

MINUTES OF SHERFIELD ENGLISH ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

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

23/076 APOLOGIES: Apologies accepted from Cllr Dovey.

23/077 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATION TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

23/078 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chair of the meeting.

23/079 MATTERS ARISING: None

23/080 OPEN FORUM:

- Following the resignation of John Hartley from the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group, the chairman thanked him on behalf of the parish council and the village for his hard work in producing the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The resignation came following Test Valley Borough Councils disregard for both the Neighbourhood Development Plan and local voices in general, in supporting the planning application 22/00605/FULLS at committee.
- The chairman of SERP discussed plans for a village party to commemorate the King's Coronation in May. Suggestions include cream tea, bar, BBQ and band. Cllr Adams King offered £360.00 of grant funding for the event and the parish council resolved to fund an additional £140.00. Volunteers will be required for the event.

23/081 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT, By Cllr Adams King and Bailey

Mineral Waste Plan: The application at Dunwood Fruit Farm as a potential location for extracting sand under the new Mineral Waste Plan has caused a lot of anger in the village with a formal complaint being submitted to Test Valley Borough Council. Residents perceive no enforcement notices being served to delay the time required to prove a 10-year certificate of lawful use. However, Cllr Adams King has assured the parish council that the 'clock has stopped ticking' and therefore there can be no CLES issued.

Potholes and drainage: continue to be a problem at this time of the year, especially with freezing water and high-water levels.

The A27 Shrine: it was reported that the new Test Valley Borough Council sign for Ash Hill Lane is progressing.

PCSO: a new PCSO has been appointed.

Council Tax: Hampshire County Council are increasing council tax by 5% and Test Valley Borough Council by 3%.

Fly tipping: following the success of Test Valley Borough Council with fly tipping, Cllrs Adams King and Billett will appear on a daytime television program regarding fly tipping.

Recycling Bins: From Spring 2024, Test Valley Borough Council will provide plastic and food waste road side collections, with glass collections to follow in 2025.

22/00605/FULLS: It was reported that Cllr Bailey did not support this application at committee recently.

Trees at Eastwood: Following complaints about the trees at the back of Eastwood, as ownership cannot be established, Cllr Adams King has approved the cutting of the trees as necessary by the residents.

Trees on the highways: 3000 new trees have been planted alongside the highways in the Test Valley Borough Council area.

Grant for the Church: Test Valley Borough Council have approved a grant for the repair and upgrade of the lectern at St Leonard's Church.

23/082 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

John Hartley reported that the NDP document is complete except for a few small amendments and the incorporation of the Site Assessment report from AECOM which is expected next week. John, having spent 15 years creating the NDP wishes to now hand the process over to someone new. A village competition for the artwork for the front cover of the NDP has been suggested which the parish council resolved to help fund.

23/083 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

For consideration by the parish council at the meeting

23/00309/CLPS Dunwood Chipping Depot

Application for a lawful development certificate for proposed use of land for the storage and distribution of skips.

The parish council resolved to object to the proposal for highways reasons. Access in and out of the site is unsuitable at this location which is situated on a hill.

23/00266/OUTS Agricultural Barn At Bunny Lane

Outline application for demolition of barn and construction of dwelling, residential caravan and structures (outline application - all matters reserved)

The parish council resolved to object to the proposal considering it to be an overdevelopment of the site. They wish to comment also that the plans submitted were very poor.

23/00205/FULLS Dulce Domum

Erect single storey detached garage

Whilst the parish council recognise that this application has been amended to consider previous comments, the parish council feel that the proposed garage is still too close to the neighbouring boundary and therefore object to the application.

23/00201/PDHS Courtyard House Doctors Hill

Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed single storey rear extension - (length from rear wall of original dwellinghouse 8 metres, height 3.75 metres, height to eaves 2.65 metres)

The parish council resolved to make no comment on the application.

22/03303/FULLS Essenes Cottage (amendment)

New site location following information from neighbour.

