

MINUTES OF SHERFIELD ENGLISH PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs Leigh (in chair), Cook, J Noble, R Noble, J Billett, D Griffiths and S Dovey. Also, in attendance was Clerk to the council, Sue Holder (via zoom), Cllr Nick Adams King, Mr Greenwood from Benchmark Planning, John Hartley and Ursula Gooding.

21/029 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None.

The chairman thanked Cllr Billett for setting up zoom for the clerk to attend (isolating due to Covid) and a laptop to assist with the planning applications.

21/030 OPEN FORUM

- Mr Greenwood spoke on behalf of the residents of Hilltop Farm who have submitted a planning application (retrospectively) for a family annexe / holiday accommodation. To note nitrates have been offset by a large wildflower meadow.
- UG: Dunwood Yard 21/02358/FULLS Local residents have objected to this application, for reasons that include : no biodiversity or ecological impact assessment has been provided even though the site neighbours protected hedgerows, ancient woodland and has several protected and red species nearby; footpath 39 has been unofficially diverted around the yard and that the Hampshire Definitive statement shows the footpath cutting straight through the 'yard' area.
- UG: Sherfield Manor 21/02633/FULLS It is noted that in this application they seek to install an air conditioning system for the whole house. Given our state of climate emergency it seems anomalous that such an energy inefficient system could be installed in an old, listed building which will be impossible to make thermally efficient.
- UG: COP26 – Climate Change UK. Please note that an article was published in the parish newsletter this month to highlight COP26 and ask parishioners what we could do ourselves to reduce the effects of climate change.
- UG: TVBC Countryside Team have offered to lend us some bat detectors and we plan to host a local bat walk in October for the village.
- UG: TVBC countryside team are just starting a butterfly/moth survey of the Mill Lane SANG – they will be looking for volunteers to help.
- UG: Ecology - it is noted that dormice have again be found within the parish.
- UG: NDP – several wildlife corridors have been identified within the parish. We have been trying to connect up with other parishes and it is noted that only Wellow have an active plan.

21/031 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Dovey declared an interest in the finance item concerning a request for funding from SERP.

21/032 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.

21/033 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MEETINGS: None

21/034 COUNTY / BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Adams King gave the following report:

- County are planning some speed checks in the village to include from Graemar Lane to Melchet and the Shootash area.
- Some verge cutting is being done.

- All road repairs must be logged on the County website, and the reference number sent to Cllr Adams King to progress.
- A zoom meeting on the 23rd September to discuss Roke Manor is open to local residents.
- Aster charges for sewage were reported to be very high, and parishioners affected should contact Cllr Adams King.
- Test Valley Borough Council are producing the next Local Plan which will be out for consultation next year.
- The SHELLA document will be sent to parish councils in the next few weeks for comment on the proposed location and number of houses suggested for development.

The parish council made the following comments:

- The footpath near to Eastwood was reported to be overgrown forcing pedestrians onto a busy road and needs addressing. Noted this has been reported on the Hampshire website.
- The A27 from Meltchet to the Wiltshire border is in a very poor state of repair despite the parish council reporting it on the Hampshire website.
- Branches Lane was reported to be too narrow for two cars to pass safely in places particularly near Pound Farm. Drainage in this area is also very poor making the situation hazardous on occasions.
- The sight line of the junction of Pound Lane with Branches Lane was reported to be very poor and unsafe and needs improving for safety reasons.

21/035 VILLAGE HALL – NEW MANAGEMENT: Cllr Billett reported that he is working on the new management committee for the village hall and will keep the parish council up to date with his progress.

21/036 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP): John Hartley reported that the steering group had met recently, and the conservation report largely approved; the Consultants from Bluestone also feel very good progress is being made. He thanked Ursula Gooding for her contribution to the ecology report. A bullet point summary of the NDP will be available in SEDCA with a poll of the report available on the website for comment before Christmas.

21/037 PLANNING

Applications for discussion at this meeting:

21/02458/FULLS Hilltop

Conversion of outbuilding to granny annexe and holiday let purposes, ancillary to the main dwelling house and 240 sq wildflower meadow (Retrospective).

The parish council resolved to make no objection to this application.

21/02634/LBWS and 21/02633/FULLS Sherfield Manor

Blocking up door on west elevation and window in north elevation. Door to replace window on north elevation, re-roofing front porch, refurbishment of all windows, installation of air conditioning system and internal alterations and repairs.

The parish council resolved to make no comment on this application.

Applications discussed at the meeting of the 18th August:

21/02270/FULLS Woodlands, Bryces Lane (SC – declared an interest)

PROPOSAL: Demolition of the existing dwelling house, garages and associated outbuildings and erection of a replacement dwelling, hard and soft landscaping.

