

SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SHALFLEET C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Cllrs: S Cowley (Chair), H Hewston, S Stables, I Broad, P Broadhead, T Cowley
3 members of public
IW Cllr Peter Spink
Bob Seely MP
Clerk: Sally Woods

95/21-22 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:

Cllr Cowley welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Bob Seely MP.

96/21-22 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Cllr Spink had submitted a written report - emailed that afternoon to the Clerk (noted she is part-time) and copied in to Cllrs, who confirmed most of them had received this, (the fact the Chairman said it had not gone to his email address, was also noted).

Chairman asked question of Cllr Spink and his report, about Southern Water. He asked if he had any information on 1.5 m pound spend on the Shalfleet Treatment Plant, for removal of phosphates. Cllr Spink did not have any details but could follow up on this. Chairman said he would be very grateful.

Clerk had received a reply from the SW County Customer Manager to this question – doing a different process at Shalfleet (primary tank and filter bed rather than an activated sludge ditch) so they are not sure what they plan to do on site as of yet. Permit change is 2024. When she hears, she will let PC know.

Cllr Spink queried whether the Burt Close upgrade had been done. Clerk confirmed it had not been done and she had had a couple of conversations with Simon Jacobs regarding this matter. Planning Co-ordinator for SW had confirmed with him that when planning approval was given SW had 24 mths to comply to undertake an upgrade. Noted they had had 3 years to update the system and if further development to take place in Shalfleet this needs to happen. Also confirmed about capacity checks – if a planning application for a development was submitted then the developer had to pay for a capacity check. Clerk had written to Planning Co-ordinator for Hampshire Development Services at SW asking if a capacity check had been carried out. MP asked for copy of this email. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Spink commented that sometimes developer was asked for work to be phased and then put in necessary infrastructure.

The Clerk gave information about the Parish Cllrs visit to the Water Treatment Works at Shalfleet.

Cllr Spink was concerned there was nothing in the DIPS to take on board the issues, but it was noted SW have requested the IWC to include, as a matter of policy, a provision that surface water from new developments ought not to connect to the public sewer and if it would be, it should be refused.

Noted PC had copies of Discharge Consents (from EA) for Newbridge and Mill Lane, Shalfleet Pumping Stations. Sewage from these was pumped to the main WTW at Shalfleet. Chairman confirmed this protected it from storm surge. Clerk had passed concerns re Newtown River to Calbourne Clerk.

It was felt everyone was on the case and on the same page, including IWALC and IWC.

Cllr Spink stressed it was important for people to report problems (with photos) to Southern Water and not take it for granted they are aware of them. They can log, then take action, gave Colwell Common as an example. PC agreed this be put in Village News.

Question asked when the WTW at Shalfleet had been built – no one knew.

MP said following meetings he had attended, he learnt SW were putting in 56 million pound investment (possibly over 10 years) - have been asked the Island be a test case – which should put Island on radar

MP suggested the PC gather information and could invite SW representative to come and talk to them (asked he be copied in). The Chairman said PC are doing what they can to limit problems with sewage.

Cllr Hewston spoke of septic tanks. Residents could be responsible for some discharges.

Mention made of two fresh water mains in Station Road that require replacing and fact there are about 30 patches in the relatively newly surface road, despite PC pushing for these mains to be replaced before this work was done.

PC noted contents of Cllr Spinks report (attached to Minutes).

97/21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: IWC Cllr Steve Hastings

98/21-22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

Cllr Steve Cowley declared an interest in ‘all things Lee Farm’ and Yarmouth TC.

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

99/21-22 TO ACCEPT ANY DISPENSATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None given

100/21-22 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 28TH SEPTEMBER 2021:

Cllr Stables proposed the Minutes of the 28th September 2021 Extraordinary meeting be agreed, seconded Cllr T Cowley – **resolved**.

Cllr Spink asked for an amendment to be made to the Minutes. The Chairman confirmed these had already been agreed by Cllrs and it was agreed his report, with proposed amendment, be attached to the Minutes of this meeting. Cllr Spink said he was happy with this.

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

101/21-22 30 MINUTE QUESTION TIME (3 minutes per member of public): None.

Cllrs agreed additional item **102/21-22v** be added to the agenda: ‘To approve list of payments (circulated to Cllrs)’.

