



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD ON THE
8TH OCTOBER 25 AT THE WELLOW INSTITUTE WELLOW AT 7.15PM.**

Prior to the meeting commencing out Chairman welcomed PC Rowlands and PCSO Anker to our Parish Council Meeting. PC Roland has been here 18 years and he gave a presentation to the Council in which it was pleasing to hear that our end of the Island remains relatively quiet, especially in winter. Councillors and the Residents present at the meeting were reminded that we all still need to be vigilant. Speeding concerns seem to be the problem with residents along the main Wellow Road. The Chairman informed him we have a Speed Gun but we have nobody is trained to use it and not sure if we can legally do it.

PC Roland kindly offered to update us on the protocols and advise where initial training can be given. He also kindly volunteered to go out with volunteers on their first outing.

The Chairman thanked PC Rowlands and PCSO Anker for coming to the Meeting it was appreciated.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- Cllr Timbrell, Cllr Hill, Cllr Broadhead and Cllr Breslin.

52/25-26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Laurie and Cllr Beane sent their apologies for absence.

53/25-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RESPECT OF BUSINESS NOTIFIED ON THE AGENDA

None notified.

54/25-26 TO RECEIVE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS WRITTEN REPORTS.

No written reports were received.

Cllr Stuart attended the meeting and he talked about the following issues:-

The forthcoming Mayoral Authority, and that the Ferries will be brought within that body and they will be a main priority. The Isle of Wight Authority will not change its status of a Unitary Authority.

He advise people to contact Island Roads if there is any drainage problems but private landowners have to deal with their own.

On the subject of National Landscapes, he wanted to set up a meeting with all the 13 Parish Councils involved.

He talked about Village Futures and he informed the Council that he wanted to include residents of the area and discussion this with them.

Cllr Spink was unable to attend

55/25-26 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH SEPTEMBER 25

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th September were approved and duly signed.

56/25-26 TO COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

There were no actual planning applications.

57/25-26 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

a. Summary of payments and receipt for September 25 and to note the bank statement.
The summary of payments for September 25 were approved and the bank statement was noted.

b. To receive and note the half yearly financial report.

Gareth Hughe's the RFO produced a half yearly financial report. He reported that due to no Isle of Wight Council Elections being held this year the election expenses for the Parish Council Election was much more expensive than normal and was costing the Council £5,700. The Isle of Wight Council informed the Parish Councils prior to the election that they would look at these payment being made over 2 years so this Council has paid £2,850.36 with the same amount to be carried over for payment on 1st April 2026. He reported we had to do that as we have to be cautious on how we spent our remaining money this financial year. He reported that the budget was being tightly monitored.

Councillors raised various questions on the budget to which Mr Hughes gave appropriate answers.

Mr Hughes was thanked for his financial report and his tight monitoring of the budget.

58/25-26 TO WELCOME JOHN PRICKETT ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL OFFICER TO UPDATE THE COUNCILLORS ON THE COMMUNITY LEAD HOUSING SCHEME IN SHALFLEET AND TO NOMINATE SHALFLEET COUNCIL'S 3 REPRESENTATIVES ONTO IT.

The Chairman welcomed John Prickett the Isle of Wight Council Officer who was to give the Councillors information on what Community Lead Housing is, what it has to do and also, an update on this project as our Councillors have not received any information on it. He was told that clarification was needed on the funding as we have been led to believe it has been absorbed in the IW Council budget. He clarified the situation that the Community Led Housing money remains ring fenced for this project.

Mr Prickett gave an update as to where the project was and it became apparent that this Project has at this moment in time appears to have stalled. The Council was informed that the Community Led Housing Needs Survey done some years ago was never published.

The Chairman informed that him that a new Community Lead Housing Needs Survey was in the process of being released but after what Mr Pickett said at the meeting, the Chairman suggested it was held back at this moment in time.

It is said that only small number of survey forms were returned.

The Chairman thanked Mr Prickett for attending our meeting and he was informed that the Council would be electing tonight 3 Council representative to replace the representatives that were no longer Councillors.

Cllr Timbrell asked for nominations to go onto the Community Led Housing Project It was agreed that Cllr Timbrell, Cllr Broadhead and Cllr Breslin be appointed as our Council representatives on the Community Lead Housing Project.

59/25-26 TO RECEIVE THE TREE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEALING WITH THE REMAINING TREES AT WITBYFIELDS AND TO AGREE TO GO OUT TO TENDER.

The Clerk circulated the recently received IW Tree Officers recommendations that had been approved by Isle of Wight Council Planning for the remaining trees at Witbyfields and agree to go out for tender.

He also recommended work on the hedge there needed to be done.

