

**MINUTES OF SHERFIELD ENGLISH PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 7th JULY 2021 at 6.15pm at the Village Hill.**

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

21/015 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies accepted from Cllrs Billett and Griffiths.

21/016 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

21/017 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS: The minutes of the previous three meetings (APM, AGM and 16/6/21) had been sent to all Councillors and were agreed to be an accurate record of those meetings.

21/018 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MEETINGS: None

21/019 OPEN FORUM: None

21/020 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

- Cllr Adams King reported that Test Valley Borough Council were proposing to remove the litter bin in the A27 layby because it is being inappropriately used and often overflows. The parish council agreed to have the bin removed for a period of 6 months and will then review the situation.
- The parish council reported that cars may be being advertised for sale from the A27 layby and this will be investigated further by the Planning Enforcement Department.
- Following a request from a parishioner, the chairman asked Cllr Adams King for some information regarding the Speed Watch Scheme. Cllr Adams King responded that he was hoping to be in a position to offer parishes the opportunity to become part of a shared speed reduction scheme with further details to be made available by the Autumn.

21/021 VILLAGE HALL – NEW MANAGEMENT: This report was deferred until the September meeting.

21/022 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP): John Hartley sent the following report:

Since the APM in May, Ursula has made some very useful progress on ecology and habitat issues, with positive feedback from our consultants. We had a (Zoom) progress meeting with Sharon Brentnall, our lead consultant, two weeks ago, and have now received the quotation necessary for us to proceed with the next round of funding from Locality. The next grant will be for approximately £8000 plus VAT. This will be sufficient to get us through the two remaining large work items:

1. The Character Appraisal, Design Guide and Design Code.
2. Preparation and refinement of a draft Plan for examination.

I am preparing our application for the grant for review by the NDP Steering Group early next week, ahead of submission. The draft Plan should be complete by early November if all goes smoothly.

21/023 PLANNING

Applications for discussion at this meeting:

21/01884/FULLS

PROPOSAL: Change of use of agricultural land to secure off leash dog exercise facility, provision of a new access and gate, deer fencing, parking and associated works.

SITE: Land at Newtown Road

The parish council resolved to object to the proposal for the following reasons:

1. The site, being an open piece of ground, has been considered important enough by Test Valley Borough Council to grant Schedule 4 protection and should this application be approved, the fencing of the site will remove this protection - the site should not be sub divided.
2. It is contrary to our neighbourhood development plan (NDP), and a sensitive site for wildlife, and will be designated as such in our NDP.

21/01855/AGNS

PROPOSAL: Agricultural prior notification for a new farm track

SITE: Glebe Farm

The parish council discussed this application and question the need for a new farm track as Glebe Farm is no longer a working farm.

21/01766/FULLS

PROPOSAL: Replacement Garage

SITE: Yew Tree Cottage

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

21/01992/FULLS

PROPOSAL: Two storey side extension and two bay garage plus single storey extension.

SITE: Oak Lodge

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

21/01701/OUTS

PROPOSAL: Log cabin for charcoal worker.

SITE: Woodland at Dunwood.

The parish council considered this application and made the following comments / observations:

1. There is insufficient information currently available to make a judgement on this application.
2. It appears that access to the new building will be via a track that is a public footpath.
3. The building is said to be "for charcoal burners". Do charcoal burners already work on the site, and if so, how many as we do not recall ever seeing charcoal-burning activity on this site?
4. Is the building to be a work area, a shelter and rest area, or residential accommodation? Where is the proposed design?
5. We feel it is necessary to justify the need to have somebody live on site for the charcoal burning activity.

21/0199/TPOS

PROPOSAL: Fell Silver Birch.

SITE: Swinley House

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

Applications discussed at the meeting of the 16th June:

21/01559/FULLS

PROPOSAL: Demolition of building to South of mobile home, removal of mobile home and conversion of an existing barn into two residential dwellings to include installation of package treatment plant

SITE: Ashlett Farm

The parish council resolved not to object to this application.

It was noted that the bat survey is out of date.

21/01587/FULLS

PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing barn and erection of one-bedroom bungalow

SITE: Land At Seven Acres, Frenches Lane, East Wellow

The parish council feel it is necessary to object to this application on the basis that there is a lack of information provided in order to make an informed decision on the proposal. It was also noted that reference has been made to Policy COMM 11, which we understand would be appropriate if the proposal is ancillary to the dwelling – however this is not the case.

