

**MINUTES OF SHERFIELD ENGLISH PARISH COUNCIL  
ORDINARY MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 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), four members of the public and clerk to the council, Sue Holder.

**24/077 APOLOGIES:** Received from Cllrs Billett and Bailey.

**24/078 OPEN FORUM:** A large rock and time capsule have been placed at Wellow Wood Common in memory of the late Mrs Catt. Further information to be held in the Wellow Parish Council archives.

**24/079 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATION TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:** None.

**24/080 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**24/081 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

**24/082 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT, by Cllr Bailey:** Nothing to report.

**24/083 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT, by Cllr Adams King**

Hampshire County Council are starting a future services consultation which will consider services such as gritting routes and school crossing patrols. Bunny Lane recycling center may be at risk of closing as a result of the consultation.

The draft Local Plan has been published.

A water leak Cllr R Noble reported running across the road at Shootash was fixed but has failed again. It was again noted that if the water freezes across the road, it will be dangerous.

35mm of rain was reported in 4 hours during the recent storm. All floods should be reported to Hampshire Highways.

The grips have been cleared out opposite Pound Farm, thanks to Mr Berry.

**24/084 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

For consideration by the parish council at this meeting:

23/02044/OUTS Sandhill Farm, Newtown Road

Erection of dwelling in lieu of mobile home

The parish council resolved to object to this application again for the following reasons: a) the proposed building cannot be considered as a "replacement" since there is currently no dwelling on the site; b) it would be a new development in the countryside, which is in breach of policy COM2, c) permission

21/00348/ FULLS was for "Use of part of site for replacement of a residential mobile home", not for a new dwelling.

23/03224/FULLS Old Bush, Newtown Rod

Erection of two storey extension

The parish council resolved to make no comment on the application however do consider it to be a very large extension.

23/03131/LBWS / 23/03130/FULLS Birchwood Farm, Dandys Ford Lane

Remove porch, conservatory and box dormer, erect single storey side extension and first floor extension, replacement windows and doors, alternations to hardstanding and landscaping, internal alterations including insulation, and repairs to granary.

The parish council resolved not to object to this application.

23/03074/FULLS Land Adjacent to The Boundary, Salisbury Road,

Change of use of land to residential for the siting of a touring caravan, containers and erection/use of timber building in association with the residential use (Retrospective)

The parish council resolved to object to the application for the following reasons: a) there is no evidence of anyone currently living on the site, which appears to be contrary to item 4 of the planning statement, and b) there is nothing to demonstrate a local connection requiring the applicant to live in the parish.

TPO.35.TVS.8 T1 – Oak – clear fallen tree and gorse, leave stump.

The parish council made no comment on this application.

#### Decisions from meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December:

23/03103/FULLS Swinley House – Timber fence and gate.

The parish council resolved to make no comment however are concerned that vehicles will be required to stop on the highway while the gates open.

23/03010/FULLS Sherfield Manor – Pond (retrospective)

The parish council resolved to make no comment on this application however disagree with retrospective applications as planning rules should be adhered to.

#### Decisions received from TVBC

23/02656/FULLS Swinley House, Doctors Hill WITHDRAWN

20/02385/FULLS Hill Farm Caravan Park,

The Planning Inspectorate have reviewed the paperwork and decided that the appeal will be dealt with at a Hearing. The parish council resolved not to attend the Hearing.

#### **24/085 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP): Report by John Hartley**

The immediate objective for the NDP is to get the draft Policy Document out for 'Regulation 14' local consultation, prior to final submission to TVBC and other statutory consultees under what is officially called 'Regulation 16'. We still hope to achieve the major milestone of the Regulation 16 submission to TVBC before 31 March 2024, but this is now very demanding, and a date in April may have to be accepted.

#### **PROGRESS TO DATE**

##### **1. Professional Consultants**

We continue with Bluestone Planning Partnership LLC. Over the past 3 years they have proved to be well-attuned to local objectives, and highly experienced in the process of getting Parish Plans approved.

##### **2. Work carried out since the last PC meeting (15 November)**

a. By November we had completed the review and editing of our draft policies for all aspects

of the Plan, covering everything from buildings and amenities to ecology. The plan at that stage can be viewed on the village web site, [www.sherfieldenglish.org.uk](http://www.sherfieldenglish.org.uk). This was sent to Bluestone Planning for approval.

b. Given the number of interactions over the past year we were expecting this to be a rubber-stamping affair, but we subsequently learned that the document's format requirements have now changed very significantly, and considerable editing was required. The new format is much shorter, making the choice of words that remain extremely critical.

