

SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SHALFLEET CE PRIMARY SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, 9th MARCH 2022 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Cllrs: S Cowley (Chair), H Hewston, S Stables, T Cowley, P Broadhead, A Ingram
6 members of public
Clerk: Sally Woods
Deputy Clerk: Amy Parkinson

182/21-22 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND TO HOLD A MINUTES SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF IAN BROAD WHO SADLY DIED ON 22ND FEBRUARY 2022:

Cllr Cowley welcomed everyone to the meeting including the newly appointed Deputy Clerk Amy Parkinson.

He said a few words about Ian Broad:

I first met Ian when Jill was compiling the Yarmouth and Thorley Voices. His knowledge of local history was brilliant and his enthusiasm was great. We swapped garden produce and garlic bulbs. Following Jo's death I encouraged him to apply to be co-opted onto the council knowing that he would be an asset to the Parish.

He held strong view on many things, especially the fact the Isle of Wight Council is constantly cutting funding for the people of the Parish.

We have many lively discussions both at the meeting but also over a pint.

May I ask you now stand for a minute in his remembrance and with sympathy for Harriet and children.

183/21-22 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Cllr Steve Hastings – no report this month, when emailing his apologies, he said he had been involved in budget matters during February.

Cllr Peter Spink – report circulated to Cllrs (on file).

184/21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: IWC Cllrs Steve Hastings, Peter Spink

185/21-22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

Cllr S Cowley – all things Lee Farm, the 'Book' and Yarmouth Town Council.

Cllr T Cowley – Camp Wight, Wight Nature Fund, the 'Book' and Yarmouth Town Council.

Cllr A Ingram – Yarmouth Town Council and land between Sun Meadow and Stone Close, Station Road Planning Appeal.

186/21-22 TO ACCEPT ANY DISPENSATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None received.

187/21-22 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9th FEBRUARY 2022:

Page 4 – Cllr Broadhead proposed an amendment/addition be made to item 178/21-22 paragraph 5 – After 'Cllr S Cowley asked it be noted there was £20,000 in the PC project budget.' To add 'The Clerk responded this was for all PC projects for the year'.

Page 4 Cllr T Cowley proposed an amendment be made to item 178/21-22 final paragraph, that the words 'of a reduce size in terms of content' be removed.

Cllr Broadhead proposed the Minutes of the 9th February 2022 meeting, with the two amendments above, be agreed, seconded Cllr Hewston – **resolved**.

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

188/21-22 30 MINUTE QUESTION TIME (3 minutes per member of public):

Mr Dunkley reported he had received a reply from the Police, following his letter to the MP regarding speeding on Ningwood Hill. Discussion held on speeding and speed limits. Cllr Stables confirmed she had already discussed Ningwood Hill previously with Mr Dunkley and this was considered a low risk area. Once she had enough people to undertake it safely, she would be arranging more checks re Speedwatch and if attended the necessary training at Netley could even do this in 50 mph sections of road.

Resident of Wellow confirmed that the newly planted Queens Canopy of trees on Wellow Millennium Green had been logged on to the Queens Platinum Jubilee website.

Cllr S Cowley asked that the proposed beacon lighting for the event could also be put on the map. He also asked the Vice-Chair if she could please light this beacon, as he was doing one in Yarmouth. Cllr Stables agreed to this. **Action: SS**

Mrs J Cowley wished everyone a happy International Women's Day for yesterday.

Mr Matt Price said he was representing Shalfleet School and the PTFA and had come to give his support to the book being written for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. He had been involved in several similar projects and said this book was coming on wonderfully. As books don't get updated, he felt it should be digitalised and updated, and he would look to the PC to support additional funding to allow this. It could then be linked to other websites.

Mrs J Cowley gave thanks to the proof readers: Heather Cooper, Hilary Higgins and Nikki Kownacki.

189/21-22 FINANCE/REPORTS:

i) To consider giving a donation to Red Nose Day in support of Tallulah Mears baking pop up shops:

Information had been circulated to Cllrs.

Cllr S Cowley declared an interest as the email had come from his daughter-in-law.

Vice Chair, Cllr Stables took the Chair for this item on the agenda.

It was noted there was £75 left in the donation budget plus money in the project budget.

Cllr Stables said she was aware of the girl who had instigated this; she was doing a great job and asked Cllrs their thoughts on this.

It was noted Yarmouth TC had given 50% of the £500 requested. Discussion followed.

Cllr Hewston was concerned about there being no provision for unsold products and after further discussion it was agreed these could be sent to the Foodbank.

Cllr T Cowley proposed the PC give £250, seconded Cllr Broadhead – vote taken – **resolved** by majority (Cllr Hewston objected).

