

SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SHALFLEET VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 14th JULY 2021 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Cllrs: S Cowley (Chair), H Hewston, S Stables, I Broad, P Broadhead, T Cowley
2 members of public
County Cllr Peter Spink
Clerk: Sally Woods

49/21-22 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:

Cllr Cowley welcomed newly elected Parish Councillors Thomas Cowley and Pam Broadhead and County Councillor Peter Spink to their first face to face PC meeting, together with Clare Griffin, Manager of West Wight Sports & Community Centre.

50/21-22 CLARE GRIFFIN ATTENDING TO SPEAK ABOUT THE WEST WIGHT SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE:

Clare thanked the PC for inviting her. She reported it had been an interesting year at the Centre – being closed for 8 months out of 16, but they were going to survive, thanks to the furlough scheme. Apart from herself and a couple of other members of staff, of the 56 staff, most had been furloughed. Following a couple of redundancies, the Centre now had a smaller, stronger team of staff. She explained about the on-line booking, the fact swimming lessons had continued since last August and that they wanted to develop as much as can. Want to instil confidence in users, so not much would change after 19th July, masks advised, lane swimming, and gradual increase in activities. Clare gave out leaflets on various activities being put on, including 7 Olympic sports for children through the summer.

After the gym had been refurbished/pre pandemic, membership had been the best it had been – 600. Been a challenge but exciting times ahead. Looking to move forward and she would like to see an outdoor pitch installed.

Noted the chiropractic had been open since last July. Physiotherapy not operating at the moment as no physiotherapist.

Shalfleet residents do use the Centre but unless members, no record of users addresses.

Cllr asked about Boxing – Clare said thought about it but need people to run – if get a coach would consider it.

When asked, she said Freshwater PC was not re-locating to the Centre.

The Chairman thanked Clare for attending the PC meeting and said the Clerk would be in touch regarding the Centre's donation request.

51/21-22 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Cllr Hastings had emailed a report, which the Clerk had circulated to Cllrs.

Cllr Spink said most of what he had been involved in since the last meeting was around planning matters. He had attended the public meeting on 22nd June on the proposed 70 new houses in Shalfleet. This had been well attended, with one of the main issues being sewage disposal. It was noted that the planning application had been put on hold until this issue had been resolved.

Cllr Spink said he had spoken to people about the tree felling at Lucketts Farm and Lee Copse. Also commented on the planning permission given by default, due to the Planning Department missing a deadline date.

He had been sent a brochure on the proposals for The Woodlands Resort and Spa Project at Lee Copse and gave some details on this. Freshwater and Totland PCs supportive but he believed it was inappropriate development and he will see what he can do.

It was noted a TPO encompasses trees down to saplings.

He was still investigating earlier reports of tree felling and had asked the IWC Officers to liaise with the Forest Commission/Management Plan.

Recently had an email regarding Pond Close Copse and sounds of tree work – he was going to investigate this after the meeting.

Cllr Spink spoke of the Draft Island Planning Strategy – the number of houses proposed to be built on the Island is being questioned and hoped to reduce the target from 641 to 486, with the emphasis being on homes for Islanders. Believes 641 undeliverable for a number of reasons i.e. resources, lack of builders, ferries. Since 2021 around 365 new homes had been built each year on The Island. There was some good news for Shalfleet – the ‘Garden Village’, which had been down for Wellow, was not in the plan at the moment.

Shalfleet was seen as a sustainable rural area but most of the allocated sites were going to Freshwater. Brief discussion on sustainability and the Greenway and how this could be seen to make some areas more sustainable, with bicycle transport links.

He had sent a copy of the questions for Cabinet he put together and the Clerk agreed to forward these to Cllrs.

Cllr Spink outlined the IWC committees he was on which included Corporate Scrutiny, Licensing and Planning.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Spink for attending the meeting and said he hoped to see him as regularly as possible at PC meetings. Cllr Spink stayed for the remainder of the meeting.

52/21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: County Cllr Steve Hastings

53/21-22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

Cllr Broad declared an interest in item 63/21-22 on the agenda as he lives inside the Conservation Area.

Cllr Steve Cowley declared an interest in ‘all things Lee Farm’ and as Treasurer of Wellow Millennium Green committee.

Cllr Thomas Cowley declared an interest in ‘Camp Wight’.

