



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SHALFLEET PARISH COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD ON THE 11TH MARCH 2026 AT THE WELLOW INSTITUTE, WELLOW AT 7.15PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: - Cllr Laurie (Deputy Chair), Cllr Hill, Cllr Breslin, Cllr Broadhead and Cllr Beane.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions were received from the public on the following matters –

1. A letter sent by the Parish Council to Southern Housing regarding planting at Withyfields, in respect of which a freedom of information request was received.
2. It was advised of flooding of the stream and associated destruction of gate and fencing on the path way to Newbridge.
3. The first grass cut at Withyfields had not included a collect and dispose element, the Clerk would contact the contractor.

86/25-26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Timbrell.

87/25-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RESPECT OF BUSINESS NOTIFIED ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

88/25-26 TO RECEIVE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS WRITTEN REPORTS.

Cllr Stuart and Cllr Spink gave verbal reports to the Council, written reports are attached at the end of these Minutes as Appendix A.

Councillor Spink had received a letter from a resident regarding flooding at the stretch of Station Road immediately south of the junction with Wellow Road. It was agreed that this situation was highly dangerous to traffic (in particular motorcycles) using this section of highway, the Clerk would write to Island Roads and IW Council Highways (James Brewer) with a copy to the resident who had contacted Cllr Spink.

89/25-26 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th February 26 be approved.

90/25-26 TO COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

1. Lawful Development Certificate for retention of single storey extension/sunroom.
Notty Apple Main Road Newbridge Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0TR. Ref. No: 26/00180/CLEUD.
2. Demolition of two barns; Proposed dwelling with link extension to existing cottage to be retained for use as ancillary accommodation only. Pigeon Coo Farm Hamstead Drive Cranmore Yarmouth PO41 0YD. Ref. No: /00178/FUL

RESOLVED: (i) To make no objection to application 1. above.

(ii) To make no objection to application 2. above subject to all relevant provisions being adopted for the preservation and wellbeing of

wildlife.

91/25-26 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

A summary of payments and receipts for February 2026 had been circulated together with supporting bank statements.

RESOLVED: To approve the statements as presented.

92/25-26

a. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The school will be running a competition to suggest ideas for how the £150 awarded to the Parish for coming first in the best large village category on the Island. I will be producing a poster for the school and will personally fund a prize for the best idea, chosen by all the councillors collectively.

I highlighted in the last month the matter of the bus stop near the Alpaca farm and the fact that it is dangerous to all bus users, waiting for and alighting at this particular stop. There is nowhere to stand, or alight, other than a small verge, which at this time of year in particular is muddy and flooded when it rains heavily. If the driver had to use the bus ramp it is not ideal as there isn't enough room to do so or to descend it onto a flat surface. The position of the stop makes visibility for those on foot and vehicle drivers to see safely also.

I have suggested that a hard standing is created and asked highways and island roads to do an assessment.

I copied my correspondence to Peter Spink for help in engagement. Peter visited the bus stop and agrees with my findings and has forwarded my email and request to County Hall with his back up.

b. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Beane reported on excessive speed of vehicles in Cranmore Avenue and proposals to introduce 20mph signage.

Councillor Broadhead had established that it was the Forestry Commission who held responsibility for the enforcement of tree planting at Silver Glades and that she had made contact with them regarding such. The Forestry Commission had advised that they would undertake a site inspection in the coming weeks. It was agreed that a TPO should be sought on any new tree planting. Councillor Broadhead also reported on the need for the introduction of a concrete walkway at the perimeter of Bouldnor Field. Councillor Laurie advised of a proposed 'Toad Watch' project at Cranmore Avenue with associated signage which was supported by all present.

Councillor Hill reported on the possibility of special measures being introduced in respect of the financial situation of the IW Council and also on the lack of any effective enforcement on planning matters.

It was also noted that there had been no recent communication/news regarding the proposed Community Led Housing project

93/25-26 CLERKS REPORT.

a. Bouldnor View Car Park

The Clerk had again written to IW Council Property Services & Public Realm regarding work required on the restoration of the view, a response had still not

been received.

b Horse and Groom Car Park

Councillor Hill and the Clerk had attended a video meeting with officers of the IW Council concerning the provision of a new leasing agreement in respect of the adjacent site owned by Shalfleet Parish Council. The IW Council would prepare a document for consideration at a future meeting

c. Rubbish & Dog Bins.

