

**MINUTES OF SHERFIELD ENGLISH PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 13th OCTOBER 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Leigh (in chair), Cook, J Noble, R Noble, D Griffiths and S Dovey. Also, in attendance was Clerk to the council, Sue Holder, Cllr Nick Adams King, and two members of the public.

21/043 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Accepted from Cllr Billett.

21/044 OPEN FORUM

- MC – presented his objections to planning application 21/01884/FULLS Land at Newtown Road (amendment).
- UG – supported objections to planning application 21/01884/FULLS (above)
- UG – reported that the Children’s Gardening Club had now officially closed.
- UG – reported that the recent bat walks had been enjoyed by members of the community.

21/045 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

21/046 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS: The minutes of the previous meeting had been sent to all Councillors and were agreed to be an accurate record of that meeting, other than one spelling error.

21/047 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MEETINGS: None

21/048 COUNTY / BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT. Cllr Adams King gave the following report:

- Planning application 21/01884/FULLS for land at Newtown Road will be recommended for committee if necessary.
- Planning application 20/02385/FULLS for Hill Farm Caravan Park; Natural England have highlighted a possible increase in nitrate levels should permission be granted to replace the caravans with cabins.
- Newtown residents have made complaints about the poor mobile phone signal. An application has been submitted for a mobile phone mast at Kents Oak, Awbridge which may improve the situation if approved.
- The Local Plan has been approved by cabinet and will be out for consultation next year. Test Valley have approved the old fairground site in Romsey for a combination of new housing and retirement housing, however housing numbers are still tight for the area.
- At a special cabinet meeting a new recycling scheme has been approved for implementation by the end of next year. This will provide roadside collections for all plastics, glass bottles, food waste, textiles, and batteries.
- Fly tipping has been reported in the area with seven successful prosecutions made due to covert cameras.
- Speeding on the A36 and A27 was reported especially overnight which Cllr Adams King is looking into.
- It was reported that the overgrown hedge encroaching on the footpath near to Eastwood could be cut by the Lengths man if necessary.
- A grant has been approved for a new bench at the Church.

21/049 VILLAGE HALL – NEW MANAGEMENT:

1. The parish council resolved to hold a meeting on the 15th December open to the parish to accept the resignation of the existing trustees / committee members and to appoint new trustees / committee members.
2. The existing users of the village hall will be contacted with a view to taking a more active role in the management of the facility.
3. Cllr Billett will be the parish council representative for the village hall and will oversee this management changeover.

21/050 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP): Cllr Griffiths reported that the consultation period, inviting the parish to comment on the draft policies for inclusion in the proposed NDP, would be extended.

21/051 PLANNING

Applications for discussion at this meeting:

21/02817/FULLS 1 St Madeleine Cottages, Church Lane

Demolition of existing garage and construction of two storey garage with home office.

The parish council resolved not to object to this application however feel the new building should remain ancillary to the main property.

21/02636/FULLS Land at Seven Acres, Frenches Lane East Wellow

Demolition of existing barn and erection of one-bedroom bungalow.

The parish council resolved to object to this application because the information provided in the application was inadequate, and reference to the local woodland and ecology were reported to be inaccurate.

21/01884/FULLS Land at Newtown Road

Amendment to application for off leash dog exercise facility

The parish council resolved to object to this application not considering the amendment significant enough to affect their original concerns regarding the application.

Decisions received from Test Valley Borough Council:

21/02399/PDMAS Tea Room Dandy's Ford – prior approval not required

21/052 LENGTHSMAN / FOOTPATHS / VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Cllr J Noble gave the following report:

- The Lengths man will continue to maintain the A27 footpath.
- The roadside grips will be cleared over the Autumn.
- Village signs and noticeboards will be cleaned.
- The roadside hedge near to Eastwood will be cut if necessary.
- Hampshire County Council have confirmed the footpath modification order which will create a public footpath commencing at a junction with Sherfield English Footpath 28b (SU 2931 2325) and proceeding north eastward along the edge of the pasture to a junction with Sherfield English Footpath 29 (SU 2964 2342).

21/053 HIGHWAYS

Church Lane was reported to be almost impassable due to the narrowing of the road caused by the overgrown hedges. It is understood that Satnav will direct delivery drivers via Church Lane and recently a vehicle lost their mudguards on the lane. Cllr Adams King will be asked for his advice.

21/054 CORRESPONDANCE

JB / UG – new management of village hall, noted
EH – poppy wreath, see finance
JH – Bluestone invoice, see finance

21/055 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

SERP – Cllr Dovey reported that a firework display was planned for the 6th November, and that drainage work had been delayed until after Christmas.

CHURCH – Confirmed that the chairman would read the Remembrance Day Roll Call again this year.

BROADBAND – Cllr Griffiths reported that the proposal to improve Broadband coverage for Wellow 5, to include 130 properties, including Mill Lane included a number of industrial units and the church and the offer will therefore need revising to include households only.

21/056 FINANCE

a) TSB Balance	£29,882.15		
b) Payments to ratify	Poppy Wreath	£20.50	#82
	Clerks exps for Aug, September	£314.03	#83
	Bluestone Planning (grant)	£3318.54	#84
	Clerks exps for October	£157.01	#85
	Zoom subscription	tbc	
c) Grant Requests	None		
d) Receipts	NDP Grant	£7975.00	

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.26pm.

Date of next planning committee meeting (if required): 3rd November 2021.

Date of next full council meeting: 24th November 2021.