102/21-22 FINANCE/REPORTS:

i) To note successful completion of Annual Governance & Accountability Return/External Audit for year ending 31 March 2021 and that necessary paperwork has been added to the PC website and noticeboard.

Duly noted.

ii) To agree to purchase squirrel warning signs for Newbridge – Cllr Hewston to speak:

Cllr Hewston reported there had been an increase in squirrel activity and population this year. She had been in touch with the Squirrel Trust. The part of Newbridge she would like signs, would be down by the bridge, around Clay Lane, Main Road and Quarry Lane, area not suitable for a squirrel crossing.

Cllrs agreed to the PC purchasing cautionary signage from Signpost Express and **resolved** PC purchase 3 and chose their preferred design. Clerk to order, to let Cllr Hewston have, and she agreed to sort locations.

Action: Clerk/HH

iii) To consider giving a donation to the Fabric Restoration Charitable Trust of Shalfleet Parish Church towards maintenance of the Church and grounds (copy of accounts and information forwarded to Cllrs):

The Clerk explained the background on when Parish Councils used to financially support churchyards and how this had changed.

Cllr Stables proposed the PC donate £50. Cllr Broad said they had done a fantastic job and were still working on 1903 extension and proposed £100.

Resolved Parish Council agreed by majority, to donate £100, 1 abstained.

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

Chq No.	Paid to	For	Amount
SO	Sally Woods	Salary	900.00
2189	IW Sports Foundation	2 x First Aid Course Training	50.00
2190	Island Copier Co Ltd	Copier Contract	96.07
2191	M Warr	Locum Clerk + mileage	265.50
2192	WBS	Diary	5.99
2193	Signpost Express	1 x Keep Clear sign and clips	46.80
2194	Royal British Legion	2 x wreaths + £50 donation	90.00
2195	SallyWoods	Remainder Sept Salary + Mileage £10.80	272.83
DD	BT	Phone & Broadband September	53.34
DD	BT	Phone & Broadband October	53.34
DD	BT	Sim card September	12.00
DD	BT	Sim card October	12.00
2196	IWALC	6 x Good Cllr Guides - cancelled f.o.c.	
2197	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit	240.00
2198	Wight Computers	1 Year Avast + website updates	58.50
2199	Steelway Fensecure	2 x play area gate springs	78.00
DC	HMRC	3 mths Tax & NI	443.06
TOTAL			£2677.43

103/21-22 PLANNING:

a. Updates and decisions

Appeal – Barton’s Corner – Email from Senior Enforcement Officer advised PC that Mr Hill and Ms Correia have withdrawn from the ground (d) appeal which is the part where they are stating that they have lived on the land for more than 10 years.

On this basis there is now no need for a Public Inquiry to test evidence. The appeal is still proceeding on ground (a), planning permission should be granted and ground (g) that the length of time to comply is too short. The Inspector will be able to determine this part of the appeal based on the Council’s original statement and his recent attendance to site.

She will advise PC of the outcome of the appeal as soon as they receive the decision notice.

Enforcement Letters received regarding:

Alleged breach – Lantern Cottage, Station Road, Ningwood – vehicular access onto C classified road, hardstanding and engineering operation, tree removal.

Alleged breach – Providence Dairy, Providence Farm, Warlands Lane, Shalfleet – change of use of land to residential by the siting and use of a yurt in excess of 56 days per calendar year. It was noted that the Yurt appeared to have reduced in size.

b. To agree comments on application:

21/01698/FUL The Orchards Holiday Caravan Park, Main Road, Newbridge: Proposed alterations to include cladding and rooflights and single storey extension to café/bistro.

After discussion the Cllrs agreed to object to the roof lights (against Dark Sky Policy), one Cllr abstained. Cllr also made the comment that the presentation of plans was felt to be inadequate.

Noted another revised application had come in – 21/01919/FUL Land between Sun Meadow and Stone Close, Station Road, Ningwood: Proposed detached bungalow (revised scheme).

Cllr Broadhead informed the meeting that the only difference is that it will now be a sealed septic tank. She would like the PC to challenge the report that says that there is no Church, shop and only one bus. She feels this is not true – the shop is very well stocked, there is Shalfleet church and there are 2 bus stops within a quarter of a mile from the site.

Cllrs had no objection to the initial application, though did have a couple of comments. Applicant given permission to speak and said there seemed to be no definition of ‘sustainability’. If IWC say an application is ‘unsustainable’ and it goes to Appeal, it would be turned down. The proposed property would be 130 metre to a bus stop with a grass verge running to it.