A new bin had now been placed in the area of the Horse & Groom and School. Island Roads had offered to relocate an existing bin to the location of the requested new dog bin across the road from the bus shelter in Wellow. The Clerk had responded to Island Roads advising that this was not an acceptable solution and that the current situation was environmentally unacceptable.

d. Gritting of icy pavements.

A request had previously been received from a resident of Warlands Lane regarding the possible creation of a grit supply from Island Roads for use of local residents on footpaths during icy conditions. The Clerk had written to Island Roads asking that they give consideration to providing a grit supply for the application by local residents, a response was still awaited.

94/25-26 REVIEW OF POLICY DOCUMENTS

A review of the following documents had been undertaken by a Working Party comprising of all Councillors –

1. Standing Orders.
2. Financial Regulations.

RESOLVED: To approve the documents.

95/25-26 SPEEDING & HIGHWAY SAFETY

Speeding continued to be a problem in many parts of the parish and the island generally. It was agreed to explore the introduction of a 'Speed Watch' service. Councillor Hill had researched a previous attempt to introduce a service which had failed to engage sufficient volunteers to enable it to function. Such a service would need to be operated by volunteers and act on a regular basis to achieve the desired outcomes. The Parish Council would seek volunteers through advertisement and Mr Jeff Smithers had offered to provide help and advice to any group that may be formed. It was noted that any associated grant application funding would require evidence of need.

The meeting closed at 8.47pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date 8thth April 2026

Report of Ward Councillor Peter Spink

I note that planning application 26/00178/FUL is an item on tonight's agenda. Given the situation of the proposed development, I would have expected to see independent confirmation of the supporting reports i.e. ecological report, bat report, and tree report. I would have also expected an HRA to have been carried out. I have written in this regard to case officer.

I have received a 'complaint' from a resident re flooding in Station Road south of the junction with Wellow Road. Attached is a full description of the problem. I intend to take this up with Island Roads and I ask please for SPC to consider doing the same.

Members will be aware that Shalfleet and Wellow are designated as 'sustainable rural settlements' by the emerging Island Planning Strategy. I took issue with this at Full Council and asked for it to be removed; my request was refused. In my view the recent refusal of the 'Wellow Fields' planning application demonstrated that a blanket designation is inappropriate and each application should be determined on individual merit.

I shall try again!

Report of Ward Councillor Nick Stuart –

Council

Committees

Economy, Regeneration and Infrastructure and Pension both met.

I continue to push for Island Roads to Improve their diversion signage and to open roads when possible ie at nights and weekends. I established the Council were pursuing the Government to reconsider funding the move of the Military Road a short distance Inland.

The Pension scheme has been hijacked by Government legislation leading to pooling In a larger pot with other local authorities. Failures within the Committee have left the Isle of Wight being last in the queue causing lengthy delays and extra costs on the fund.

Full Council meeting

The budget was passed overwhelmingly with Lib Dem amendments and others Including the removal of parking charge increases and charges In extra locations, keeping Newport Roman Villa open, removal of U19 charges on Floating bridge, maintain support for Duke of Edinburgh and remove compulsory Council redundancies. Sadly as the Council has seen a reduction of over 100 million in the last few years other cuts had to be pursued.

Ward

Horsebrldge Hill diversion

I continue to run a weekly meeting with Southern Water, Island Roads, Highways dept and other Cllrs and Parishes to discuss issue on the diversion. You will have seen the great work by Clancy's as contractors in extended hours working with the diversion due to stop on 27th March some three weeks early. My group of Cllrs have Invited the CEO of Southern Water to the Island to discuss the releases of sewage Into the Solent and Channel and concerns over the extent and timing of their works along with the effects on residents and businesses.

Other Issues

Residents concerns over highways, planning enforcement, access to adult social care and business support.
To be aware that I am seeking re election in May, and will continue to be your Councillor for normal purposes until 3 days after the election.