

MINUTES OF SHERFIELD ENGLISH ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Wednesday 5th of April 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs Leigh (in Chair), Cook, Billett, J Noble, R Noble, S Dovey and Griffiths. Also in attendance were Cllrs Adams-King and Bailey, John Hartley (NDP), three members of the public, and clerk to the council, Mrs Sue Holder.

23/092 APOLOGIES: None

The chairman reported that Cllr Julia Noble would not be standing for election this year and took the opportunity to thank her for her work on the parish council, in particular with the Lengths man scheme and on footpaths.

23/093 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATION TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: Cllr J Noble declared an interest in the finance item regarding a request for funding from the PCC.

23/094 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chair of the meeting.

23/095 MATTERS ARISING: None

23/096 OPEN FORUM:

- M.A.N spoke of his dissatisfaction that the Local Planning Authority ignore the Village Design Statement (VDS) which was adopted in April 2015, and it therefore carries no weight in deciding planning applications or at committee meetings. M.A.N requested that the parish council obtains an undertaking from the Head of Planning that Case Officers be required to state whether and to what extent planning proposals are compatible with the character of the locality, as specified in the Village Design Statement. This statement was supported by John Hartley, Ursula Gooding and Cllr Leigh. Cllr Adams King was also in support of a letter to the Head of Planning, referring to the planning application for polytunnels at Ashlett Farm in the village where the VDS was 'simply swept aside'.
- U.G reported that a free community art workshop was being held on the 12th of April at the Village Hall and as part of the Coronation Weekend in May, a maintenance day at the Village Hall was being organised as part of the Big Help Out initiative.

23/097 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT, By Cllr Adams King and Bailey

- Test Valley Borough Council have approved the purchase of 10 new recycling bin lorries, 57,000 wheely bins for the roadside collection of plastic and glass, 120,000 food waste bins plus additional staff to identify challenges for families who will find it difficult to manage the new roadside recycling system to be introduced during 2024.
- Hampshire County Council have also approved changing from diesel vehicles to HVO which will cut carbon emissions by 95%.
- It was reported that this year, 121,000 pothole repairs have been made compared with 57,000 two years ago. This has been due to the extremes of weather experienced in the last two years. A £6 million grant has been received from the Government for road repairs and the Highways Depot at Micheldever is now recycling road surface taken up during repairs reducing the need to purchase new materials. Cllr Dovey suggested a reactive maintenance programme to keep surface water off roads, however Cllr Adams King responded that there was a large part of the

roadside ditch network not owned by HCC and there were no staff to check drains. It was also reported that ground water in the area is very high.

23/098 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

John Hartley reported that progress was slow obtaining the housing site assessment needed for the NDP however additional grant funding is now available to complete the plan. UG suggested leaving housing out of the NDP for now as the principles do not require specific sites to be allocated at this point. The parish council were in support of the NDP being completed for now without sites being allocated for housing which can be reviewed at a later date.

23/099 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

For consideration by the parish council at this meeting

23/00786/FULLS Domus, Tote Hill, Lockerley
Render the brick walls either side of the front gate
The parish council resolved not to object to this application.

Decisions from meeting held on the 15th March

23/00449/CLES Dunwood Fruit Farm - No comment
The Parish Council can neither confirm nor contradict statements that are made regards historical usage of this site, however do have concerns regards increased traffic using the site.

23/00341/Furland Farm- No objection

22/03287/FULLS Land at Dunwood Manor
Objection - The reasons for our original objection remain.

Decisions received from TVBC

23/00205/FULLS Dulce – Permission (PC Obj)
23/00201/PDHS Courtyard House Doctors Hill – Prior approval not required
23/00001/FULLS Brookford House – Permission
22/03303/FULLS Essenes Cottage -Refused (design does not reflect the appearance of the area, poor design to detriment of area and street scene)
23/00266/OUTS Agricultural Barn At Bunny Lane – Pending
23/00309/CLPS Dunwood Chipping Depot – Pending

Appeals:

Woodland At Dunwood Manor

PROPOSAL: Outline application for log cabin for charcoal burner workers

Application No: 21/01701/OUTS

Appeal Reference: APP/C1760/W/22/3312425

Appellant: School Lane Holdings

Appeal Starting Date: 27.03.2023

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Test Valley Borough Council's refusal of planning permission.

23/100 LENGTHSMAN AND FOOTPATHS

Cllr J Noble reported that during March the Lengths man had cleared some of the grips and some of the A27 footpath and would be purchasing materials to repair the bus stop.

23/101 HIGHWAYS /MAINTENANCE ISSUES

The following have been reported to both Hampshire County Council and Cllr Adams King:

21217768 - Branches Lane - between the entrance of Pound Farm and Pound Lane the side of the road is eroding badly as a result of the tarmac not being wide enough for two bigger vehicles to pass. Flooding is bad here also.(15.2.23 update not available)

21618907 - A couple of dead trees just North of the Steplake Lane junction are likely to fall in the winter onto the A27 which are on council land. (16.3.23 work passed to contractor)

21663583 - The drain is blocked at the east end of the road bank side of the A27 layby resulting in flooding here which is forcing pedestrians to walk into the road.

23/102 VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Griffiths reported attending the AGM of the Village Hall Trustees and a full report will be provided at the parish annual meeting. A profit of £250.00 was reported and concerns for future electricity costs noted. Funding of approximately £1600 will be requested of the parish council to cover the village hall insurance in July.

23/103 CORONATION WEEKEND – nothing to report.

23/104 ELECTIONS

It was reported that Sherfield English was a Contested Parish, and a poll will therefore be held on Thursday 4th of May 2023. A statement of the persons nominated was provided.

23/105 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ARRANGEMENTS – agreed that the APM would follow the normal format.

23/106 CORRESPONDENCE

For Action:

BHIB Insurance Quote, was approved by the parish council.

Michael Newgass – VDS and planning, the parish council resolved to write a letter in support.

PCC request for funding, was approved by the parish council.

VHMT request for funding, was approved by the parish council.

To Note:

HCC update 22

Electoral Services – various

Alex MacGregor – Dunwood Fruit Farm objection

D Abbott – Fallen tree at Christmas Cottage, now dealt with

TVBC – Household support fund

Novaplanning – Hill Farm Caravan Park – re submission

TVBC -Coronation grant being considered.

HCC SEDCA grant for £500 – missed original deadline, so will be re-submitted in May.

BDO – notice of interim audit.

23/107 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Church – A knitted display will be available at the church on the 29th of April.

23/108 FINANCE

a)The Bank Balance was reported to be £29407.81

b)Request for funding at this meeting: PCC £350.00 towards graveyard maintenance, approved.

c)Payments ratified at this meeting:

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| ICO | £40.00 | #117 |
| Clerks expenses, Apr and May | £320.42 | #118 |
| John Hartley, NDP expenses | £384.00 | #119 |
| Bluestone Planning, NDP | £2640.00 | #120 |
| St Leonards Church | £350.00 | #121 |
| BHIB, parish council insurance | £513.76 | #122 |
| SEDCA (TVBC grant for printing) | £500.00 | #123 |

d)Grants approved at this meeting: Funding to assist the VHMT with the insurance premium for the village hall, estimated at £1600 due in July.

23/109 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday 17th of May 2023 (planning meeting 3rd of May).

With the Annual Meeting due in May, Cllr R Noble thanked Cllr Leigh for his time standing as Chairperson of the parish council.

The meeting closed at 09.00pm