

SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SHALFLEET CE PRIMARY SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH MARCH 2023 AT 10 AM

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

174/22-23 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting it was International Women's Day and asking for a round of applause for all the women in people's lives.

175/22-23 30 MINUTE QUESTION TIME (3 minutes per child/member of public):

A local child attended and spoke about the possibility of putting up more signs asking people to slow down and be aware of the squirrels in the Parish. She designed a beautiful poster, which the Deputy Clerk will take copies of, laminate and put up on the Parish's noticeboards

Action: Deputy Clerk

There was also a discussion about whether road signs could be an option too.

A member of the public spoke about the speed of cars in the Parish and suggested setting a 20mph speed limit around Newbridge. The Parish Council indicated that Island Roads and the Isle of Wight Council should be contacted regarding this.

The school children and members of the public present, were all concerned about road safety in the Parish, particularly involving pedestrians.

176/22-23 TO NOTE WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:

Cllr Nick Stuart – Report circulated to Cllrs and noted.

Cllr Peter Spink – Report circulated to Cllrs and noted.

177/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Peter Spink, Cllr Nick Stuart

178/22-23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

Cllr Hewston declared a nonpecuniary interest in CLH as the IWALC representative for CLH.

Cllr T Cowley declared a personal interest in the Coronation donation request discussions as his wife is Chair of the Wellow Millennium Green Committee.

Cllr A Ingram declared a personal interest in the Coronation donation request discussions as he is on the Wellow Millennium Green Committee.

179/22-23 TO ACCEPT ANY DISPENSATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None received.

180/22-23 TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 8th FEBRUARY 2023: Copies had been circulated:

Cllr P. Broadhead proposed the Minutes of the meeting be agreed, seconded by Cllr S.

Stables – **resolved**. The Minutes having been agreed were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

181/22-23 PLANNING:

a. Updates and decisions:

Refused by IWC:

22/02280/FUL Land west of Alma Cottage, Wellow Top Road, Shalfleet: Proposed two detached dwellings with associated parking; formation of vehicular access.

b. To agree comments on application:

23/00149/HOU Alma Cottage, Wellow Top Road, Shalfleet: Proposed single storey side extension to replace existing garden room with solar panels on roof; new garage.

The Parish Council agreed there were no objections to this application.

23/00180/FUL Atlast, Ningwood Hill, Shalfleet: Proposed detached chalet bungalow (revised scheme).

The Parish Council object to this planning application as it is not in a sustainable location, would delete the wildlife corridor and not enhance the character of an AONB.

23/00087/HOU 6 Waters Edge, Shalfleet: Proposed single storey extension; alterations to include raised deck to rear.

The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.

23/00286/HOU 3 Waters Edge, Shalfleet: Proposed single storey front extension.

The Parish Council objects to this planning application on the grounds that it is out of character due to the materials, the design and visual appearance – it disrupts the building line and is not uniform. Cllr P Broadhead had no objections to this application.

182/22-23 FINANCE/REPORTS:

i) 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	402.94
BAC	Amy Parkinson	Salary + mileage	251.73
BAC	Newbridge Com.	Feb PC + CLH Meeting room hire	120.00
DD	BT	Phone & Broadband	59.94
DC	SLCC	Deputy Clerks 2023 Membership subs	73.00
DD	Inform Com Office	Data Protection fee – annual	35.00
BAC	Crystal Solutions Ltd	Wellow Defib installation	300.00
BAC	IW Sports Found.	Annual membership fee	11.00
BAC	WBS	Stationery	120.68
BAC	SoundCloud	Next Pro Monthly re website recordings	10.00
BAC	Wight Computers	Remote support	18.00
		TOTAL	£2,302.29

183/22-23 TO NOTE THE CLERKS REPORT:

Coronation donations - The Parish Council had received requests from Newbridge, Wellow and Shalfleet to contribute towards their respective Coronation celebrations. The Parish Councillors have agreed to donate in principle, subject to the relevant paperwork being filed. An exact monetary figure has yet to be agreed upon.

The Worm Farm/Oak Farm, Barton Corner Shalfleet – information sent through to Cllr Nick Stuart, as agreed at last meeting.