This was discussed quite vigorously by the Councillors. The Clerk responded to a question and said the work that had been seen by the IW Tree Officer and the recommendations on the work to be done on his report were his. It was also pointed out by the Clerk this work should have been done in 2016 as in that years report on the trees at Withyfields. In response to a question about needing a Council vote to go out to tender it was pointed out the Council had to go out to tender as it was in their Standing Orders. It was agreed that we ask three firms to give us their opinion on what they think needs to be done bring their responses back to the Council to the Council for discussion and a decision.

60/25-26 COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK ON EVENTS OR RAISE LOCAL ISSUES/INFORMATION WITH THE COUNCIL.

Cllr Timbrell reported back that she had attended with Cllr Hill the Best Kept Village Awards Ceremony and Shalfleet Parish has won the Best Kept Parish Village Award. They received a Trophy, Certificate and Cheque for £150 which she wanted ideas what it was to be spent on. It was suggested that they buy bulbs and plant them along the edges like they have done in other villages. It was commented on that one year they were all given a sack of bulbs.

Cllr Timbrell brought the Trophy and the Certificate to show the Council and our

Residents

that were at the Meeting.

The Trophy and Certificate is going to be taken into our local school for the children to see and they will keep it for a month and then it will go round the Village Halls.

Cllr Hill reported on the removal of the ATM from Shalfleet Stores. While he was in the store a security firm came and removed the money left the door open and went.

The shop only got 3 days' notice that this was happening.

Councillors were appalled and discussed this situation that has left a number of our residents mostly elderly with unexpected problems as they use the machine to check balances and draw money out that they need it as we have no post offices in the parish they can go to.

Cllr Hill had contacted ATM to try to persuade them not to do this as well as looking into another company to fill this gap.

It was suggested that one of the mobile banks may consider including our villages in its mobile round and this is to be looked into.

Cllr Hill reported he was looking at getting Links to take it on and this is run by the banks. He reported he had written 3 times to Mr Quigley and he had not bothered to reply once. Cllr Broadhead reported the bin has still not been replaced. The other thing she reported on was Silver Glades they have an enforcement order that has been put on them and they still have not complied with the order.

She reported that the Chemist is giving flu jabs and the Chemists are in dire financial straights and they get paid for anyone who has the flu jab there.

Cllr Broadhead questioned how the Best Kept Large Village could be Shalfleet Parish or the Best Kept Town Yarmouth. Alvestone got the Smallest Village Award. Cllr Timbrell responded to her question.

61/25-26 CLERKS REPORT.

a. Bouldnor View Car Park

The Clerk reported that she had received a complaint that knotweed is growing at

this car park. She reported it straight away to Property Services as it is owned by the Isle of Wight Council and was informed they had some-one they use to deal with knotweed and they would get them out straight away.

The overgrowth is causing there to be no view as well as the condition of the steps which are in need of urgent repair were also reported.

She has had no response from the IW Council on these reported items even though she has subsequently followed up on these problems regarding the view and steps raised in her previous email.

b. Horse and Groom Car Park

The Clerk reported she has been in touch with an IW Officer in Property Services asking about the car park at the Horse and Groom and about its status. She is waiting for a response from them. She has also asked if they are wanting to renew the lease, they have on it for the school to continue parking it's cars there. This is also waiting for a response from them on this matter. She reported she had again asked for a reply to those questions before tonight's meeting. She reported she had not had a response and said it was like pulling teeth to get a response from the IW Council Officers these days.

Cllr Timbrell responded by saying we have a bit of time to get one before we meet the Headteacher on the 6th November.

The Council were also informed that due to the number of complaints that the Council has received regarding the danger to children and pedestrians because of cars being parked on the road causing congestion when people are dropping off children a request for double yellow lining outside the school has been made.

c. Stream debris.

The Environment Agency has finally been informed and a request has been made to clear the Cal Bourne Stream because people are frightened of it flooding again. I have even got onto Public Health to see if they had another phone number because the number they gave her did not connect.

d. Tree Officer.

The Council is waiting for the person they would like to be the Council's Tree Officer to return from holiday as this person previously was a Tree Officer elsewhere.

We have asked him to do a report on the condition of trees planted in Bouldnor and the Council will be update at the next Council Meeting.

This agenda item has been deferred.

62/25-26 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Representatives of the Press and Broadcast Media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as Publicity would be prejudicial to the Public Interest because of the Confidential nature of the Business to be transacted. **To discuss confidential items.**

Exclusion of Press and Public was moved and was unanimously agreed.

Having voted unanimously at the September Meeting , Cllr Hill outlined the finer details of the advertisement. The logistics relating to the employment documents were discussed and agreed.

Signed

Date