Cllrs noted that other development in the area, i.e. Eversleigh, had been given approval but the original application for this site had been refused.

Cllrs agreed the decision had been unreasonable and was inconsistent.

Cllrs **resolved** Clerk formulate a comment and email it to them for agreement, prior to submitting.

Action: Clerk

104/21-22 To agree Cllrs to lay Remembrance Day wreaths at Totland War Memorial on Sunday 14th November and in Shalfleet Church:

It was agreed at the meeting that Cllr Stables would lay the wreath at Totland and Cllr Hewston the one at Shalfleet Church.

Details given to Cllr Stables, and Cllr Hewston agreed to make arrangements with the Clerk over collection of the wreath.

105/21-22 QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE:

i) Updates:

Shalfleet Booklet – Cllr Broad said 30 articles had been completed so far – planning to do 70, one for each year of the Queen’s reign.

Email from Treasurer of PTFA for Shalfleet C of E Primary School (circulated to Cllrs) asked if the PC can help them to produce a book for each school child. Also asks if PC could consider funding the production and printing of the book? They hope to arrange a big tea party, open to families and friends, at which the books can be presented during the 2022 summer term.

Noted the printer to be used will need agreeing, information received in the post today from ‘All Things Printed’ passed to the Chairman for Mrs Cowley’s attention.

Cllr Hewston asked if the PC should agree in principle to help fund the booklet, especially if match funding required – the PC agreed to support this in principle.

It was noted that the booklet project was gaining much support from various agencies and people were submitting information.

ii) To agree a design for the proposed Boundary signs and professional designer/company to take forward.

Clerk had emailed Island Road to seek approval of locations, if they would be willing to quote and whether planning permission required.

Cllr Broad referred to the elegant design of the ‘Trenchard’ shield in Shalfleet Church and agreed to send the Clerk a photo of this.

Cllrs had other suggestions of a boat, tractor, and tree to go on the signs, as well as ‘Shalfleet’.

Agreed Clerk contact Designers to ask for ideas and bring back to the PC. Quote will then need to be obtained for the production of the sign.

iii) **To consider offer from Freshwater PC to participate in their Parish Fete to celebrate the event on Friday 3rd June 2022 from 11am – 8 pm:** Cllrs noted this offer.

106/21-22 SPEEDWATCH UPDATE – Cllr Stables to speak:

Cllr Stables confirmed the speed gun did work. They were able to carry out speed checks on 40 mph roads. Unfortunately, she now had a lack of volunteers – needed more. Agreed this be put in ‘Village News’ with Holly Deacon’s contact information.

107/21-22 TO NOTE THE CLERKS REPORT:

Draft Island Planning Strategy – following Extraordinary meeting, Clerk collated Cllrs comments, circulated for agreement and then submitted on the Planning website. She asked for confirmation if comments would be accessible to view and told all comments received during the public consultation are being reviewed by the Council. A summary of all of the comments made will be published on the IWC website in early 2022 prior to the next period of public consultation on the Regulation 19 Submission version of the IPS.

Due to the above, and requests from residents for copies of PC comments, it was agreed these go on the PC website and Clerk arranged this.

Also IWALC requested a copy of the PC comments and these were sent.

Bouldnor Field:

‘Keep Clear’ sign – this had now been fitted on the metal vehicular access gate furthest away from the play area, in the hope it will prevent people parking in front of it.

Bouldnor Mead S106 agreement – emailed Cllr Spink, gave him information and asked that any help he could give to get this installed would be greatly appreciated.

Play Areas – Ordering necessary parts, as per RoSPA report, for maintenance man to repair and refurbish equipment. One picnic bench at Withyfields required painting – done 23rd September. Green metal picnic benches at Bouldnor and Newbridge need shot blasting, painting with primer and top coat. Agreed with maintenance man this best done in the spring before the next RoSPA Inspection. He is purchasing a shot blasting machine in order to be able to do this. Suggest if these two benches continue to rust, to replace with recycled plastic ones?

Tree Survey – informed contractors that quoted, of decision of Parish Council. Once report received, will forward to Cllrs. Had emailed to ask when likely to be carried out.

Winchester Corner – Cllr Broad reported lockable bollard was out of the ground. As this was installed by Island Roads, Clerk contacted them and informed.