S17 Footpath – reported in fact resident came to see Clerk with concerns over the narrowness of the path in places due to erosion, behind the Sewage Works and blockages forming in the stream. Resident happy to meet someone on site to discuss and give them her contact number.

Rights of Way have issued a job ticket for this footpath.

Contacted Environment Agency and reported in blockage, as advised by RoW. They contacted resident who brought photographs to Clerk which were sent through to EA, who has written to Southern Water as land owners.

Val Gwynn also contacted Clerk about various issues along the riverbanks at Shalfleet. Residents have taken photographs and are plotting on a map which she will let Clerk have a copy of. Will send this to EA too. Includes blocked sewers and spillages, as well as of tankers leaving Shalfleet Water Treatment works with excess sewage.

S7 Footpath – reported in broken bridge rail by Thorley Brook – RoW issued a job ticket.

Parish Council meeting – The Deputy Clerk had asked the school the availability for CLH meetings, usually held on a Wednesday and the notice required to book. Confirmed this is 2 weeks, so most CLH meetings will continue to be held at Newbridge.

The school confirmed they can accommodate the PC meetings from May to the end of the year. The Deputy Clerk has booked these, cancelled the other bookings and re-done the meetings list and a full list has been placed on the PC website.

The Community Award winner (attending the 26th April meeting) can only make evenings, so will leave that meeting at Newbridge.

Recording of meeting – Deputy Clerk had arranged this for the PC and we now subscribe to SoundCloud Next Pro. We have uploaded the February meeting and linked this to the PC website, so people can listen to recordings of the meeting. Will continue for six months, as agreed, and go from there.

Parish Office Lease – informed this is in the hands of the solicitor. Also, SSE have been asked to undertake an inspection of the electrics in the Community Centre.

Wellow Millennium Green – Brighstone Landscaping reported problems with hedge cutting due to BT line being down. They have done what they can to cut round it and once repaired and repositioned will see what they can do to tidy up.

Bouldnor Field – Yarmouth TC Clerk offered to order the 21 whip to replace those that had failed, and Clerk put in the order for Shalfleet. Due to certain issues, these had not been ordered, so Clerk asked contractor if he could supply and plant. He had obtained most, which he will plant, all but the Scots Pine which he will obtain and plant once received.

Coronation Avenue – Mrs J. Cowley emailed – she has some whips, guards, and canes available for planting in the Parish – suggests Bouldnor Field.

Seat – have asked Maintenance Man when he can install – he replied it is imminent.

Malthouse Green Oak Tree – asked Chairman if he wants Maintenance Man to plant, he agreed and have asked him (plaque and guard in Parish Office cupboard).

Outlook Calendar – Cllr T. Cowley has agreed to show the Clerk and Deputy Clerk how to create and send outlook calendar invites. The Parish Council agreed to trial this system.

Chain of Office – the Parish Council have agreed to not go ahead with the purchase of a new Chain of Office.

April 26th Annual Parish Meeting – arranged for Ella Cooke from Island Waste to give a presentation. Also, Andy Norman will be coming to receive the PC Community Award for 2023.

Community Led Housing – confirm update went in March edition of Village News which stated if interested parties wish to join the Working Party to contact the Clerk by 20th March 2023. Parish Office copy of Village News arrived late February.

Defibrillators – Deputy Clerk arranged for a notice (informing people where the recently installed one at Wellow is), in the Millennium Green noticeboard. Also put a poster in the bus shelter at Wellow and renewed the ones at Newbridge.

West Wight Council meeting – Brighstone Chairman has asked if the group need to meet to discuss the benefits of the group continuing and reviewing the terms of reference – Cllrs asked to decide and inform the Clerk.

Shalfleet School – email from Headteacher with invite to a meeting on Friday 21st April 10am at the school to discuss community involvement – Cllrs P. Broadhead, H. Hewston, S. Stables agreed to attend.

Island Roads – Litter bins – Clerk asks Councillors to consider whether the emptying is sufficient.

Invite to a Coronation Celebration at St Mary's Church, Cowes on 7th May at 6pm- Cllr S. Stables agreed to attend.

184/22-23 TO NOTE COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Cllr P Broadhead: had been in contact with Island Roads regarding untidy hedgerow in Bouldnor.

