

## SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT WELLOW INSTITUTE ON WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 AT 7.15 PM

**Present:** Cllrs: S Cowley (Chair), H Hewston, S Stables, T Cowley, A Ingram  
IW Cllr. Peter Spink  
0 members of public  
Deputy Clerk: Amy Parkinson

#### **33/22-23 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **34/22-23 IZZIE TWEEN, BEAVER RECOVERY PROJECT OFFICER, ATTENDING TO GIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE FEASIBILITY OF BEAVER INTRODUCTION ONTO THE ISLE OF WIGHT:**

Beavers have been extinct on the Isle of Wight since the island separated from the mainland, due to predation. On the mainland they were hunted extensively for their fur and believed to have become extinct by 1600AD.

They are herbivorous, nocturnal, semi-aquatic rodents and can produce one litter per year. Beavers are ecosystem engineers; they increase wetland, engage in coppicing (which lets more light into riverbanks), and they improve water quality.

With their loss, we have seen an increase in erosion, flash flooding and biodiversity.

Dredging and straightening of rivers increase the risk of flash flooding. Introducing beavers into these areas may alleviate this issue by the beaver's ability to revert the river tracks back to their previous composition and make better use of floodplains. This would slow the flow of the rivers, improve our ability to recharge aquifers and decrease the risk of flash flooding.

There are currently two areas in Devon that beavers have been reintroduced into: River Tamar (Devon Enclosed Beaver Project) and River Otter (River Otter Beaver Trial). Both locations are being monitored to assess the impact the beavers are having on the local environment. The River Otter Beaver Trial has reported increased eco-tourism and improved water quality.

Devon and the Isle of Wight has similar ecology, so the introduction of beavers could benefit the Isle of Wight, as it seems to be doing in Devon.

The University of Exeter carried out research on the best location to place beaver pairs (current predictions are to place three pairs on the Isle of Wight within the next five years).

These locations are Ningwood Lake, Caul Bourne, Corf Lake, and Thorley Brook.

Beavers would only be released onto Trust land and would be closely monitored to assess their impact.

#### **35/22-23 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**Cllr Steve Hastings** – report received and circulated to Cllrs (on file).

**Cllr Peter Spink** – presented report at the meeting and report was circulated to Cllrs (on file).

**36/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr P Broadhead, Cllr S Hastings

**37/22-23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:**

Cllr S Cowley – all things Lee Farm, Yarmouth Town Council and Wight Nature Fund.  
Cllr T Cowley – Camp Wight, Wight Nature Fund and Yarmouth Town Council.  
Cllr A Ingram – Yarmouth Town Council.

**38/22-23 TO ACCEPT ANY DISPENSATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:**

None received.

**39/22-23 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD**

**11th MAY 2022.** Copies had been circulated:

Cllr S Cowley proposed the Minutes of the meeting be agreed, seconded by Cllr T Cowley – **resolved.**

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

**40/22-23 30 MINUTE QUESTION TIME (3 minutes per member of public):**

No members of the public present.

**41/22-23 FINANCE/REPORTS:**

**i)To note and approve the Internal Audit report**

Cllr S Cowley proposed the report be approved, seconded by Cllr S Stables -**resolved.**

**ii)To agree and sign off the Accounts and Governance Statement for the accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.** Copies circulated to Cllrs.

Cllr S Cowley proposed to agree to sign off the accounts, seconded by Cllr T Cowley – **resolved.**

The statement was signed by the Chairman.

**iii)To agree to purchase 30 Oxford paperback Dictionaries for Shalfleet CE Primary School Leavers.** Prices circulated to Cllrs/available at the meeting.

This item has been deferred until the Councillors collect more prices for a Dictionary/Thesaurus for age 11+ children. **Action: Clerk**

**iv)To discuss a new template for the existing website, to work with the new logo.**

Cllr T Cowley expects this to cost approximately £200-300. A new template or ‘skin’ would make the website more accessible when using a smart phone. He will have more information regarding this item at the next meeting. **Action: TC**

**v)To discuss a request from West Wight Sports & Community Centre for a donation.**

Accounts circulated to Cllrs.

