

## SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ON-LINE MEETING OF SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021 AT 7.15 PM

**Present:** Cllrs: S Cowley (Chair), H Hewston, S Stables, I Broad, P Broadhead, T Cowley  
1 member of public for update on West Wight Greenway  
Locum Clerk: Maxine Warr

**30/21-22** Cllr Cowley welcomed Mr Biss and declared a pecuniary interest in the Greenway, as his recent submitted planning application has part of the Greenway as a 106 agreement. Cllr Stables took the Chair for this item as he left the room.

#### **31/21-22 MR GRAHAM BISS – UPDATE ON WEST WIGHT GREENWAY:**

Graham Biss introduced himself as the managing director of Natural Enterprise, an economical and environmental charitable trust. He said the West Wight Greenway, which will run from Freshwater Bay to Gunville if approved, had been developed over the last 5 years. The old railway line is being used wherever possible, although there is a policy to ensure that it doesn't go through private land and farmers are disrupted as little as possible. Landowners will be financially compensated but there will not be any compulsory purchases. The route will be shared by walkers, cyclists and horse riders and has been developed as a 5 metre track, with 1 meter either side of the 3 metre walkway, to encourage biodiversity. Mr Biss said he hoped in time this would be linked to the national cycling network and with 15 accommodation and 12 hospitality businesses bordering the route, it is hoped to encourage economic growth for the area. A number of surveys have taken place both ecological and economic and a value for money assessment will take place in the near future. The project will cost £980,000 with the IWC contributing £400,000. The planning application will probably be submitted in September and the Greenway will be adopted on to the IWC Rights of Way when approved and completed.

A number of questions were asked and it was confirmed that the Chairman was not receiving any financial compensation and the route through his land had permission on a voluntary basis. There was also a discussion on providing 'safe' areas along the route and Mr Biss said this had not been considered but he would look into the suggestion.

Mr Biss was warmly thanked for his very interesting presentation and invited to attend the Wellow Millennium Green event on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Cllr Steve Cowley re-joined the meeting.

#### **32/21-22 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

Both ward councillors were unable to attend and had submitted reports, which were circulated and noted.

#### **33/21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

County Cllrs Steve Hastings and Peter Spink

#### **34/21-22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:**

Cllr S Cowley declared a personal and pecuniary interest in the item regarding the update on the West Wight Greenway (31/21-22) and it is confirmed that he left the meeting for this agenda item. Cllr T Cowley declared a personal interest in the same item.

**35/21-22 TO ACCEPT ANY DISPENSATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:** None given

**36/21-22 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021:**

The Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 meeting were agreed and seconded - **resolved**. The Minutes having been agreed, will be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**37/21-22 QUESTION TIME (3 minutes per member of public):** No questions raised.

**38/21-22 TO ADOPT THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE:**

It was agreed that Shalfleet Parish Council complies with the requirement to adopt the General Power of Competence, as it has a qualified Clerk that has the CiLCA qualification and has also attained the General Power of Competence Certificate. In addition, the Council comprises of the required number of elected Councillors. Therefore, the General Power of Competence is adopted – **resolved**

**39/21-22 FINANCE/REPORTS:**

- i) **To review the Parish Council Policy for awarding grants and donations**  
The Chairman proposed that the policy remained as adopted, however, Cllr Broad put forward a counter proposal to limit the amount awarded to £500 and only have ‘one off’ awards. This proposal fell. The proposal for the policy to stand unchanged was agreed by 5 votes to 1 – **resolved**
- ii) **To agree to purchase 23 Oxford paperback Dictionaries for Shalfleet CE Primary School Leavers – prices obtained range from £5.94 - £7.99 (£136.62 - £183.77):**  
It was agreed to purchase the 23 dictionaries for the best price on the day of ordering – **resolved.** **Action: Clerk**
- iii) **To note and approve the Internal Audit Report (emailed to Cllrs):**  
The PC noted and approved the Internal Audit Report which the Clerk had circulated – all good.
- iv) **To agree and sign off the Accounts and Governance Statement for the accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 ( to be signed by Chairman and Clerk)(emailed to Cllrs):**  
The PC agreed the Accounts and Governance Statement for the accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and that these will be signed by the Chairman and Clerk - **resolved**  
**Action: Clerk/Chairman**
- v) **To Approve list of payments – copies emailed to Cllrs - resolved.**