54/21-22 TO ACCEPT ANY DISPENSATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None given

55/21-22 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ON-LINE MEETING HELD 9TH JUNE 2021:

Cllr Broadhead proposed the Minutes of the 9th June 2021 meeting be agreed, seconded Cllr Thomas Cowley – **resolved**. The Minutes having been agreed were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

56/21-22 QUESTION TIME (3 minutes per member of public):

Mr Tyrell referred to the West Wight Sports & Community Centre being set up, s106 payments and funding. He asked what the shortfall was. It was noted that the PC had received a copy of the accounts for year ending 31 March 2020 and there had been a pandemic on, so obviously the accounts for the previous year would be much affected. Cllrs agreed the Centre was a valuable resource and further information could be obtained from the Charity Commission website.

57/21-22 i) To ratify election of Cllr Steve Cowley as Chairman.

ii) To ratify election of Cllr Shirley Stables as Vice-Chair.

Resolved.

58/21-22 FINANCE/REPORTS:

i) To agree to pay the Chairman's Allowance of £200 for 2021-22:

Cllrs S & T Cowley declared an interest and it was agreed Cllr Stables, as Vice-Chair, take the chair for this item on the agenda.

Resolved the Chairman's Allowance be paid. Cllr S Cowley re-took the Chair.

ii) To finalise the details of the anti-dog fouling poster competition and prizes:

Cllrs agreed:

As well as Shalfleet CE Primary School being involved (the Headteacher had agreed to publicise the competition in their Newsletter),

The competition be open to all children.

Two age ranges; 5 – 9 years and 10 – 15 years.

Prize for each age range £25 cash.

Overall winners to have their posters made into signs (by Signpost Express) in a variety of sizes (say 6 x A3 and 6 x A4).

Closing date 22nd September 2021 with the Vice-Chair and Clerk (who had initialling both thought of the idea) undertaking the judging.

Winners to be announced at the October PC meeting on 13th.

iii) To discuss request from Victim Support for a grant – (information and accounts emailed to Cllrs):

Cllr T Cowley proposed the PC give £100, seconded Cllr Stables – **resolved**.

iv) To discuss giving a grant to West Wight Sports & Community Centre following presentation by Centre Manager and receipt of accounts:

It was noted that the PC in 2017-18 gave £2,500, 2018-19 gave £2,500, 2019-20 gave £1,500 and 2020-21 gave £3,000.

Cllr S Cowley proposed PC give £3,000 in current financial year, seconded Cllr T Cowley.

Cllr I Broad proposed PC give £500 – no seconder.

Cllr Stables proposed PC give £2,500, seconded Cllr Hewston.

Vote taken to give £2,500 – 2 For, 3 against.

Vote taken to give £3,000 – 3 For, 3 against – Chairman's casting vote – PC to give £3,000.

v) To note RoSPA inspection report for the play areas at Bouldnor and Newbridge and agree any works necessary:

Reports and list of works highlighted had been circulated to Cllrs.

The only item at high risk level was the 'Springie' at Bouldnor, which the Inspector had removed from its fixings, as loose. Clerk confirmed this had now been re-installed by the PC maintenance man.

The other items are low and very low risk – Cllrs **resolved** maintenance man carry out work as required.

With regards to the 'kite flying' warning sign and fact a new sign seemed to be suggested every year, Cllrs agreed that this not be taken forward.

vi) To consider request for a basketball/netball hoop and basket at Bouldnor Field?

Local resident had suggested this.

Cllrs agreed PC cannot just purchase one from say 'Wightbay' – needs to be properly installed, with hard surface by it, (to bounce the ball) and to meet Health and Safety standards.

Clerk had asked Wicksteed for a price/delivery as a guide. Not yet received.

Cllrs agreed not to proceed with request at this time, but look at again in the future.

vii) To agree whether to/how to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee and budget for same?

The Chairman said it may be that the beacon could be lit at Wellow Millennium Green.

Discussion on suggestion of a picnic on Fleetway Green or a lunch at the Village Hall – it was noted that those who previously prepared a community lunch at Shalfleet Hall are no longer doing this.