Cllr T Cowley: Regarding funding for the replacement memorial at Eades Farm. There will be no funding forthcoming from the Canadian Air Force. Suggests that he could make an appropriate memorial from his surplus supply of Cor-Ten steel. The landowner is happy to have such a memorial on their land.

Cllr S Cowley: Has had discussions with Southern Water's contractor regarding the suds scheme. Hoping to take advantage of a trial of free water butts to reduce rainwater entering sewage, which is a major issue at Shalfleet Creek.

Cllr H Hewston: 14th February: Environment and Sustainability Zoom. Report submitted and circulated.

15th February: Community Led Housing meeting.

17th February: Dark Skies Festival, IOW Pearl, organised by New Carnival. This was well supported and managed involving AONB and Biosphere.

23rd February: Brick Museum, opened by the High Sheriff, organised by the IOW Society. This is a new attraction for the IOW.

23rd February: IWALC Topic meeting on Planning (attended by over 20 Councillors plus three members of the Planning Dept. In the Chair was Ann Bamford.

Second Homes: There are 738 registered on the IOW coming after South Hampshire with 838 and Cornwall with 2329. There are pockets on the island in Bembridge, Yarmouth and Gurnard. There is no Island wide solution. Neighbourhood Plans can include policies and it is recommended that Councils make these and add them as addenda to their Plans. The national policy is to make them 100% liable for Council Tax but this requires legislation which does not yet exist.

Holiday Homes: Figures unreliable as the definition is woolly. There is a government scheme for tourist accommodation, but it is difficult to establish due to the definition.

Empty Property: The domestic property is dealt with separately to the commercial units as the reasons for unoccupied homes are more varied and require sensitive investigation. An Empty Property manager was appointed in January 2023 who is preparing an action plan, collecting data, and achieving a refreshment of the present strategies. It is possible and recommended that T&PCS log observed problems on the web with the LA. Vandalism etc notify the police.

Enforcement: These involve discretionary powers. Town, Community and Parish Councils may now buy into this service as happens with Environmental Services. Staffing levels determine the time and priority attached to the problem. Three new staff have been employed and are bringing down the number of cases to be investigated. There are 5 Enforcement Principles include in the Draft Island Plan (DIPS).

IWC Housing Company Development: This is under development so there was little presentation of this topic. There were questions from the floor which generated explanations that it will be a formal arrangement with a business plan to achieve scrutiny.

-I raised the subject of Silver Glades. It has been investigated but no longer fits the five principles balanced against finance.

28th February: Community Land Trust Webinar. Details circulated to Cllr S Cowley, Cllr A Ingram, John Prickett and Sally Woods.

1st March: Cultural Mapping Open Day, West Wight Sports and Community Centre. Follow up to the event in November. To formulate a strategy to link all cultural activities to educate, promote, achieve sustainable businesses, tourism etc. on the Island.

4th March: Heritage Sector Volunteers Fair, Ryde. Met J. Medland who wishes it to be known that the Freshwater Heritage Centre could store archive material (re Hilary Higgins collection).

8th March: School invitation to speak on how the Parish Council operates. Engaged with year 5 children for 40 minutes. Cllrs H Hewston and P Broadhead both noted how engaged all the children were in the discussions.

185/22-23 COMMUNITY LED HOUSING:

i) Update:

Article in ‘Village News’ asked interested parties to contact the Clerk by 20th March 2023. CLH Officer put together a letter, application form and equal opportunities form for them to complete and return to him.

Clerk has sent these to those people who have already expressed an interest in joining the Working Party.

A meeting will be held to agree applicants to join the WP on 29th March 2023.

Notice of subscription fee for Community Land Trust received of £85 from April 2023 to March 2024, invoice due end of the month.

186/22-23 TO NOTE AND AGREE ANY COMMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED ON THE DRAFT PLANNING ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY:

This had been circulated to Councillors – the Councillors agreed to make their own comments online.

187/22-23 TO NOTE AND AGREE ANY COMMENTS ON THE SHALFLEET CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL:

This had been circulated to Councillors – **agenda item deferred to next month’s meeting (Wednesday 12th April).**

188/22-23 TO REVIEW THE PARISH COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

Copies circulated to Cllrs – **agenda item deferred to next month’s meeting (Wednesday 12th April).**

Next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 7.15 pm at Shalfleet CE Primary School

Meeting closed at 11.25am.

Signed

Date