<b>Chq No.</b>	<b>Paid to</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Amount</b>
DC	Amazon	8 Port Network Switch	14.49
SO	Sally Woods	May Salary	900.00
2167	Sally Woods	Remainder May Salary + Mileage £5.40	256.09
2168	Barry Townsend	Internal Audit Fee	165.00
2169	Playsafety Ltd	3 x Play Area RoSPA Inspections	246.60
DD	BT	Sim Card monthly charge	12.00
DD	BT	Phone & Broadband monthly charge	53.34
2170	IWC	Annual Rent for Newbridge Playing field	50.00
2171	Island Copier Co	Photocopier Contract	102.95
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,800.47</b>

**40/21-22 PLANNING:**

**a. Updates and decisions:**

**Approved by IWC:**

**20/01268/FUL The Old Service Station, Main Road, Shalfleet:** Retention of five storage containers

**21/00149/LBC 1 and 2 Hillside Cottages, Main Road Newbridge:** Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations; re-alignment of party wall line (corrected address – readvertised application)

**Refused by IWC:**

**21/00716/HOU Oaklands, Solent Road Shalfleet:** Proposed extensions to ground and first floors; alterations including cladding

**Comments submitted between meetings:**

**21/00908/HOU Sea Mist, Cranmore Avenue:** Proposed alterations and single storey extension Shalfleet Parish Council object to this planning application as the skylight conflicts with the Dark Sky Policy – **resolved**

**b. To agree comments on application:**

**21/01017/FUL - Land East of Eversleigh, Ningwood Hill, Shalfleet:** Proposed dwelling and formation of new vehicular access (revised scheme).

It was agreed to support the objection put forward by Island Roads regarding the shortfall of onsite parking and turning area and to highlight the loss of the wildlife corridor should the development go ahead – **resolved**.

**41/21-22 TO CONSIDER WHAT TYPE OF EQUIPMENT THE PC COULD INSTALL ON FLEETWAY GREEN FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS.** The results of the survey were discussed and it was agreed to progress the two favourite items, the outdoor gym and children's swings. Costings and permission from the landowner (IWC) will be obtained – **resolved**.

**Action – Clerk**

**42/21-22 TO DISCUSS SUGGESTION OF HOLDING A CHILDREN'S COMPETITION TO DESIGN AN ANTI-DOG FOULING POSTER TO BE MADE INTO SIGNS TO BE PUT UP INITIALLY AT BOULDNOR FIELD, AND PRIZES FOR SAME.** Councillors felt this was an excellent idea and might give the community ownership of the problem and raise public awareness. Shalfleet Primary School will be approached, with a view to making this a project for the children during the summer holiday. This will be discussed again next month. **Action Clerk**

**43/21-22 TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FOR A PIECE OF PARISH COUNCIL LAND BEING RENTED FOR A FENCED OFF DOG TRAINING AREA.** This request did not receive any support.

**44/21-22 TO DECIDE WHETHER TO LOOK INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF ROADSIDE VERGES IN THE PARISH FOLLOWING EMAIL FROM RESIDENT ON AN ISLAND ROADS PROJECT PILOTED AT CHILLERTON AND GATCOMBE?** It was agreed that this was a matter for further discussion and it was suggested that a round table meeting between Island Roads, the PC and Brightstone Landscaping should take place. This would be outside of a monthly meeting to allow enough time. **Action - Clerk to arrange**

#### **45/21-22 TO NOTE THE CLERKS REPORT:**

**Register of Interest/Declaration of Acceptance forms** - all Register of Interest forms have been forwarded to IWC, as necessary, and once returned will be put on the PC website, as required.

**Proposed development at land adjacent to Burt Close** – article in Village News confirmed a Public meeting will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 – unfortunately did not put venue, even though Clerk pointed out this was missing! Clerk had informed a couple of residents it will be held in the Village Hall, so was sure news would get round. There was a contact email address within the publicity.

**Post Office Service** – agreed to meet Laura from Post Office Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 to enable her to test her kit on site. A Trustee is also due to be present.