Discussion on Shalfleet Parish permanent boundary signs for all points in the Parish to commemorate the Jubilee. Agreed this be looked into. Clerk suggested a Working Group be set up to report back to PC –resolved. **Action: Cllrs**

viii) To agree to arrange and pay for the 5 year Tree Survey:

Clerk had tried to contact previous company used to no avail. **Resolved** Clerk find another company to undertake this survey. Clerk to send Cllrs copy of previous survey. **Action: Clerk**

ix) To agree for the annual paint of seats in the Parish (where necessary) and clean of steam signs:

Resolved Clerk to go ahead and arrange for the maintenance man to do this. **Action: Clerk**

x) To Approve list of payments – copies emailed to Cllrs - resolved.

Chq No.	Paid to	For	Amount
2172	M Warr	Locum Clerk cover = mileage	348.60
SO	Sally Woods	June Salary	900.00
2173	Sally Woods	Remainder June Salary + mileage	201.02
DC	School Depot	School Leavers Dictionaries	135.93
DD	BT	Phone & Broadband	53.34
DD	BT	Sim card	12.00
2175	Wight Computers Ltd	Microsoft 365 Annual Sub	43.20
2176	Shalfleet Village Hall	July Meeting Hall hire	30.00
2174	S Cowley	Chairman's Allowance 2021-22	200.00
DC	HMRC	3 mths Tax & NI	465.08
TOTAL			£2,389.17

59/21-22 PLANNING:

a. Updates and decisions:

The new draft of the Island Planning Strategy is set to be agreed for public consultation by Cllrs – going to IWC Cabinet on 15th July 2021 and then there will be another chance for Islanders to have their say before any decisions are made.

Approved by IWC:

21/00719/HOU Wellow Green Cottage, Wellow Top Road, Shalfleet – Proposed single storey side extension

21/00908/HOU Sea Mist, Cranmore Avenue, Shalfleet – Proposed alterations and single storey side extension.

Appeal Decision:

20/01857 Shishford Cottage, Calbourne Road, Newport – proposed replacement of main roof superstructure and change of roof covering from water reed thatch to clay tile.

Appeal dismissed.

Parish Council Comment on application which came between meetings:

21/01149/FUL Land adjacent to Bouldnor House, The Avenue, Shalfleet – PC objected on grounds:

1. It is in an AONB.
2. It is currently woodland which red squirrel inhabit and the development would endanger the established wildlife.
3. As per Island Roads comment – the proposal does not provide adequate facilities to enable service vehicles to park, enter and leave the proposed site and public highway (A3054) in a satisfactory and safe manner and therefore the interests of road safety are compromised and be contrary to Policy DM2 of the IW Core Strategy. Plus cars would probably be used by those using the accommodation, not all would arrive on bicycles.
4. The term ‘tree house’ implies a children’s play structure, which this is not.
5. There are sky lights shown in the drawings which conflict with the Dark Skies Policy.
6. The tree survey does not deal with the potential damage to trees during the construction phase of the development.
7. There is no plan for parking staff or service vehicles when built or for construction works during the build.
8. There are 3 options for the nitrate offset – the only acceptable option is for a sealed system.

b. To agree comments on application: No plans at time of putting together Agenda.

Cllrs noted there is a new application in for Sun Meadow, Station Road, Ningwood – Clerk asked Cllrs to let her have their comments by 26th July 2021/request a meeting. The applicant had contacted the Clerk to ask if she would let him know if the PC did hold a meeting to discuss.

60/21-22 TO NOTE THE CLERKS REPORT:

Cranmore Noticeboard – received bank transfer from the Cranmore Avenue Residents Group to cover half the cost of the noticeboard costs £158.45.

School Leavers Dictionaries – ordered (see accounts for payment list), and delivered direct to the School. Printed inserts and dropped into School. Headteacher sent her grateful thanks to the PC for these.

LAF (Local Access Forum) – emailed advising Cllr Hewston would like to be PC representative, with Cllr Thomas Cowley as her Deputy. This acknowledged and Cllr Hewston asked to complete a form and return. LAF have asked for any questions to be put to Island Roads, who will be attending their September meeting? Clerk suggested PC request an updated Highway Safety & Improvement Register – Cllrs agreed this request be put forward. **Action: Clerk**

Anti-dog fouling poster Competition – Headteacher agreed to publicise this in the School Newsletter – agenda item.

