

MINUTES OF SHERFIELD ENGLISH PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

PRESENT: Parish Cllr Griffiths (in chair), R Noble, J Billett, J Hoffman and S Cook, Cllr Adams King, one member of the public and clerk to the council, Sue Holder.

24/046 APOLOGIES: Received from Cllrs Dovey, G Noble and Bailey.

24/047 OPEN FORUM:

It was reported that the Hill Farm Park planning application was approved at the Southern Area Planning Committee meeting last evening. A member of the public suggested an alternative plan for the site involving affordable housing. Cllr Billett chose to respond briefly explaining that the intent of the application was to provide holiday accommodation and not residential. (MAN)

24/048 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATION TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

24/049 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

24/050 MATTERS ARISING: None

24/051 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT, by Cllr Adams King

It was reported that Hampshire County Council have sent the Parish Council template letters to remind parishioners of their responsibility for hedge cutting, footpath maintenance etc.

Grits and ditches are being cleared in preparation for winter, and road patching is being undertaken. Sherfield Manor will be submitting a full planning application for the new lake with advice from the Environment Agency.

The traveler site in Scallows Lane is in breach of planning permission due to the number of caravans at the location and have until the 28th of October to rectify the situation.

A grant has been awarded to the PCC.

Concern has been raised regarding Ashlett Farm and the living conditions of the workers.

It was reported that someone is living in a Mercedes van parked in the A27 layby.

24/052 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

For consideration by the parish council at this meeting:

23/02489/AGNS Glebe Farm

Application to determine if prior approval is required for an agricultural storage building.

The parish council resolved to make no comment on the application given that this is clearly a planning issue requiring a full planning application to address the size, necessity, and access to the proposal, and will respond as such.

23/02429/VARS Dunwood Chipping Depot

Removal of condition 4 of planning permission 16/00756/FULLS (Construction of workshop, store and office for ancillary B8 and B2 uses) to remove requirement for provision of a footway from the access to Bus Stop adjacent to Newtown Lane and a standing area provided at bus stop.

The parish council resolved to object to the proposal, wishing to maintain public safety.

23/02364/FULLS Broxmore Drove Cottage
Replacement of conservatory with garden / utility room.
The parish council resolved not to object to this application.

Decisions received from TVBC

23/02300/AGNS Meadow Tree Farm – Prior approval not required.
23/02251/FULLS 5 Goddards Bungalow – Permission

Southern Area planning committee meeting 17/10/23:

23/00847/FULLS Hill Farm Park – Permission
23/00266/OUTS Agricultural Barn at Bunny Lane - Permission

24/053 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP):

Cllr Hoffman reported that funding has now been received allowing the committee to finalise the last draft of the NDP before undertaking a further consultation with the village. A statutory period of 6 weeks will be given to receive and collate responses with any final adjustments being made prior to the NDP going before the Test Valley Borough Council Examiner at the end of February, early March.

24/054 LENGTHSMAN:

The Lengths man has removed the tree which fell on the footpath between The Hatchet and the layby. Tasks to be assigned now will include clearing roadside grips, to clear the encroaching foliage from the A27 footpath, cut back some overhanging branches between the Garage and the layby, pick up litter from the A27 layby and clear the storm drain in the layby.

24/055 HIGHWAYS /MAINTENANCE ISSUES

- The 40/50mph speed sign near the old layby, after the church has been reported as falling away from the road. (21690476)
- The grips need cleaning out from Bunny Lane to the Wiltshire border (21692446) and along Branches Lane (21692449).

24/056 VILLAGE HALL:

Cllr Griffiths reported that all necessary documents have been passed to the Land Registry to support the parish council's application for ownership of the Village Hall, and an invoice from Trethowans Solicitors for work undertaken in connection with this application has been received for £2904.40.

24/057 CORRESPONDENCE

BDO – conclusion of audit, noted
Hedgehog highways project, to be included in SEDCA
NAK – HCC update, noted
UG – 23/00847/FULLS Hill Farm Park, noted
NAK – 23/00847/FULLS, noted
AC – Thriving communities, Cllr Griffiths attended this meeting
MAN – Hillfarm Park, read in open forum.

24/058 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

SERP – A bonfire and fireworks event is planned for the 4th of November and the AGM will be held on the 28th of November. Necessary drainage work is estimated to be between £15,000 - £30,000 and funding options will be discussed at the November meeting.

24/059 FINANCE

14. Finance

- a) Bank Balance as at 01.10.23 £31,187.79
- b) Received £6824.00 (NPD)
- c) Request for funding:
- d) Payments ratified at this meeting:

Clerks expenses	£318.52	#135
BDO External Audit	£252.00	#136
Trethowans	£2904.40	#137

24/060 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 15th of November 2023.

The meeting closed at 08.58pm