

**MINUTES OF SHERFIELD ENGLISH PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 at 7.30pm.**

The chairman opened the meeting to apologise for the late notice for holding the meeting via zoom, however following the recent storms there was no electricity at the village hall. Mrs Gooding was also thanked for alerting us to the situation.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Leigh (in chair), Cook, R Noble, Griffiths, Billett and S Dovey. Also, in attendance was Clerk to the council, Sue Holder, John Hartley (NDP) eight members of the public and Cllr Adams King.

**21/089 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Accepted from Cllr J Noble attending a PCC meeting.

**21/090 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**21/091 OPEN FORUM:** Nothing to report.

**21/092 VILLAGE JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

It was suggested that a number of groups from the village come together to arrange celebrations in honour of the Queens Platinum Jubilee, to include the parish council, SERP and the Church. Suggestions included combining the annual fun day with a cream tea, BBQ, beacon, fireworks, yarn bombing and bunting. The parish council resolved to subsidise a cream tea. A working party will be required to now arrange the events.

**21/093 VILLAGE HALL**

The chairman reminded everyone that the parish council require clarity on the legal ownership of the village hall and have instructed a firm of solicitors to document the position. The charity commission have already been consulted and the parish council have information received from ACRE. At this meeting, the chairman invited Denise Smythe Wright to speak to the parish council as an authority on charity law who explained that the parish council were the Holding Trustee of the village hall. (Documentation from ACRE states that a Holding Trustee hold the charity's assets.)

The chairman reported to the chairperson of the village hall, Ursula Gooding, that there was a ridge in the floor of the small meeting room and the outside wall was sagging. He was advised the matters were in hand.

**21/094 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)**

John Hartley reported that a draft NDP would soon be available to the Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) Planners for approval with TVBC policies.

**21/095 PLANNING**

Applications for discussion at this meeting:

22/00040/FULLS Dandys Ford Fishery

Convert tearoom/storage building to dwelling

The parish council unanimously resolved not to object to this application.

Applications discussed at a meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February

**PROPOSAL:** Use land for the siting of holiday lodges (static caravans), access and parking, landscape planting and associated infrastructure; to replace existing touring caravan, camping pitches and caravan storage areas

(Receipt of additional information)

SITE: Hill Farm Caravan Park

With regards the additional information concerning the above submitted proposal, Sherfield English Parish Council maintain that their original objection to the proposal stands.

Decisions received from Test Valley Borough Council:

21/03162/FULLS Buckhill Cottage

PROPOSAL: Erection of machinery and implement store (amendment)

WITHDRAWN

21/03740/FULLS Sandhill Farm

PROPOSAL: Workshops

WITHDRAWN

21/03523/FULLS Land off A27

PROPOSAL: Machinery and storage buildings

WITHDRAWN

**21/095 LENGTHSMAN / FOOTPATHS**

Following the recent storms, the parish council suggested that any fallen debris could be removed from popular footpaths in the parish.

**21/096 HIGHWAYS** Nothing to report.

**21/097 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR / COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- The results from a traffic speed survey from Graemar Lane to the Wiltshire border reported that traffic from the west were below 50mph and from the east, in excess of 54mph. This information demonstrates that traffic is not slowing ahead of the 40mph restriction and travelling too fast at the Steplake crossroads and near the bus stop which is popular with school children. The playground and recreation field are also in the vicinity. Unfortunately, the police do not enforce speeds below 57.5 in a 50mph area. The parish council are very concerned about safety here. Cllr Adams King is hoping to fund a community speed watch scheme and some new speed awareness signs to be shared across a number of parishes from funding next financial year. Alternative speed reduction methods were discussed to coincide with the A27 repairs. Village gateway signs were suggested.
- Test Valley Borough Council are increasing council tax by 3.4%, Hampshire County Council by 2% + 3% for social care and the Police by 10%.
- A complaint has been made regarding overgrown trees at Eastwood, however ownership is unknown.

**21/098 FINANCE**

a) TSB Balance	£27,473.93
b) Payments to ratify	None
c) Grant Request	None
d) Receipts	None

**21/099 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

- It was reported that the pads in the defibrillator at The Hatchet need replacing, however are currently unavailable.

- SEDCA will be delivered late this month as the school which prints the publication is on half term.
- The chairman welcomed Jerome Hoffman the new Chairman of SERP and Julie Bellamy, as Secretary, and both parties look forward to working together.

#### **21/100 CORRESPONDANCE**

- Village Hall safety points, UG, noted.
- HCC Update 9, NAK, noted.
- Village Hall Trustees, UG, noted

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.

Date of next full council meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Date of next planning meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022.