Councillors agreed to a £1500 donation and to review again in 6 months’ time.

**vi)To discuss giving a donation to Aspire Ryde.** Accounts and information circulated to Cllrs.

Councillors agreed to a £250 donation, plus a letter sent to request information on the progress of the Newbridge Hub.

**vii) To agree to give a donation to charity, in memory of Ian Broad, to Earl Mountbatten Hospice and/or British Heart Foundation.**

Councillors agreed to a £100 donation to Earl Mountbatten Hospice.

**viii) To discuss a request from Shalfleet School PTFA for a donation towards a new School Pavilion.** Accounts and information circulated to Cllrs.

Councillors deferred this decision until more information has been acquired regarding their funding from other sources e.g., **Church Action: Clerk**

**ix) To resolve to sign the Lease for Fleetway Green between Shalfleet Parish Council and Isle of Wight Council, (as agreed at the February 2022 PC meeting and as per the PC Standing Orders) as well as the Declaration and pay the £450 IWC Legal costs.**

Cllr S Cowley and Cllr S Stables signed the lease, with the Deputy Clerk as witness  
- **resolved.**

**x) To approve list of payments (Total £3669.48) Copies emailed to Cllrs – resolved.**

DC Cash Petty Cash 50.00

SO Sally Woods Salary 900.00

BAC Sally Woods Remainder Salary + mileage 414.42

BAC Amy Parkinson Salary + mileage 420.50

DD BT Phone & Broadband 53.34

DD BT Sim card 13.18

BAC IWC Fleetway Green legal fees 450.00

BAC Newbridge Com Assoc Hall hire for April meeting 30.00

DC Wel Medical Defib pads 47.94

BAC Shalfleet Village Hall Donation towards Jubilee event 200.00

BAC Wessex Cancer Trust Donation 500.00

BAC A J Wells Queens Canopy plaque 450.00

2227 A Ingram Newbridge planters 40.00

2226 R & P Everson Funeral Donation in memory of Ian Broad £100

#### **42/22-23 PLANNING:**

##### **a. Updates and decisions:**

##### **IWC Approved:**

**21/02377/HOU Seaways, Bouldnor Road**

**22/00311/HOU Holdefast, Bouldnor Road**

**22/00465/HOU Harts Hole Cottage, Wellow Top Road**

**22/00559/HOU Annexe, Little Acres, Warlands Lane**

**22/00463/HOU Tanglewood, Solent Road**

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

**22/00747/HOU The New House, Main Road, Wellow: Demolition of shed, garage, conservatory; proposed two storey side and single storey rear extension; alterations; formation of vehicular access and drive.**

The Parish Councillors had no objections

**22/00710/HOU Speedwell, Solent Road, Shalfleet: Proposed garage/workshop.**

The Parish Councillors object on the grounds that it is out of scale and character with the existing property. Inappropriate development. And if the property is sold, it should not be allowed to be used as a separate property.

**22/00705/FUL Longlast, Cranmore Avenue: Removal of existing mobile home; proposed dwelling with associated car parking and landscaping; alterations to reduce size of existing barn.**

The Parish Councillors had no objections.

**43/22-23 TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW MEMORIAL TO MARK THE CRASH SITE OF THE BOMBER AEROPLANE AT EADES FARM (IT WILL BE 80 YEARS AGO ON 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022):**

Cllr T Cowley suggested a concrete mound with an inscription and Squadron Crest. He will be organising funding from the Canadian Air Force and the Memorials Commission. It has been suggested that the old memorial be boxed up and housed at the Parish Office. Costs and estimates are needed. The Councillors resolved to proceed, subject to budget.

