this.

Mrs Cowley suggested PC write a letter stating whether Cllrs feel Shalfleet School should be taken into consideration and be moved, rather than Yarmouth School.

Cllrs Broad and Burt said they did not agree this with suggestion. The Chairman said he noted there were conflicting interests between Cllrs.

Resolved no comment be made.

Thanks given to Mrs Cowley for attending and speaking on this matter.

iv) Email from Thomas Cowley regarding Google Maps: circulated to Cllrs.

Mr Cowley explained that fake road closure updates are regularly being put on Goggle Maps for Ningwood Hill – has been going on since last summer. Means anyone using Google or Waze as Satnav will be diverted away from this stretch of road whenever there is a closure shown.

Clerk said she had used Google Maps to drive from Totland to Newbridge, via Ningwood Hill and it had kept telling her to turn off towards Thorley and at Cranmore told her to make a U-turn at Cranmore Avenue.

Mr Cowley said the fake closure means traffic is directed via the Thorley and Wellow road, which is a cycle route and he is concerned about public safety and the impact on businesses.

He had contacted BBC South on the matter and they had felt it too parochial.

PC noted Cllr Hutchinson has raised this matter with IWC asking if a block could be put on the person making the fake updates. They had responded that the ‘user updates’ feature could be disabled but would need official communication from Island Roads/IWC/Police to Google.

After discussion the PC asked the Clerk to raise this matter with the IWC, Hants Police and Island Roads with a view to them preventing the user from making such updates. **Action: Clerk**

125/19-20 TO REVIEW POLICY ON FILMING, AUDIO-RECORDING, PHOTOGRAPHING AND REPORTING OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL:

Copies circulated to Cllrs. Cllrs **resolved** this Policy review be agreed.

The Chairman wished all present a Happy Christmas.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 15th January 2020 at Newbridge Community Centre at 7.15 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed Date