Roadside Verges – have contacted IWC and Island Roads to ask how to take the ‘Nature’s Highway’ scheme forward. Heard nothing back yet.

Fleetway Green – contacted IWC to ask for necessary permission to install an outdoor gym and swings on the Green before looking at suppliers and costings. Heard nothing back yet.

Stone Wall, Church Lane – Contacted stone mason who came back to say Island Road had put their prices up – want £900 for a road closure, £900 to change the one-way system, also cost of £200 for signage and Island Roads want him to put his insurance up from £5 million cover to £10 million as working on the road. Clerk written to Island Roads asking them to honour the price they initially quoted – about £800. Stone mason also advising the work be carried out once the vegetation had died down a bit?

Island Roads have said they cannot alter the price, first increase since 21013. Clerk had left messages asking stone mason to contact her to discuss way forward. Cllr Stables confirmed stone mason had been away. Cllrs agreed that the wall, covered with vegetation, looked good at the moment and agreed to re-consider this matter after six months.

Car Noise – report from resident sent to PCSO who said nothing Police could do, suggested the complainant have a word with the neighbour concerned or phone Environmental Health.

Bouldnor Field:

‘Springie’ – maintenance man has repaired this, without having to obtain any extra parts.

Tidying up fence line – contacted Brighstone Landscaping - they have removed dead hedge plants (mainly Blackthorn, so will not use this type when replace with bare rooted plants in Autumn). Some dead looking plants had new growth at the bottom, so just cut out the dead.

Difficult to use strimmer between hedge plants and fence but he will have a go at clearing some.

Agreed once hedge more established this will not show as much.

Meadow - pathway – asked Brighstone Landscaping to cut a pathway through the Meadow at the bottom of the field – they hope to do this beginning of July. Request made by resident who also reported a dog had been bitten by an adder recently. Hoped pathway will also help walkers to spot these. Clerk had put up some warning signs re the adders on all four access gates.

The whole ‘Meadow’, at the bottom section, will be cut in August/September depending on the weather.

Footway – emailed Rights-of-Way to ask if any update on the s106 path to be installed. They have subsequently chased others.

Newbridge Planters – Clerk had asked Brighstone Landscaping to put in some new plants as necessary.

Burt Close extension – Mr Jacobs rang to say following the public meeting the two main points made by the public were concerns over the sewage and ensuring that the properties were for local people.

He had put the pause button on the application until he has investigated more into the sewage issue. He had believed that Shalfleet sewage joined the main sewage pipe that goes through to Sandown and the English Channel. Had found out this is not the case and is looking into a private Klargester sewage system to take both the existing Burt Close properties and the proposed properties. Also has a company looking into any necessary discharge licence that may be required. He will keep the PC updated as to progress.

Clerk and Mr Jacobs discussed sewage concerns both on The Island and nationally. He strongly feels that Southern Water need to upgrade the Treatment Plant in Shalfleet. Clerk suggested PC contact Southern Water to ask if they could visit the Treatment Plant and find out how it operates. Cllrs agreed this a good idea and ask Clerk to pursue. **Action: Clerk**

It was noted that Southern Water had recently been fined for illegal discharging.

VAT Reclaim – Locum Clerk submitted a claim for £2,279 for September 2020 to March 2021.

Wellow Millennium Green – received and banked cheque to cover RoSPA safety inspection.

Post Office in the Parish – emailed Laura for an update, she is still liaising with the Post Office (who apparently did not realise Shalfleet and Newbridge are next to each other), and about how poor the kit is. Further email received stated she is struggling with the Post Office about the Newbridge service.

Clerk also asked her if she had any information on the selling of the Co-op to Tesco and the future of the Post Office Service there. She had seen they are going to keep the PO of Freshwater, at least in the short term, but yet to see any lobbying of Tesco to work.

Newtown National Nature Reserve Consultative Committee – had several conversations with Val Gwynn, who is/was the PC rep on this committee. An email from the NT stated this committee has ceased to exist and gave details on how a new Working Group was being set up. No mention of PCs being involved. Had contacted the Chairman of Calbourne PC as Val G said he was not happy about the changes and was looking into. Clerk felt if this is a national change then did not feel we had any clout to try and change it back but she strongly feels the PC should have representation and asked for this to be an agenda item at the September meeting when we may know more. It was noted the Clerk to Calbourne PC, who was incensed about the changes, was in contact with NT on this and Shalfleet agreed to support her with this and to let her know they too were incensed.

