

SHORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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THESE MINUTES WILL BE FORMALLY ADOPTED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Village Hall at 19.30 Tuesday 2nd June 2015

Present

D.Heaysman	Parish Councillor
C. Warne	Parish Councillor
R. Keats	Parish Councillor
G. Butler	Parish Councillor
Mrs W. Hookey	Parish Councillor
A. Pearse	Parish Councillor
M. Davies	Clerk.

1 member of the public (Mrs. Harris)

1. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS.

The Chairman greeted those present.

2. APOLOGIES. Councillor Seeley

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.

None declared.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the 5th May meeting were tabled, read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed : R. Keats. Seconded: G.Butler.

5. REPORTS.

a) Recreation Ground.

The annual safety inspection has been carried out but the full report is not yet available.

A minor adjustment is necessary to the Nest Swing, and R. Keats has agreed to deal with this.

The new draft lease from the Stark family has been received and circulated to all members.

It was resolved by all members to proceed with this, and it was agreed that the legal document be signed by the Chairman & Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council.

b) Isle of Wight Council.

No report

c) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

R. Keats reported that interest was being shown in some Town & Parish Councils forming clusters where they had similar issues to deal with. It was not considered that Shorwell would

benefit from such an arrangement.

d) Local Policing.

One incident reported for May- Assault from family dispute.

e) Clerk's Report.

1) Contact from the Pension Regulator to advise on statutory requirements from next year which would potentially apply to the Parish Council as an employer.

2) My Life-A full Life: Paul Savill will give a brief presentation at the next meeting, and we will now be part of a South Wight Locality group.

3) There is a meeting on 6/6 of the Bus Users Group with IWC & S. Vectis, to unveil changes to the routes from September. Mrs Hookey hopes to be able to attend, and all members agreed to do what was possible to prevent any further reductions in the No 12 route. The Clerk will contact Brighstone Parish Council if necessary.

4) Contact has been received from a local resident about dog fouling on their front garden. The Dog Warden was contacted by the villager, but refused to intervene because the Parish Council had opted out of paying for Environmental Officer Services under the recent devolvement by the IWC. The Parish will only now be covered for the collection of stray dogs when they have already been caught!

The services of the dog warden have only been necessary on about 2 occasions in the past 6 years, and the annual cost of £431 for this facility was considered excessive.

It was confirmed that the PCSO will be able to assist in such cases and villagers should take photos as evidence to support action.

5) The IWC have now appointed a Liaison Officer to help town & parish councils with resolving queries and issues.

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The remaining correspondence is shown under the various agenda headings.

f) Highways Report.

The "Drive Safely" signs have been ordered.

6. Planning.

No new applications received.

A meeting for Clerks to be briefed on cost cutting measures by Planning Dept at IWC has been set for 4pm on 19th June.

7. Finance.

The balance of the account on 31st May was £13,676.41

The Clerk circulated a new annual insurance quotation where there was a discount in premium for agreeing to a 3 or 5 year term with Zurich.

The options were:

1 year £607.85

3 year £577.46

5 year £547.06

The premium for last year was £797.

It was resolved by all members to accept the 5 year option.

Schedule of items for payment:

Brighstone Landscaping	£252.00	VAT £42.00
Clerk's Wages-May 17.5 hours @£8.61	£120.53	
HMRC-Tax Ded	£ 30.20	
Annual Insurance	£547.06	

Cheques Issued

001149	Br. Landscaping	£252.00
001150	M Davies	£120.53
001151	HMRC	£ 30.20
001152	Bus. Serv. at CAS.	£547.06

Proposed D. Heaysman Seconded G. Butler

8. Footbridge over Shorwell Shute.

Further quotes are still awaited.

9. Parish Record Book.

An entry to be recorded for Betty Cram.

10. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting is 7th July 2015

11. Chairman's Closing Remarks & Questions.

Parish Councillors Hookey & Pearse attended 2 recent training sessions and gave brief details of the content.

Ways to encourage more locals to take an interest in the Parish were discussed. The Chairman asked for agreement from all councilors to provide their addresses and phone numbers in the Newsletter to encourage contact and feedback.

A discussion was held about the difficult to manage area around the notice boards opposite the Church. Councillor Pearse suggested clearance and grassing over and he will explore feasibility and potential costs.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

There being no further questions, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30.