Cllr S Cowley re-took the Chair.

ii) To agree to pay £75 SLCC membership fee for the Deputy Clerk:

Cllr S Cowley proposed this be paid, seconded Cllr Broadhead – **resolved**.

iii) To agree Open Space Maintenance Tender for 5 year contract:

The PC had previously agreed the Schedule and Specification for the Tender.

Cllrs noted 4 packs had been sent out – deadline date for receipt of tenders had been 8th March 2022.

Details of tender received from Brighstone Landscaping Ltd and opened after the deadline date, had been circulated to Cllrs by the Clerk.

Prices had been given per cut, including for one off cuts/collections for areas in May. Taking all these into account and based on 8 cuts per area, the estimated total cost per annum was £8,600.

Cllr S Cowley proposed this tender be agreed, seconded Cllr Broadhead – **resolved**.

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

Chq No.	Paid to	For	Amount
SO	Sally Woods	Salary	900.00
BAC	Sally Woods	Remainder Salary + mileage	355.50
DD	BT	Phone & Broadband	53.34
DD	BT	Sim card	12.00
BAC	Wight Computers Ltd	1 x website changes	36.00
BAC	The Island Copier Co	Photocopier Contract	116.23
DC	Harpers Office	Defibrillator + Cabinet	1617.95
DC	Suregreen Ltd	Stakes and Tree Shelters	224.90
DC	Jacksons Nurseries	Tree Whips	151.19
DC	Cash	Community Award	100.00
BAC	RAS Cowley	Ferry + mileage reimburse	68.25
BAC	Sally Woods	2 x frames + memory stick	43.96
BAC	Brighstone Lands	Tree planting + Bouldnor Viewpoint	960.00
TOTAL			£4,639.32

190/21-22 PLANNING:

a. Updates and decisions:

IWC Refused:

21/02545/FUL – Atlast, Ningwood Hill, Shalfleet: Proposed detached dwelling.

21/02570/FUL – Lucketts Farm, Bouldnor Road, Shalfleet: Proposed change of number of pitches from 15 to 30.

Appeals:

20/00276/FUL Lower Dodpits Farm, Warlands Lane, Shalfleet: Demolition of store shed; conversion of barn to form residential dwelling (revised scheme).

Hearing date also letter received: Wednesday, 30th March 2022

21/01362/FUL and 21/01919/FUL Land between Sun Meadow and Stone Close, Station Road, Shalfleet: Proposed detached bungalow and revised scheme.

Cllr Alan Ingram, having declared an interest, left the room.

The Chairman had emailed Cllrs asking if they wish to support the appeal against the refusal of planning. He then read his email which outlined what the PC had initially commented on the application, as well as pointing out inconsistencies. Cllrs had been surprised the application had been turned down. Cllr Hewston asked her comments on sustainability and rural economy be added. Cllr T Cowley gave some background on the Case Officer.

Resolved Clerk formulate an email to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate and send this to Cllrs for any further comment before it is sent, with copies to IWC Planning, Chair of Planning and Cabinet Member for Planning.

Cllr A Ingram rejoined the meeting.

b. To agree comments on application:

22/00095/HOU Alma Cottage, Wellow Top Road, Shalfleet: Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey rear extension to include photovoltaic panels on roof.

22/00095/HOU Alma Cottage, Wellow Top Road, Shalfleet: Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey rear extension to include photovoltaic panels on roof; proposed detached garage (readvertised application).

5 emails of objection received, on grounds:

- the extension too large compared to the original cottage footprint.
- the intended materials appear too modern and out of keeping with the traditional appearance of the cottage, and the extension, garage seems high enough to deprive neighbouring gardens of light in the summer evenings.

- alarmed by the scale of the proposed extension to the existing house and proposal for a large garage with a tall, pitched roof.
- intrusion, lack of privacy and light pollution would be considerable. A sight line from the base of the proposed extension gives a clear view of the entire garden at ‘Pebbles’.
- the roof ridge of the proposed new garage at the highest part of Alma Cottage’s land approaches the height of the roof ridge at ‘Pebbles’ and presents a major change in both skyline and the character of the three properties clustered together at Wellow Top Road.
- over-development of the site, adverse affects on neighbouring property, loss of light, visual intrusion and loss of privacy, water run off, noise pollution, size and scale.

Cllrs **resolved** to object to this application on the above grounds.

Action: Clerk

N.B. Application was withdrawn next morning and Clerk not able to submit PC comment.

22/00257/HOU Cider Cottage, Main Road Wellow: Proposed single storey side and rear extensions to form bedroom, bathroom, therapy room and hydrotherapy pool.

The Parish Councillors agreed to object to this application on the grounds:

1. Out of character.
2. Overdevelopment.
3. The proposed roof lights in the western elevation would cause light pollution and create disturbance to neighbouring properties and wildlife.