The parish council note the new site location plan however the original grounds for objecting stand.

1. The proposal which we understand is less than 5 metres from the road will be out of character with the adjacent properties which are largely set back from the road. It will therefore have an overbearing impact on the street landscape.

2. The design is so high it will be overpowering and negatively impact the area and potentially overlook the properties lower down the hill. Any reference to match the roofline to the new neighbouring garage is not appropriate as the land slopes downwards to the proposal.

Planning Applications discussed at a meeting on the 25th of January 2023

23/0001/FULLS Brookford House

Installation of 20 ground mounted solar panels.

The parish council had no objection to this application.

23/03317/FULLS Barns at Glebe Farm

Demolish agricultural buildings and associated structures, erect 3 dwellings with associated garages, parking, hard and soft landscaping.

The parish council, whilst they did not have an issue with the proposal for 3 dwellings, resolved to object to this application for the following reasons:

1. The parish council feel the proposed dwellings are too large for the location.
2. The height of the proposed dwellings is such that windows will overlook the existing properties.
3. The parish council have highway concerns, due to single traffic in and out of the location.
4. Further highway concerns due to the sight line onto the busy A27.

To note

Committee meeting 31.1.23

22/00605/FULLS Land at Newtown Road – Approved 8 votes to 2

Committee meeting 10.1.23

22/00040/FULLS – Dandys Ford Fishery – Permission recommended.

Decisions received from TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

22/02938/LBWS Manor Farm Pound Lane – Consent

22/02937/FULLS Manor Farm Pound Lane – Permission

22/02698/FULLS The Old Rectory – Current

22/02695/FULLS and 22/02696/LBWS The Old Rectory – Current

22/02408/FULLS Bough House Land West Of Sandhill Farm - Current

23/084 LENGTHSMAN AND FOOTPATHS

Cllr J Noble reported that a new contract for 2023/24 had been agreed and signed on behalf of the parish council. The lengths man will be asked to make some repairs to the A27 Newtown Road bus shelter and to tidy and clear the area.

It was reported that a tree has fallen on a footpath on land belonging to Christmas Cottage which has been reported to Hampshire County Council. The parish council have also agreed to write to the owners.

23/085 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. (15.2.23 update not available)

21632289 – Flooding between the Village Hall and Gilberts, northside of the carriageway. (28.12.22 – no action required at time of inspection)

21639526 – A27 layby flooding. Work reported to be complete, however flooding is still an issue and needs resolving.

21639549 – blocked culvert between Branches Lane and Dunwood, opposite Frenches. Work complete.

23/086 VILLAGE HALL

It was reported that the chairman of the parish council and the Village Hall Trust had a walk and talk meeting at the Village Hall. It is understood that the Village Hall Trust are aware of the damage to the floor under the window in the small meeting room but have no plans for a repair. The parish council do feel this presents a health and safety issue if not addressed and that it should be repaired. Following a lengthy discussion, the parish council resolved to recommend that the Village Hall Trust take responsibility for the insurance of the Village Hall, which would not preclude them from requesting funding to pay the premium. Cllr Leigh will progress the statutory document with the solicitors.

23/087 ELECTIONS

The election process for May 2023 was discussed.

23/088 CORRESPONDENCE

For Action:

JH re: committee meeting, noted with no action agreed.

UG re Bus shelter repairs, agreed.

To Note:

Guidance for council elections

Coronation – risk assessment

TVATPC – transport forum

VAT on sports fees

HCC update 21

23/089 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Defibrillators – Cllr Griffiths reported that both defibrillators were now in full working order. First Aid training was discussed.

Church – A soup lunch in aid of UNICEF is planned for the 18th of March.

23/090 FINANCE

a)The Bank Balance as at 1.02.23 was reported to be £28907.81

b)Payments ratified at this meeting: Clerks expenses for February and March 2023, £320.42

23/091 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 5th April 2023 (planning meeting 15th March)

The meeting closed at 09.30pm