

MINUTES OF SHERFIELD ENGLISH PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

PRESENT: Parish Cllr Griffiths (in chair), R Noble, G Noble, Dovey, and Cook, Cllr Adams King and clerk to the council, Sue Holder.

24/030 CLOSED SESSION

Members of the Parish Council were sent a Statement of Truth produced by Trethowan Solicitors for signing at this meeting. The Statement of Truth replaced a Statutory Declaration of Members of the Parish Council previously mentioned as an alternative form of document to support an application to the HM Land Registry regarding ownership of the village hall which does not need to be witnessed. The Parish Council were reminded that the original 1969 deed of conveyance document for the village hall is now held at Trethowans Solicitors in Salisbury.

Trethowans Solicitors will now progress the application for first registration with HM Land Registry, which will entail compiling the necessary documentation to support the application, completing form FR1 and supporting documents, and requesting Land Charges searches to satisfy HM Land Registry requirements and dealing with any requisitions. As a pro-bono element for this work was discussed at the outset the solicitors have proposed not to charge the Parish Council for any further time spent on the matter over and above the £2,100 plus VAT and disbursements already accumulated. In the event the application becomes protracted due to issues at HM Land Registry then the fee may need to be reviewed

24/031 APOLOGIES: Received from Cllrs Billett, Hoffman and Bailey.

24/032 OPEN FORUM: None in attendance.

24/033 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATION TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: Cllr Dovey declared an interest in the planning application for The Old Rectory, took no part in the discussion or decision reached.

24/034 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

24/035 MATTERS ARISING: None

24/036 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT, by Cllr Adams King

- Cllr Adams King reported that he would not be supporting the planning application at Sandhill Farm and will call the application at Lakelands to the planning committee should it be recommended for planning permission. Furthermore, the Enforcement Officer will ensure the lake at Sherfield Manor complies with permissions granted. The Parish Council reported the new building at Dunwood Chipping appears to be larger than anticipated and Cllr Adams King will investigate.
- It was reported that Hampshire County Council will provide the Parish Council with template letters if needed to remind parishioners of their responsibility for hedge cutting, footpath maintenance etc.
- It was also reported that Hampshire County Council will be reviewing rather than cutting services to plan future budgets in areas such as street lighting, winter gritting routes, community transport and school crossing patrols.

24/037 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

For consideration by the Parish Council at this meeting:

23/02300/AGNS Meadow Tree Farm House

Erection of hay storage barn

The Parish Council resolved to make no comment on this application, other than to note that the barn will be notably visible from the A27, contrary to the application.

23/02251/FULLS 5 Goddards Bungalows

Relocation of permitted package treatment plan

The Parish Council resolved to make no objection to the application.

23/02133/LBWS and 23/02132/FULLS The Old Rectory

Formation of new timber entrance gates to existing North & South site entrances; window alterations including replacement of windows in existing kitchen extension and installation of 4 no. new windows to west elevation.

The Parish Council resolved to make no objection to this application.

23/02044/OUTS Sandhill Farm

Outline - Erection of dwelling in lieu of mobile home

The Parish Council resolved to support the views of parishioners in objecting to the proposal, for the following reasons:

The application would normally be precluded by policy COM2, however the applicant argues that the proposed building should be treated as an exception under COM2(a), a replacement dwelling as described in policy COM12. However, Policy COM12 relates to replacements for existing dwellings, and in this case, there is no existing dwelling on the site, as the mobile home has never been installed. Our objection therefore is under policy COM2 for a new development in the countryside, outside of any settlement areas which should not be permitted.

Decisions from meeting held on the 16th August

23/01938/FULLS Annexe Gauntlet Chase

Single side extension

Parish Council – no objection

23/01946/FULLS Cedar Lodge

Balcony to garage

Parish Council – no objection

23/01875/FULLS Lakelands

Conversion to holiday accommodations

Parish Council – no comment other than to restrict period of use to ensure it stays as holiday accommodation only.

Decisions received from TVBC

TPO.35.TVS.8 Dunwood Fruit Farm – remove dangerous limb – Permission.

21/02409/FULLS – Land at Dunwood - Two dwellings – Appeal dismissed as contrary to policy COM2, market housing in the countryside.

22/03287/FULLS Land at Dunwood, car park to B8 vehicles storage – Application refused. The proposal represents unjustified development in the countryside for which there is no overriding need. The application is therefore contrary to Policy COM2. It has not been demonstrated that the proposed development will avoid any harm to protected species or habitats onsite. No compensatory or biodiversity enhancement measures has been provided.

23/01362/CLPS Goddards House – outbuildings, garage, car port, office – Refused. The application received, does not sit within the curtilage of Goddards House and is also forward of the principal elevation of the original dwelling. The proposed development would not therefore constitute permitted development by virtue of Schedule 2 Part 1 Class E of the GDPO.

24/038 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN: Nothing to report.

24/039 LENGTHSMAN: Nothing to report, however the Lengths man will be taking some sick leave and the clerk will establish if a temporary will be appointed.

24/040 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).

24/041 VILLAGE HALL: Update provided in Open Forum

24/042 CORRESPONDENCE

- NAK – Aug/Sept update
- HCC – Footpath 39 definitive map modification
- TVBC – The Dog Control Public Spaces Order 2020 – 2026 (SECDA)
- TVBC – TV newspaper survey (SEDCA)
- MC – planning objection
- UG – planning and ecology
- UG – VH registration with land registry
- UG – members interest forms

24/043 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

St Leonard's Church: A successful Harvest Ploughman's lunch was held on the 17th of September with 52 attending, including Rev Nick Grew who led the services whilst 'in vacancy' over the last two years. A baptism will be held on the 24th of September, the 9th baptism since May. Cllr Adams King has been very supportive during the ongoing discussions with HCC regarding the church car park lease renewal. On the 25th of September, St Leonard's will host the first joint Benefice Council since the forming of the Thorngate and Blackwater benefice of 6 parish churches on 1st of July. The 'House for Duty' associate priest post for 2.5 days a week living in Wellow vicarage is currently being advertised for the second time.

24/044 FINANCE

(a) Bank Balance as at 01.09.23

£26,711.75

(b) Requests for funding:

None.

(c) Payments authorised:

Clerk's expenses	£318.52	# 132
Election expenses	£1070.44	#133
Village Hall keys	£23.96	#134

(d) **Bank mandate:** reported this has been updated for the new council.

(e) **Bank Reserves:** An article has been published in SEDCA to encourage grant applications from local groups.

24/045 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 18th of October.

The meeting closed at 08.35pm