21/01744/CLPS

PROPOSAL: Certificate of proposed lawful use of land for the storage and distribution of aggregates

SITE: Dunwood Chipping Depot

The parish council have resolved to object to this application and recommend that a full planning application is required. The reasons are as follows:

- a) We do not agree that the activities proposed are permitted by the existing CLPS.
- b) The comparison of the new business activities to the way the site has been used to operate is inappropriate. The application says there is no significant change however the use of the site by Hampshire County Council in 2003 was occasional, in fact aerial photos on google earth show it as often deserted. The image attached to the application is unreliable evidence as the date is ambiguous. The current proposal involves a fleet of six HGV's and two permanent staff which will lead to an increase in traffic movements. The site does not currently have planning permission for an HGV operation at all and there is no HGV operator's license either – a significant change in use in our opinion.
- c) The loading and shunting around of stock by diggers, will create considerable noise pollution, and disturbance to the neighbouring properties.
- d) The operating hours are excessive, and the application openly states that activities will take place before 7am, which is considered unacceptable in this countryside location. Residents have been considerably disturbed by the noise of previous activities at the site, which were the subject of enforcement action by Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council.
- e) An increase in traffic and pollution. The A27 is a busy road already and the entrance in and out of the site onto a busy road is a concern.
- f) There is no planning permission to allow trading from this site and the business will have customers collecting goods, thereby increasing traffic movements.

21/01726/CLPS

PROPOSAL: Application for a proposed lawful development certificate to partially re-build outhouse, using same footprint, dimensions and materials, adjustments only to location of door, window and roof material

SITE: Treefall, Gambledown

The parish council resolved not to object to this application

Decisions received from Test Valley Borough Council: None

21/024 LENGTHSMAN / FOOTPATHS / VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Cllr J Noble reported that the overgrown verges on the Branches Lane junction with the A27 have been cut, possibly by Hampshire County Council. The Lengths man has been assigned cutting back the vegetation from the A27 footpath during July and August and has been asked to ensure the cut vegetation is sufficiently removed to avoid it re-seeding. An article will be written for SEDCA to remind landowners of their responsibility to cut back vegetation on footpaths also.

The new footpath map has been well received by members of the parish.

In line with the proposed public path creation order under section 118 of the Highways Act, part of footpath 29 has now been shut.

A number of new footpath signs and way markers have been installed around the village and a new kissing gate between Furland Farm and Sole Hill Farm, provided by Hampshire County Council.

21/025 HIGHWAYS

- Roadside vegetation was reported to be encroaching onto Pound Lane; Cllr Adams King confirmed that it is on the schedule to be cut.
- Whilst some pothole repairs have been completed on the A27, the road surface is still poor.
- The A27 shrine was discussed again and on the advice of Cllr Adams King following his conversation with the Police on the matter, it was agreed to allow the family to leave the shrine.
- A large pothole was reported just before the Dunwood Nursing Home. (21570067)
- It was reported that Hampshire Highways have been to access the flooding near Pound Farm. (21536329)

21/026 CORRESPONDANCE

- UG – Glebe Farm planning
- UG – Yew Tree planning
- SW, AMcG, MC, JH, UG – Old Bush Planning
- UG – Woodland at Dunbridge, planning
- HCC – Path Creation Order (footpath 29)
- JB – Speed watch scheme
- UG – extra meetings

21/027 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS Nothing to report

21/028 FINANCE

- a) The bank balance was reported to by £25,102.22.
- b) Payments ratified at this meeting

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| Reynolds | Internal Audit | £495.00 | #70® |
| Clerk | Apr, May | £314.03 | #71® |
| HALC | Subscription | £302.18 | #72® |
| Allied West | VH Insurance | £1497.26 | #73® |
| Sarum Col | Village map | £1222.80 | #74® |
| Allied West | VH Insurance u/p | £30.98 | #75 |
| ICO | GDPR | £30.00 | #76 |
| Clerk | June, July | £314.03 | #77 |

- c) Grant Requests – none
- d) The parish council agreed to contribute £100 towards a leaving gift for the retiring Vicar.
- e) It was confirmed that a financial contribution towards the cost of the footpath maps will be made by Hill Farm Caravan Park.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

Date of next full council meeting: 15th September 2021, with planning meetings to be scheduled as required.