**Action: TC**

**44/22 -23 TO NOTE THE CLERKS REPORT:** Copies circulated to Cllrs.

**Defibrillator** – this has now been re-ordered through IW NHS Trust (together with necessary pads from another company) due to delay on the order by original company. Defib already on The Island and delivery arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Queens Canopy plaque** – this has now been ordered and paid for.

Need to sort out what it is going to be fixed to and who to fix it? Cllrs S Cowley and Broadhead were to look into a piece of Greenheart?

**Flasks for Shalfleet School** – these were ordered and a card (stating they are given from the PC to commemorate the Jubilee) to go with them, taken to the school.

**October PC Meeting** – have booked the school hall for a 10 am start meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October. Have advised Cllr Steve Hastings of same. Have also arranged for amended meeting dates to go on the PC website and this will also need to go in Village News.

**VAT Claim** – Deputy Clerk just submitted a claim for £1,782.

**Wellow Verge** – Island Roads District Steward phoned to confirm the verge the PC asked for the stones to be removed from is in the ownership of the house owner (he was shown the Deeds). Island Roads will therefore not be removing the stones. He also confirmed they would not be installing any bollards. Resident informed.

**Community Led Housing** – arranged meeting at Parish Office for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 at 11am. Cllr Hewston has confirmed attendance, as has Stuart Hutchinson. Also put

mention in Village News/PC website that looking for a site. Clerk may have more news on this at this meeting.

**Open Spaces** – arranged for the maintenance man to carry out the annual clean of open space items and necessary painting of PC seats. He recently fixed the wooden picnic bench at Withyfields and reported this has some wood that needs replacing – Clerk has asked him to go ahead and do this.

He had recently sandblasted the 2 green metal picnic benches in the play areas and repainted (they look very good). He reported that the underneath of these is rusting from the inside out, but they will hopefully last a few more years.

He will also check the two play areas whilst Clerk is on leave.

**RoSPA Play Area Inspection** – Inspector felt the seesaw at Bouldnor was not fitted correctly, removed it and put it in the hedge. The maintenance man has since fixed the seesaw.

**45/22-23 TO NOTE COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**Cllr H Hewston:** IWALC report circulated to Cllrs (attached to Minutes).

**46/22-23 TO AGREE FOR LOCAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS BE UPLOADED ONTO A NEW SECTION OF THE PC WEBSITE:**

Principle agreed, subject to cost. Chloe or Hilary to upload/manage the records.

**Action: Clerk**

**47/22-23 TO REVIEW THE POLICY FOR DEALING WITH ABUSIVE, PERSISTENT OR VEXATIOUS COMPLAINTS AND COMPLAINANTS.** Copies circulated to Cllrs.

The Parish Councillors agreed that no changes were necessary – **resolved.**

**Next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.15 pm at Wellow Institute.**

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

**Signed** .....

**Date** .....

## SPC Report on IWALC Executive Meeting 26th May 2022

20 + attendees convened at the Riverside Centre for the meeting. The agenda item on -

Training included, future topics and whether a Council could have individual sessions. Support for clerks can be organised through Mark Pink and Equality and Diversity is programmed for 20th July.

Communications with a discussion on the idea that an award be designed for Council Best Practice. The Best Kept Village Scheme and Britain in Bloom were suggested as models to examine for guidance. Jill Webster and Diana Conyers would like to see more and improved sharing of news and comment between all T&PCs and the LA. e.g. Council Open Days.

Local Government Association Planning Service Peer Review showed that the LA needs to improve several aspects. Some of which have been started e.g. the upgrade of the planning portal. A report is expected next month. (June).

Topic meetings. It was decided to have the Biosphere and Environmental/ Climate and more for the June meeting. Road Safety/ Traffic Policing to be aired in October. These are open meeting where all T&PCllrs are eligible to attend.

The Beaver Recovery Project now has June Davidson as a rep from us.

We were reminded that nominations for officers and reps to outside bodies should be submitted at least 7 days before the AGM on 28th July.

End of Report. Helena Hewston