The parish council agreed no comment on the proposal. However, there are concerns about the size of the proposal - with the swimming pool included it will be 100 per cent bigger than the original dwelling. There are also concerns that the appearance of the new dwelling would not be in keeping with the countryside.

21/02220/CLES Land At Bunny Lane

Certificate of lawful existing use for the use of the land as a caravan site for the stationing of 1 caravan for residential purposes.

The parish council could not confirm that the caravan has been used for residential purposes.

21/02358/FULLS Dunwood Fruit Farm, Salisbury Road

PROPOSAL: Retrospective application for storage and distribution (B8 Use) and parking.

The parish council agreed no comment. However, are concerned about the amount of vehicles turning out on the brow of a hill, and also how the hours of operation going forward will impact the neighbours.

21/02409/FULLS Land At Dunwood Manor, Danes Road

PROPOSAL: Erection of 3 x detached dwellings, associated parking and hard and soft landscaping

The parish council agreed no comment. However, are concerned on how much impact the development will have on the existing lodges and also it may be over development of the site.

Applications discussed at the meeting of the 28th July:

21/01368/FULLS Robin Hill, Broxmore Lane

PROPOSAL: Relocate front door and creation of oak framed front porch.

Build an oak framed porch with tiled roof to match house tiles.

Plan to create a bigger, brighter entrance.

The parish council resolved not to object to this proposal.

21/02053/LBWS

21/02052/FULLS Manor Farm House, Pound Lane

PROPOSAL: Formation of porch and iron wrought railings to south elevation, erection of single storey rear extension, reinstatement of 2 dormer windows, installation of 3 rooflights. Elevation and internal alterations.

The parish council resolved not to object to this proposal although listed building criteria must be considered.

Decisions received from Test Valley Borough Council:

21/01884/FULLS Land at Newtown Road – pending

21/01855/AGNS Glebe Farm – refused

21/01766/FULLS Yew Tree Cottage – pending

21/01992/FULLS Oak Lodge – permission

21/01701/OUTS Woodland at Dunwood – pending

21/01991/TPOS Swinley House – refused

21/01559/FULLS Ashlett Farm – pending

21/01587/FULLS Land at Seven Acres – withdrawn

21/01744/CLPS Dunwood Chipping Depot – pending

21/01726/CLPS Treefall - withdrawn

21/038 LENGTHSMAN / FOOTPATHS / VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Cllr J Noble gave the following report:

- The Lengths man continues to maintain the footpaths and will be assigned the footpath from the Hatchet Pub to the Village Hall in October, in addition to clearing the roadside grips over the Autumn.
- A stile has been removed for safety reasons at Gapmore Copse.
- Noted that since the rubbish bin has been removed from the A27 layby, less rubbish is evident here.

21/039 HIGHWAYS

- Branches Lane – reported under Borough Councillor report. (21581645)
- A pothole by Pybus Garage was reported west bound to be small but very dangerous. (21581637)
- Church Lane was reported to be so narrow and the road surface deterioration making it virtually impassable. (21581777)
- A27 – reported under Borough Councillor report. (21581641)

21/040 CORRESPONDANCE

- AMcG – PC response to 21/02358/FULLS – chair has responded
- DL – Pilates Class – pc agreed to class on same evening as pc mtg
- UG – Planning comments (various) – forwarded to pc
- UG – Advertising of meetings – for consideration at meeting
- ElanCity – road safer products – for consideration at meeting
- Richard Greenwood Benchmark – request to attend meeting re Hilltop

21/041 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

SERP – Cllr Dovey reported that 9 aside football is being played again on a Sunday (x3 games), resulting in some issues with parking at change over times. Groundwork is hoped to commence in September to include some necessary drainage work.

CHURCH – The retiring Vicar will hold his last service at St Leonards on Sunday, and Cllr J Noble thanked the parish council for contributing towards a leaving present.

BROADBAND – Cllr Griffiths reported that a proposal to improve Broadband coverage for Wellow 5, to include 130 properties, including Mill Lane had been received from BT. Between 60 and 80 homes will need to sign up for grant funding to make the proposal viable.

21/042 FINANCE

- a) The bank balance was reported to by £22,037.15.
- b) Payments ratified at this meeting:

£100.00	Gift for the retiring vicar	#78®
£90.00	GeoXphere (NPD)	#79 ®
Tbc	Zoom Subscription	#80
£2640.00	SERP 2000	# 81

- c) Grant Requests:

SERP 2000. A groundwork's company installing additional drainage on the Sportsfield adjacent to the driveway have discovered that the existing drainage line closest to the bowls green is blocked and will need replacing. This drainage line is required to connect to the proposed new drainage, connecting directly to the outflow manhole. The request is for the parish council to fund this additional work, whilst the contractor is on site, at a sum of £2,200 + VAT. The request was unanimously approved by the parish council.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Date of next full council meeting: 13th October 2021.