

MINUTES OF SHERFIELD ENGLISH PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

PRESENT: Parish Cllr Griffiths (in chair), R Noble, G Noble, S Dovey, J Hoffman, S Cook, Cllr Adams King, John Hartley (NDP), nine members of the public and clerk to the council, Sue Holder.

24/093 APOLOGIES: Received from Cllr Bailey.

24/094 OPEN FORUM:

- JB – reported that they had been unable to comment online on the draft NDP. Many points in the plan are inappropriate, imposing strict restrictions on property owners in the village. Frustration that the Test Valley Borough Council planners now consider the draft NDP when making decisions on planning applications. The chairman responded to say that the consultation process has stalled. Some issues with the draft plan to be agreed on moving forward and problems gaining access to the survey need to be ironed out. UG also responded that comments from the Test Valley Borough Council planners on the draft NDP have been generated by Regulation 14 of the NDP process.
- MAN – the draft NDP evidences a huge amount of good work however there is still an issue with the Local Planning Authority. The village is concerned with the character of the neighbourhood and with the environment and the Local Planning Authority dismissed our Village Design Statement. Will it be the same for the NDP once adopted?
- JB – as a riparian landowner on Branches Lane, has cleaned the ditches and grips here even though some locals complained about him blocking the road. A few near accidents were witnessed during the work causing him to question the speed limit. Cllr Adams King responded that all road incidents must be reported and that he has written to the Government suggesting that roads without white lines should be 30mph. The chairman thanked JB for clearing the ditches and grips.

24/095 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATION TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

24/096 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

24/097 MATTERS ARISING:

It was reported that the original planning application 20/02385/FULLS at Hill Farm was going to appeal on the 5th of March, which if approved would result in more lodges at the site. Cllr Adams King responded that Test Valley Borough Council will defend the application and that the previous comments raised by the parish council will be sent to the Inspectorate.

24/098 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT, by Cllr Bailey: Not in attendance.

24/099 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT, by Cllr Adams King

The Local Plan is out for consultation which does include housing in the rural parishes. The future of services provided by Hampshire County Council, including Household Waste Recycling Centres, street lighting and Libraries, are under consultation. (The parish council have responded that the Recycling Centre at Bunny Lane should not be affected.) The Enforcement Department are still liaising with Dunwood Fruit Farm regarding noise levels. Test Valley Borough Council match funding is still available.

Cllr Cook reported that the mobile homes at the Strawberry Farm are unattractive, and Cllr Adams King responded that the definition for 'seasonal' work has still not been agreed, however the Environment Department continue to assess the site.

24/100 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/01875/FULLS Lakelands – addition of treatment plant.
The Parish Council resolved to make no further comment.

Decisions received from Test Valley Borough Council

23/02429/VARS Dunwood Chipping (workshop, store, removal of footway) PERMISSION
23/00449/CLES Dunwood Fruit Farm (parking of waste collection/commercial vehicles – Certificate not issued
20/02385/FULLS Hill Farm Caravan Park – Hearing 5/3/24

24/101 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP): John Hartley

It was reported that the NDP consultation has stopped due to the unhappiness of the village with some of its content, and the parish council should agree the way forward.

In response the Chairman asked the parish council to vote on a) to continue with the consultation making a note of the objections or b) to halt the consultation pending an updated version. **The parish council voted unanimously in favour of halting the consultation process and will restart Regulation 14 from the beginning, with a new document and a new 6-week consultation period.**

John Hartley agreed to withdraw his resignation from the NDP committee to assist with this process, which the parish council are grateful for.

24/102 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

It was reported that Joe Billett had sent a letter of resignation to the clerk on the 30th of January and a notice under Rule 5 of the of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 of the vacancy had been posted in the village. As a result, Test Valley Borough Council have written to the clerk to advise that they have not received a request for an election to be held and, therefore, the parish council may fill the vacancy by means of co-option. A further advertisement for the position will be published.

24/103 LENGTHSMAN:

Cllr Dovey was appointed the new councillor representative for the Lengths man scheme.

24/104 HIGHWAYS /MAINTENANCE ISSUES

- Potholes on Doctors Hill.
- The junction of Pound Lane with Branches Lane is a skid risk and the tarmac need re-dressing. (21725261)

24/105 VILLAGE HALL: Nothing to report.

24/106 CORRESPONDENCE

- JB Resignation
- Broxmore Farmhouse flooding – passed to NAK
- Local Plan 2040 public consultation and call for sites
- NDP Coffee morning invitation
- Thriving communities workshop notes
- HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL update

- TVAPTC agenda 7/3
- Police and Crime Commissioner update
- NDP consultations, various (SB, GN, CT, JL, JN, CP, S&W)
- Hampshire County Council future services consultation. The parish council agreed to respond to the consultation requesting that the Recycling Centre at Bunny Lane in Romsey should remain open because the distance to another site would be too far for parishioners in Sherfield English.
- JH request for dog bins. The parish council will consider this request once the costs associated are provided by the clerk at the next meeting.

24/107 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

SERP – It was reported that an August fun day and November firework display are planned for the year.

Defibrillators – It was reported that all defibrillators in the parish were up to date and in working order; new paediatric pads have been purchased.

24/108 FINANCE

- a) Bank Balance as at 01.02.24 £33747.80
- b) Received None
- c) Request for funding:
- ci) The Parish Council approved NDP printing costs to £300
- cii) The chairman put forward that to retain the younger population in the village there was a need to maintain a safe place for children to play and proposed that to get the playground open again the parish council should increase the previously discussed grant to SERP to £15000. The parish council unanimously agreed to this proposal. Noted that SERP are in discussion with Test Valley Borough Council regarding alternative funding to address the drainage issues at the site.
- ciii) The PCC requested funding of £5500 for guttering at the church which the parish council unanimously agreed to.
- d) It was reported that the Hatchet Pub closed on the 15th of February however it is hoped that a new tenant will be in place mid-March. If unsuccessful the tenancy will be offered as a Freehold and the parish council could consider Community Asset status.

Payments ratified at this meeting:

Clerk's expenses, Dec – Jan 24	£890.92	#140
Clerk's expenses, Feb 24	£218.75	#140
RBL (2023 wreath)	£22.50	#141
SEVH Trust – NP presentation refreshments	£50.00	#142
The Studio – NDP printing	£43.60	#143
The Studio – NDP printing	£93.10	#143
Defib shop – replacement pads	£150.00	#144

24/109 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Full council meeting 24th of April, planning committee meeting 20th of March.

The meeting closed at 08.55pm