Appraisal – the Chairman carried out an Appraisal on the Clerk – all good.

Island Cottages Ltd – letter received stating they are looking to recruit a Board member. Chairman been in contact to seek further information. Cllrs Hewston and Stables said they would be interested, Clerk to inform. **Action: Clerk**

Wellow Millennium Green – the Clerk asked Cllrs if they would agreed for her to arrange for some information on this Green to go on the PC website? **Resolved.** **Action: Clerk**

September Meeting – Clerk provisionally booked Wellow Institute for Wednesday, 8th September 2021 at 7.15 pm – Locum Clerk will be covering as Clerk on annual leave.

S106 monies – Clerk confirmed she did email Ollie Boulter to ask if PC can be the direct recipients of s106 monies or if the IWC could and it then be put to a specific PC project of scheme – no reply.

61/21-22 TO NOTE COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Cllr Hewston – wondered if there were any grants available to go towards the cost of the proposed outdoor gym and swings for Fleetway Green, should IWC give permission. She attended a 3 hour IWC Scrutiny Committee meeting yesterday, as well as the Planning meeting.

Made mention of the email from Cllr John Medland on electric charging points for vehicles and 75% grants that could be available. Cllr T Cowley said he too was interested in this, a need to look at costs versus income, and he agreed to get more information from Cllr Medland on this.

Action: TC

Cllr Broadhead – reported in broken barrier on S19 footpath - Rights of Way contacted – they say they need photographs as maintenance officers say IWC don't have any handrail or barriers at this location (so not proposing to do anything). Cllr Stables agreed to take photographs tomorrow morning and forward to Clerk to email through to Rights-of-Way. **Action: SS/Clerk**

Cllr S Cowley – as a member of Wellow Millennium Green committee, he confirmed the existing Chairman had resigned and they were looking to take on Trustees. There was potential for a new Chairman and 3 new Trustees – so able to keep going. The planned Musical Picnic had unfortunately had to cancel twice – petanque publicity was needed. He said it would be useful to be able to have electronic storage on the PC website (as agreed earlier in the meeting).

62/21-22 SPEEDWATCH UPDATE – CLLR STABLES TO SPEAK:

Cllr Stables gave some background on Speedwatch. She confirmed Cllr Hewston and herself had attended an induction course and were going to a future training session. Clerk reminded her of local resident who had also agreed to take this.

Unfortunately, Newport Community Council had withdrawn their offer for Shalfleet PC to use their Speed gun and the Police Co-ordinator said it would be very useful if the PC could agree to purchase one before the training was undertaken. The Co-ordinator had sent information and details of calibrated Speed guns which cost about £200. Cllr Stables felt it would be good for the PC to hold their own equipment and asked if Cllrs would agree to purchase to enable the project to move forward. **Resolved** Clerk obtain Speed gun, as recommended by Police and this decision be ratified at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

63/21-22 A CONSERVATION AREA FOR SHALFLEET – CLLR THOMAS COWLEY TO SPEAK:

Clerk had emailed Cllrs a copy of the map.

Cllr T Cowley said there was no ‘Character Assessment’ for Shalfleet to back up the Conservation Area. It was agreed by Cllrs that this would be useful and he could research who is qualified to draw one up. **Action: TC**

64/21-22 TO DISCUSS REQUEST FROM TWO RESIDENTS OF BOULDNOR MEAD TO HAVE PERMISSION TO PLANT SOME HEDGING ON BOULDNOR FIELD AT THE BACK OF THEIR FENCES (TO CONTINUE THE HEDGE LINE).

The two residents had said they would supply, plant and maintain, as well as ensure it did not encroach on the path.

After discussion the Cllrs agreed to refuse this request as it was felt it could set a precedent and hedging would be best planted in their own gardens. Clerk to inform. **Action: Clerk**

65/21-22 TO REVIEW SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL LONE WORKERS POLICY:

Copies emailed to Cllrs. This policy was reviewed and agreed by Cllrs.

The Chairman thanked all for coming, it had been a lengthy agenda. Thanks given to Cllr Peter Spink for attending.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 7.15 pm - Wellow Institute provisionally booked – to be confirmed in August.

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