Parish Office – there was an incident occurred in the office whilst Clerk was on leave that she felt Cllrs should all be aware of. The Locum Clerk was typing up the Minutes from the September meeting when there was a power cut. Following that the fire alarm went off – so she believed there could be a fire caused by an electrical issue and speedily left the office.

She said the stairs are quite steep and she nearly slipped down those and asked what she would have done if the fire had been below her and how she would have left the office?

Anti-dog fouling Competition – unfortunately received no entries.

Newbridge Planters – have asked Brighstone Landscaping plant some winter bedding plants. Later told Clerk these in hand.

Withyfields – resident phoned to say grass was long and asked when it was going to be cut – Clerk emailed Brighstone Landscaping.

Bob Edney Countryside Conservation Award – attended launch at Fort Victoria on 29th October 2021. Annual Award to given to work already undertaken with the £1,000 financial award to support a future activity. Closing date 16th November 2021.

Lamp post in St Michaels Close – established that Island Roads maintain this lamp post, informed resident.

Blocked Drain – Shalfleet Traffic Lights – reported through to Island Roads.

Hedge Cutting – Brighstone Landscapes phoned to confirm they will be cutting Withyfields, Wellow Millennium Green and Fleetway hedges Thursday 7th October 2021 (could not do as per contract last January/February, as too wet). Hedge cutting completed when advised.

Fleetway Green – have advised IWC that PC agreed to look further into taking on a 30 year Lease (no trees/6 month break clause) and also agreed to pay £450 legal costs. Yet to hear.

Hedge – received a phone call from resident thanking me for arranging for the hedge on Fleetway Green, next to his property to be cut (PC agreed earlier in the year). It had been very overgrown.

Remembrance Sunday Wreaths/donation – received a thank you for PC donation.

Southern Water – ongoing. Also dealt with earlier on in the meeting.

Two issues:

1. At IWALC Executive meeting suggested IWALC should contact Southern Water about the various problems regarding its performance that have been highlighted in the media recently. Would be helpful if PCs let them know of specific issues relatively recently.
2. Treatment Plant/discharges/river issues: Further to PC visit, requested and received copies of Discharge Consents from EA.

Simon Jacobs sent link to a webinar on nitrate neutrality which was forwarded to Cllrs.

Clerk wrote to SW asking about 1.5 million investment to Shalfleet WTW for phosphorous removal – asked what this means and for more information. Told Shalfleet is primary tank and filter bed rather than an activated sludge ditch, so they are not sure what they plan to do on site as yet. Permit change is 2024, so she did not think it has been decided what is being done but will keep us in the loop.

Island Roads – car on verge at Bouldnor – chased again. Island Roads written to owner 12th October 2021 giving them 2 weeks to remove. Cllr did have another suggestion – they tell the owner he is willing to give £100 if get V5 and will remove car, (Cllrs noted car is now covered in graffiti).

Electric Charging Points – emailed Cllr Medland for more information.

West Wight Town & Parish Councils Association – meeting to be held Thursday 28th October 2021 at Brighstone Church at 7 pm. Clerk asked if the Chairman will attend to represent Shalfleet or Vice-Chair. Agreed as Chairman attending as Yarmouth TC representative, Vice-Chair, Cllr Stables would attend as representative for Shalfleet PC. Clerk will be sending out paperwork next week.

Signage Options for the England Coast Path – email from LAF asking for views on whether to retain existing branding and other options. Cllr Hewston had replied, as PC representative, that she did not feel acorns on the signage was appropriate, a seagull (for the coast) was more, and current signage be retained.

Bouldnor Viewpoint: email sent outlining problem of overgrown vegetation – annual issue. Resident willing to contribute, he has offered to pay half costs if can meet on site and say which bits affect him?

Green Gym rang back – they charge £75 but cannot do till next year.

Cllr Broad wished his opposition to PC paying to be recorded, he felt it fundamentally wrong.

Discussion on maintenance of Open Spaces, with the MP giving input and it was noted in the past P&T Councils did more of this.

Agreed, by majority, that Clerk contact Brighstone Landscaping and ask them to meet resident on site to look at the work required and PC pay half costs.

108/21-22 TO NOTE COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Cllr Hewston – made mention of the LAF/Coastal signage.

Attended First Aid Training on 3rd October 2021.