#### **Bouldnor Field:**

**Dog Fouling** – emailed IWC to ask where metal signs could be purchased from – no reply. Agenda item.

**S106 Pathway** – nothing further heard after sending confirmation to all of what was agreed at the site meeting.

**Hedge** - have asked Brighstone Landscaping to remove the dead hedge plants and plant new in the Autumn.

**Fleetway Seat** – received the go ahead from IWC for the residents to order the seat to be installed at Fleetway – Licence to follow under the terms given i.e. PC will take on future maintenance. Resident who is organising informed and thanked the Clerk for her help in this. Clerk informed the seat has been ordered and due to arrive at the end of June.

**Footpath S44** – contacted Rights-of-Way and they asked for a map to be marked to show where the blockage is and will investigate. Email back to say they have written to the property owners to remind them of the existence of the path and that it must be clear at all times. When Officer checked the sleepers had been moved to one side – sent photo – forwarded on to Cllrs and resident who also reported this in.

**RoSPA Play area Inspections** – Inspector rang whilst on site – ‘Springie’ at Bouldnor not fixed properly – he tightened bolts by hand and put equipment in the hedge. Maintenance man went same day to fix but unfortunately needs new base plate as threads gone. He took ‘Springie’ off site for safe keeping. Contacted Wicksted to try and source one for him to install and fix it to. Will put reports on July agenda.

**Newbridge Pavement parking** – resident contacted Clerk as her partner is blind and they are having to walk into the road to get past the cars parking on the pavement. Clerk took photo and sent it to PCSO.

She suggested PC could contact IWC/Island Roads to look into double yellow lines. Clerk pointed out if these agreed, could take a year for them to be painted in. PCSO also suggested that she write a letter to property owners on the main road and ask them not to park on the pavement – Clerk agreed a good way forward, asked her to include West Way residents too and take from there. PCSO visited the area and typically no vehicles parked on the pavement. Did speak to builders at The Retreat who said the driveway was nearly complete so they should be able to park on their property and not have to park on the road. She will not send letters for the time being. She could not see a problem in West Way and to let her know if any further problems. Thanks sent.

**Newtown National Nature Reserve Consultative Committee** – had confirmation that this will cease to exist as it stands. NT is setting up a Working Group made up of people from NT, Natural England, Wildlife Trust, AONB, RSPB and Natural History Society. Facilities and Support Manager has agreed to keep the PC on the circulation list to received future update.

**46/20-21 TO NOTE COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

Cllr Hewston reported on the following:

13<sup>th</sup> May - LAF meeting, this was just a general meeting

20<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June - Bob Seely MP discussed Island issues but nothing directly affecting this parish

2<sup>nd</sup> June – Environment and Sustainability Forum – report circulated

8<sup>th</sup> June – IWC Scrutiny Committee – report circulated

Concern was raised regarding the overgrown verges through Newbridge from Dodpits to Spring Hill near the sign. Island Roads will be contacted to ask for a cut to be made.

Cllr Stables reported on the Speedwatch Scheme. As she is no longer the coordinator for the entire Island, Newport CCC has withdrawn their offer of the use of the gun. Cllr Stables has had discussions with a Brighstone Councillor Nick Stewart regarding setting up a West Wight group. After debate it was agreed that Cllr Stables should gather more information and bring this as an agenda item for next month. Action – **Cllr Stables and Clerk**

Cllr T Cowley mentioned a possible unauthorised caravan in a field east of Newbridge. It was identified that this was outside the parish and had been reported before.

Cllr Broadhead asked if the grass between the fence and the hedge on Bouldnor field could be trimmed as it was very overgrown. Action – **The Chairman will investigate and confirm with the Clerk to contact Brighstone Landscaping**

**47/21-22 TO AGREE TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AND AGREE REPRESENTATIVE:**

It was agreed to apply for membership of the Local Access Forum, although the application form had not arrived, despite being chased.

Cllr Hewston was nominated as the representative with Cllr T Cowley as deputy – **resolved**

**48/2-/22 TO AGREE HOW TO HOLD JULY MEETING:**

It was agreed that the July meeting should be face to face at the Wellow Institute, unless any government restrictions are imposed regarding the size of gatherings. – **resolved**

Cllr T Cowley asked that a conservation area for Shalfleet is put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

**Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.15 pm at the Wellow Institute**

Signed..... Date.....