

**MINUTES OF SHERFIELD ENGLISH PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7TH APRIL 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Leigh (in chair), Cook, J Noble, R Noble, S Dovey, J Billett and D Griffiths. Also, in attendance was Clerk to the council, Sue Holder, Cllr Nick Adams King, John Hartley, Henry Brice of Ian Judd and Partners LLP and 2 members of the public.

21/094 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: No apologies received.

21/095 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Dovey declared an interest in the planning application 20/01316/FULLS (amendment) and took no part in the discussion or decision reached on the application.

21/096 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS: The minutes of the previous meeting had been sent to all Councillors before the meeting and were agreed to be an accurate record of that meetings.

21/097 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MEETINGS: None

21/098 OPEN FORUM:

- Mr Brice, representing the applicant for the planning application for Land at Ashlett Farm reported on the amendments made to the application.
- UG reported attending the recent planning appeal meeting for Lakelands.
- UG reported that she was undertaking a tree and hedgerow survey of the village and was inviting parishioners to take part in a 'hug a tree' competition and reporting type, location, and girth of the trees in the village.

21/099 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

- Test Valley Borough Council have purchased two sites for nitrate credits to free up housing land supplies in the area.
- The PDQS application for possible development at Glebe Farm was reported to require a full planning application.
- Activity at Lakelands to include fabric fencing of the area has been reported to the Planning Enforcement Department.
- Complaints have been received concerning the shrine on the A27 which has been in place for over 2 years now, however the family are opposing its removal.
- Cllr Adams King reported that the potential application for an 'Outstanding Residential House' in Sherfield English was not considered remote or unique in its application and would therefore not be permitted within the National Planning Policy.
- The problem with sewerage in Steplake Lane, the responsibility of Southern Water, has now been resolved.
- The Enforcement Department will look at a new stable in Graemar Lane to determine if planning permission is required.
- A consultation to allow parish councils to continue to hold meetings virtually if appropriate is ongoing.

21/100 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

John Hartley reported that Bluestone Planning have now prepared outline policies for the NDP and an amended Housing Needs report has been produced for the village. A draft publication of the NDP and village referendum will follow. John thanked Ursula Gooding for her contribution on ecology issues.

21/101 PLANNING

Applications for discussion at this meeting:

20/01316/FULLS Land at Ashlett Farm – amendment to application

Following discussions with Mr Brice and a lengthy debate the parish council re considered the application against the recent amendments, and although the parish council recognises the importance of rural businesses and would like to help support this nature of business feel the application cannot be supported and object to the proposal for the following reasons:

1. The parish council maintain that this location between the church and the recreation ground was to be protected within our village design statement as an important open space in the village which preserves the character of the village, and for this reason it is still considered by the council and parishioners to be a totally inappropriate development on this location. Screening of the site has always been poor, and the site is plainly visible from both the A27 and the footpath.
2. The parish council continue to receive complaints from residents living close to the site that the generator is noisy and gives off diesel fumes such that it is affecting the quality of life for some of our residents.
3. The traffic associated with the site is damaging Mill Lane in particular, a lane not fit for this purpose. The land-tractor is using the lane at unsociable hours and congestion on the lane has been reported to the parish council causing further damage to the verges.

21/00879/FULLS 5 Goddards Bungalow – Replacement dwelling

The parish council resolved not to object to this application.

Decisions received from Test Valley Borough Council:

21/00526/PDQS Glebe Farm - Pending

Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to 5 dwelling houses (Class C3) and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion.

21/00348/FULLS Sandhill Farm - Pending

Use of part of site for replacement residential mobile home

21/00082/LBWS Sherfield Manor

Replacement of window with external door in NE elevation, together with formation of external step - Pending

20/102 LENGTHSMAN / FOOTPATHS / VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- Cllr J Noble reported that Hampshire County Council have funded a number of kissing gates for footpaths in the village to replace stiles, providing improved access.
- Footpath signs were discussed for land belonging to Mr Berry following a report that walkers had wandered off the path, however it was agreed that the lie of the land hinders the visibility of the signs.
- A blocked footpath has been reported on land at Gambledown through the horse paddock.
- Bark has been put down on the footpath between the Old Church and Manor Farm.
- A Proposed public path creation order followed by an extinguishment order under section 118 of the Highways Act for part of Sherfield English footpath 29 was reported. The order states that part of the path has been offline for over 50 years and the proposed route has been walked for this amount of time; this change will bring the footpath in line with the definitive line. The parish council have no objection to the change in principle however object

strongly to the fact that the landowner will face a large legal fee to align the currently walked route with the definitive statement route on the HCC map.

- It was reported that a new footpath map is in progress, and John Hartley was thanked for his assistance in providing the map.
- It was agreed that the Lengths man would clear vegetation encroaching on the A27 footpath in May.

20/103 HIGHWAYS

- The A27 was reported to be in a poor state of repair still. (21545980) White lines and some cat's eyes have been reinstated but the tarmac and potholes continue to need maintenance.
- The verges at the top of Branches Lane, towards Carters Clay were reported to be in a very poor state of repair.

20/104 CORRESPONDENCE

- HCC footpath order.
- SSEN - £200k resilience grant fund, noted.
- SW - Melchet Court Oak tree nursery, with profits going to 23 schools in Uganda and local communities, noted.
- The new head of St Edwards School wishes to engage more with the local community, noted.
- MW - Interest in structural architecture of The Old Church Hall. The parish council will put them in touch with the owners.

20/105 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- Cllr Dovey reported that lady's netball and the Grass Roots Club were using the sports field again.
- Cllr J Noble reported that Vicar Pettet will be retiring in September and consideration is being given to St Leonards joining with Thorngate.
- Cllr J Noble reported that the School Trust will donate £500 towards repairs necessary following vandalism at the Sports Pavilion.

20/106 FINANCE

- a) The bank balance was reported to be £31,306.94 which includes £8409.00 grant funding for the NDP.

- b) Payments authorised at this meeting:

Bluestone Planning	NPD	£8694.30	
M Eastwood	Grass cutting	£525.00	
Clerk Exps	Feb – March		

- c) The clerk will provide a job description to the council to facilitate future performance reviews.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.18 pm.

Date of next meeting: 5th May 2021.