### 3. Immediate Objectives

a. It is essential that we post the Submission Policy Statement for consultation ASAP. This is because the consultation has to be in effect for 6 weeks before we can finalise the document and submit it to TVBC. We must show how we have taken responses to the consultation into account, and if necessary, edit the document, so every week matters if we are to have any chance of achieving submission by 31st March.

b. I am drafting an entry for the February newsletter to be submitted to SEDCA. This will include the 'Comment Form' and a document view/download link.

c. The Reg 14 draft Submission Statement should be able to formally start within the remaining weeks of January. This Reg 14 document and the Comment Form will be posted to the web site and Facebook pages, along with a notification that the consultation period is starting. The online Comment Form and SurveyMonkey will be the primary routes for consultation responses, but a printed copy of the Submission and the Comment Form must be available at advertised locations and from named individuals.

**24/086 LENGTHSMAN:** Nothing to report.

The following tasks were approved for the Lengths man – to clear the leaf drop off the footpaths and to clear a tree from a footpath in front of Millers Wood.

### **24/087 HIGHWAYS /MAINTENANCE ISSUES**

- The 40/50mph speed sign near the old layby, after the church has been repaired.
- The grips from Bunny Lane to the parish boundary have been cleared.
- The drain in the A27 layby has been cleared.

It was reported that wild trees and hedges growing on the roadside of Pound Lane are encroaching onto the highway, making it hard for large farm vehicles to pass. Cllr G Noble will report.

### **24/088 VILLAGE HALL:**

The trustees of the village hall management committee sent the following report:

End of year SEVH Trust draft accounts show an increase in bookings and with lots of volunteer help, especially from the chairperson and family, income has met essential expenditures. We are therefore delighted to report that it is unlikely we will need to increase costs of hire for 2024 but a formal decision will be taken at our AGM in April.

Next week, 11/01/2024 SEVH is hosting a TVBC communities workshop meeting for Blackwater Ward.

SEVH have requested/offered to host a roadshow for local households and businesses on energy efficiency. We await an offer of availability.

SEVH have completed a bid for some funding via Action Hampshire (Hampshire community Building Support Unit) for a local history project. Unfortunately, the bid to national lottery for this

funding has been delayed but we really hope that this will move forwards and enable us to conserve and improve on the village shorty - displays already in the VH.

Cllr Griffiths will continue to keep the Trustees up to date with any information on the registration of the Village Hall, although the process is understood to be very slow.

#### **24/089 CORRESPONDENCE**

- TVBC – bus shelter maintenance, clerk to respond
- TVBC – precept request, clerk to respond
- TVBC – Tree works in Mill Lane Meadows, noted
- HCC – Waste prevention community grant, noted
- TVBC – Communications workshop invite, noted
- TVBC – Thriving communities workshop, noted
- NAK – Update #30, noted
- HALC – Emergency Planning / Resilience workshop, noted
- UG – Village Hall Trustees – DG to respond
- MC – Planning Objection to Sandhill Farm, noted
- UG – Planning consideration for Old Bush, noted
- HCC – Minerals and waste, noted
- English Rural – property available at Eastwood, advertised

#### **24/090 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**SERP** – The committee have met twice since the last parish council meeting and were reported to be grateful for the offer of a £5000.00 grant towards opening the children’s playground, however the repairs and drainage will require more significant funding. SERP have questioned the responsibility of the playground and proposed that the parish council take responsibility for the playground or collaborate financially with SERP to raise the necessary funds. The parish council resolved to grant a total of £10,000 to SERP (on receipt of a set of accounts) and request that SERP apply for TVBC match funding or alternative sources of funding.

**Church** - Licensing (and welcome) of Rev Sara-Jane Stevens will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February.

**It is with sadness that the parish council note the passing of Bob Taylor, acknowledging the years of hard work he had put into the village.**

#### **24/091 FINANCE**

- a) Bank Balance as at 01.12.23 £33,911.81
- b) Received: £680.94 (VAT reclaim)
- c) Request for funding: The parish council resolved to grant a total of £10,000.00 to SERP to assist financing the re-opening of the playground, on receipt of a set of accounts.
- e) The parish council confirmed the resolution to increase the precept to £11,000 in line with inflation
- e) Payments ratified at this meeting: None

**24/092 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Full council meeting 21<sup>st</sup> of February.  
The meeting closed at 09.30pm