191/21-22 UKRAINE – TO AGREE WHAT ASSISTANCE THE PARISH COUNCIL CAN GIVE:

Clerk sought advice from SLCC and been told that it is not the place of the PC to send precept funds abroad.

In preparation for this meeting, she had also asked Newbridge Community Centre Trustees if the building could be used to store items, if required. Email reply circulated.

Discussion followed and Cllrs felt it was better to donate money rather than ‘stuff’.

Cllr T Cowley proposed PC donate to a charity based in London – Medecins Sans Frontieres – well established and dedicated to helping in War zones.

Cllr Hewston agreed and proposed PC look at again in 6 months time, to review – **resolved**.

Cllr Broadhead proposed PC donate £1,000 to MSF from the Projects budget, seconded Cllr S Cowley – **resolved**.

Action: Clerk

192/21-22 TO NOTE THE CLERKS REPORT: Copies had been circulated.

Query on number of Councillors who can sit on the Parish Council – further to this question being asked at the February meeting, the Clerk obtained a response from the IWC Electoral Services Officer. This confirmed that the Parish is composed of 2 members for Shalfleet East ward and 4 members for Shalfleet West ward. The Local Government Act 1972 provides that the minimum number of members of a Parish Council is 5.

Shalfleet Parish has 6 members. This can be varied by the IWC following a Community Governance review, but only once a period of 5 years from the date of the local elections in May 2021 has passed.

Bouldnor Field Treeplanting – unfortunately Jacksons did not deliver to IW, so arranged for whips to be delivered to friend of the Chairman’s at Botley. He then went over to collect. BACs payment to cover expenses had been made – see accounts for payment.

Guards and stakes ordered and delivery arranged direct to Brighstone Landscaping Ltd. Planted 17th February 2022.

Bouldnor Viewpoint – work to cut back to improve view will have been completed by the time of the meeting. (Clerk will invoice resident half costs).

Action: Clerk

Fleetway Green Lease – advised Solicitor that PC had agreed his amendments and asked him to prepare Lease for signature (needs 2 Cllrs, plus Clerk can act as witness).

Fleetway Green – report that vehicle had driven on this and caused damage. Clerk went to look and photograph – believes it will sort itself (still in ownership of IWC at this point).

Annual Parish Meeting – thank you to Cllr Stables to inviting Karen Eeles from Aspire to our Annual Parish Meeting on 27th April 2022 at 7.15 pm. Pleased to report Karen had agreed to attend and Clerk had confirmed this with her.

Parish Crest – confirmed conceptual routes with Graphic Designer and he hopes to have some designs ready in 3 – 4 weeks time (from 18.2.22.). Cllr Hewston asked if it was the PCs intention to change the PC logo to the Crest. Noted that initially this was instigated in relation to the proposed boundary signs but agreed that in time it would and would go on headed paper, policies, website and noticeboards.

The Cllrs agreed that the crest contain the words ‘Shalfleet Parish Council’ and Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Graphic Designer for 22nd or 23rd March depending on his availability, and to inform him the boundary signs will not be going ahead.

Action: Clerk

Covenant – Clerk had again emailed the present owner of the Company that holds the covenant on Bouldnor Field to remind him the PC would be interested to learn more about negotiating its release. Immediate reply confirmed he was working on this and would get back to PC.

S106 footpath – emailed Cllr Peter Spink and asked for his help in getting this path installed asap and informed him Russell Chick was dealing with this matter.

Burt Close – report came in of a caravan parked outside a property at Burt Close – emailed Sovereign to ask their policy on this. The Development Manager made enquiries - Sovereign confirmed: - tenants cannot have boats or caravans on their drives unless they have permission. They can put in for retrospective permission but this does not mean it will be given.

Deputy/Locum Clerk – very pleased to report Amy Parkinson was appointed and started work 23.2.22.

April Meeting – Simon Jacobs to attend to speak about his new planning application for land adjacent to Burt Close. Earlier start time of 6.45 pm to give him half hour to speak and answer questions.

IWALC Topic Meeting – Housing – attended meeting on 24th February 2022 with 5 Cllrs – several speakers including Housing Providers, IWC Housing Needs Manager, Community Led Housing Officer and Leader of IWC. If anyone knew of any derelict properties – to let IWC know – they are able to refurbish these to house people.

Community Led Housing – Mr Prickett happy to join an interest group meeting to pursue. Chairman agreed this be held after the April meeting once Cllrs have heard what Simon Jacobs’ plans are for land adjacent to Burt Close.

Defibrillator – ordered the cabinet (now to be polycarbonate, so salt resistance - Trustees have agreed) and actual defibrillator – slight delay on this due to ‘chip’ shortage. Arranging for electrician to install once cabinet arrived.

Mountbatten Hospice – received letter of thanks for £500 donation.

Goal posts at Bouldnor Field – these have been moved again – asked Maintenance man to make sure secure and put in better location for when grass cutting starts to make sure a better sized ‘pitch’.