She felt it may be useful for the PC to purchase another defibrillator to bring to meetings, (cost about £600, from British Heart Foundation). Agreed this go on a future agenda after a review of where they are in the Parish be carried out first. **Action: Clerk**

Now on Board of Island Cottages, which could be of relevant regarding housing issues.

Cllr T Cowley – referred to a mobile home which had appeared on land in Hamstead Drive. He agreed to send Clerk photograph to send on to Planning Enforcement. **Action: TC/Clerk**

Noted he was leader to several walk for the Walking Festival and these included a historic talk.

Cllr Broadhead – queried when finances and budgets would be discussed. The Chairman confirmed later in the year, with the precept to be agreed at the January/February meeting, depending on IWC deadline.

Cllr Stables – reported a static caravan had appeared on land at Providence Farm – agreed to forward photograph to Clerk for her to send on to Planning Enforcement. **Action: SS/Clerk**

109/21-22 PARISH COUNCIL – SOCIAL MEDIA – CLLR THOMAS COWLEY TO SPEAK:

Cllr T Cowley reported most other Council use social media, Facebook in particular, for publicity.

After discussion it was **resolved** he could set up a PC Facebook page purely for information purposes. He confirmed he would include items that the Clerk currently sent to him, i.e. agendas.

Action: TC

110/21-22 TO REVIEW SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL POLICY ON FILMING, AUDIO-RECORDING, PHOTOGRAPHING AND REPORTING: Copies circulated to Cllrs.

Cllrs duly reviewed and agreed this Policy.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 7.15 pm at Shalfleet C of E Primary School.

December meeting venue - School cannot accommodate PC – disco. Cllrs agreed Wellow is a difficult venue, particularly in the winter, due to lack of parking and uneven path.

Shalfleet Village Hall could accommodate Thursday 9th December from 7.05 pm – Cllr Stables cannot do Thursdays.

Resolved Clerk contact Newbridge Community Centre Trustees to find out availability for 8th December 2021 and 12th January 2022 meetings.

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

October Report of Ward Councillor Peter Spink to Shalfleet Parish Council (SPC).

Since my last report I have undertaken the following:

1. I have objected to the proposed developments in Camp Road and Birch Close, Freshwater.
2. I have chaired a further meeting of the Task and Finish Committee re the Draft Island Planning Strategy. We have one further meeting before reporting to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee in November.
3. I am a member of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and yesterday attended the October Meeting.
4. Having attended a meeting with Southern Water last month I took part in a further meeting this morning. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss SW's ability to cope with present and future demands re flood/foul water. The real issue is with surface water draining into the sewer. S.W. have requested the IoW Council to include, as a matter of policy, a provision that surface water from new developments ought not to connect to the public sewer.
5. I have again contacted the relevant Council personnel for an update re the footpath at Bouldnor, the continuing contravention of the Wellow Millennium Green Regulations, and the abandoned car on the verge at Bouldnor.
6. I was contacted quite some time ago by a Bouldnor resident re light pollution from Tapnell Farm. I spoke to the relevant Manager about this and for a short period of time the situation improved. I have, however, been informed by the same resident that the problem has recommenced. I intend to make further contact with Tapnell Farm as soon as possible.
7. I ask please that this Report be included in the Minutes re the Meeting on 28th September or alternatively that the minutes be amended as follows:

c. Draft Island Planning Strategy

Councillor Spink's hand had been raised for some time; when his turn came to ask a question he was told by the Chair that the time for asking questions was nearly up. Councillor Spink asked if the P.C. would recommend that rural exception sites should be small developments of 100% affordable housing and that paragraphs 7.65-7.68 of the Draft Plan should be deleted. The Chair commented that there was insufficient time for the P.C. to read those paragraphs.

Councillor Spink began to ask a question re a claim of an exceptional case for the Island under Paragraph 60, and the Chair indicated that reading paragraph 60 was above his pay-grade; when Councillor Spink stood up and pressed the question further the Chair declared that time was up and began banging his gavel a number of times, it was then that Cllr Spink shouted that he felt he should be listened to and the Chairman replied that the PC had given a fair amount of time for people to ask questions and speak on the DIPS and Cllrs had to agree a comment. Also, if people continued speaking he would clear the meeting of public and press. Further questions were then allowed from a member of the public.

Peter Spink, Isle of Wight Council Member for Freshwater North and Yarmouth.