Also asked Maintenance man to sandblast green metal picnic sets and paint before RoSPA inspection in May.

Tree Work at Withyfields – had chased and now heard work will take place in next week or so.

Bridge Rails at Wellow – had email to say case closed – had asked resident if repaired. Resident confirmed that work had not been undertaken and agreed to send the Clerk a photo, as evidence of this. Clerk will then chase. **Action: Clerk**

Taxi Fare consultation – email received asking for any comments – no comments made.

Beaver Recovery Project Officer is willing to attend June PC meeting – Cllrs asked Clerk to confirm. **Action: Clerk**

193/21-22 TO NOTE COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Cllr A Ingram: Reported he had attended an IWALC Planning meeting, for which the content had been very shallow, was too basic and repetitive. Unfortunately the Planning Officer had been unable to attend. Cllr T Cowley had also attended and agreed with this and said it had been similar to the basic planning training session he had attended. Agreed Clerk sent feedback to IWALC. **A: Clerk**

Cllr Ingram had received a phone call regarding the Hamstead Trail – S19 on Wellow Top Road. He said this was dangerous and a health and safety issue. Clerk had previously reported this, including photos taken by Cllr Stables. It was agreed she chase. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr T Cowley: Conservation Area Appraisal– he had sent through an email with a tender for this and asked this be a future agenda item. **Action: Clerk**

Requested a future agenda item for the PC to discuss a new memorial to mark the crash site of the bomber at Eades Farm with the loss of complete crew– it will be 80 years ago on 20th December 2022.

Action: Clerk

Cllr H Hewston: reported circulated to Cllrs and noted.

Cllr S Cowley: had been to look at the Queens Canopy planted at Bouldnor Field and he said the tree guards needed pushing into the ground. Clerk to ask Brighstone Landscaping Ltd **Action: Clerk**

194/21-22 QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE:

i) Book – quotes, funding, pricing, number of copies, printer etc., to be agreed:
Information circulated to Cllrs.

Cllr S Cowley proposed Biltmore quotation of £4,425 be accepted and 500 copies be printed, Cllr T Cowley seconded. Cllr S Cowley showed Cllrs a sample of Biltmore’s work – size, type and weight the book would be.

Cllr Hewston asked if it would be advisable for the Chairman to leave the room.

Cllr S Cowley said he had asked the advice of the Monitoring Officer on this, who said it was to do with wellbeing, and he said it was his choice whether he left the meeting on not.

Cllr Hewston felt it was up to the Council to say whether or not he could stay for this particular discussion.

Cllr S Cowley said it was up to the Clerk to advise the Council, (note - that advise had been both Cllrs S & T Cowley leave the room,) as well as the Monitoring Officer, who had said it was up to him whether he stayed in the meeting or not. He asked if it made any difference and why the question of 'interest' was raised at this time as the Council had been discussing the book for the last 6 months.

Lengthy and fiery discussion followed on the background of the book, the grant funding obtained, the website, copyright and ownership, sale price of book and sticky labels.

It was agreed that as the website for the book had not been previously discussed, this go on the April agenda.

The Clerk pointed out it was unfortunate that the meeting she had pushed for to discuss the format and content of the book, some months ago, had not transpired. It might have prevented the upset that had ensued. The Chairman said it was because they were awaiting, as previously agreed, the outcome of the grant applications which had only just been given and this was the first opportunity. He asked it be noted it was planned the 'project' included a website, as written in to the grant applications.

The Chairman and other Cllrs refused Mrs J Cowley permission to speak and she left the meeting.

Cllrs Hewston, Broadhead and Ingram then agreed with the proposal initially made by Cllr S Cowley and seconded by Cllr T Cowley, that the Biltmore quotation be accepted and 500 copies printed. Cllr Stables abstained.

N.B. Immediately after the meeting Mrs J Cowley came into the meeting room and said she had withdrawn her offer to the PC of the book. This was later confirmed in an email which was circulated to Cllrs.

The meeting at the school (planned for the day after the PC meeting,) to discuss an event to present the book to the school children was cancelled.

Also, due to there being no book, the discussion on a website to be connected to it, which had been planned for a future meeting, was scrapped.

ii) To discuss the Big Lunch: Cllr Hewston had asked this item go on the agenda and she said she was not advocating PC join in but asked Cllrs to read up on it.

iii) Update on School event planned for Bouldnor Field – Cllrs T Cowley and S Stables: Meeting planned for 11th March 2022 at 11 am at the School subsequently cancelled.

195/21-22 TO REVIEW THE INFORMATION PUBLICATION SCHEME POLICY: Copies circulated to Cllrs. Cllrs duly reviewed and agreed this policy.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7.15 pm at Shalfleet C of E Primary School.

Meeting closed at 8.56 pm.

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