

MINUTES OF SHERFIELD ENGLISH PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24th FEBRUARY 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 and 2 members of the public.

21/079 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: No apologies received.

21/080 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Billett declared an interest in the planning application 20/02385/FULLS (amendment) and took no part in the decision reached on the application, although he was permitted to speak during open forum as the applicant.

21/081 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.

21/082 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MEETINGS: None

21/083 OPEN FORUM:

- UG a) concerned that the latest amendment to planning application 20/02385/FULLS Hillfarm Caravan Park, was based on estimated not actual occupancy figures; b) regarding planning application 21/00348/FULLS Sandhill Farm, the proposal moves the log cabin to a greenfield site where protected species are evident; c) super-fast broadband is still not available to all parts of the parish; d) work continues on the new website to provide a member's log-in, a history page and full accessibility.
- JB addressed the latest amendment to planning application 20/02385/FULLS which details the following a) a planting plan is now online which includes 45 additional trees and a 2 metre natural hedge achieved by shortening some of the plots and creating a 3 metre buffer at the back of all units; b) a Habitat Regulations amendment has been submitted which addresses recreational pressure and Solent neutrality; c) The figures provided to illustrate occupancy rates is based on a projection of visitor numbers with the assumed occupancy figure of 3.5 people per unit. Noted that the maximum occupancy per plot is 5.
- It was reported that the Caravan park would be open from May 2021, and that some caravans would be arriving on site before then.

21/084 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

- Cllr Adams King reported that the land on the east side of Newtown Road, adjacent to the A27 has now been sold.
- The application to store mobile homes on the land by the polytunnels has been recommended for refusal. Environmental Health are now involved because the mobile homes are being lived in and there are obvious social distancing issues. Noise disturbance has also been reported from the onsite generator.
- It was reported that the potential application for an 'Outstanding Residential House' in Sherfield English could be permitted within the National Planning Policy if the location were isolated and of a unique design, however Cllr Adams King does not consider the pre-application by Axiom Architects to be in an isolated position.
- A problem with sewerage has been reported in the Steplake Lane area to Environmental Health.

21/085 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

John Hartley reported that a revised Housing Needs report is being produced for the village, with a draft policy planned for the end of March.

21/086 PLANNING

Applications for discussion at this meeting:

21/00526/PDQS Glebe Farm

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.

The parish council note this application, and whilst our Neighbourhood Development Plan would support the location for a small number of properties, they feel more details are required concerning the proposal and the feasibility to convert steel structures into houses.

21/00348/FULLS Sandhill Farm

Use of part of site for replacement residential mobile home

The parish council resolved to object to this proposal because the application is to site the new mobile home on the roadside and not on the original site which is currently well screened from view.

21/00082/LBWS Sherfield Manor

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

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

20/02385/FULLS Hillfarm Caravan Park

Amendment to application.

The parish council agreed that the original objection stands for this planning application because the concerns raised have not been addressed.

Decisions received from Test Valley Borough Council:

20/02694/Sherfield Manor

Removal of terrace and erection of larger replacement terrace ~ PENDING ~

20/02992/FULLS Boundary Yard

New vehicle and plant store – PERMISSION -

20/02842/FULLS Birch Grove

Single storey annexe ancillary to main dwelling – WITHDRAWN -

20/02385/FULLS amendment Hill Farm Caravan Park

Revised site location plan to omit third party land and additional information dated 11.12.2020 – PENDING –

The siting of a yurt at Old Ford, Steplake Lane was noted at this meeting which the parish council will report to Test Valley Borough Council.

20/087 LENGTHSMAN / FOOTPATHS / VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Cllr J Noble reported that Hampshire County Council were continuing to fund the Lengths man scheme again for the coming financial year, providing the parish with a budget of £1000.

Since the last meeting, the Lengths man has removed a number of stiles from footpaths in Doctors Hill which has improved accessibility. Hampshire County Council have also provided 5 new kissing gates to replace stiles on other footpaths in the village, and a report of a blocked footpath has been resolved by a new gate. A report of run off from a farm muck heap onto a footpath was noted and Hampshire County Council have suggested it is re-routed. Cllr Leigh thanked Cllr J Noble for the work she has invested in improving the network of footpaths in the village, which will be appreciated by all residents.

An A3 weatherproof footpath map was proposed by Cllr J Noble for all residents which all members of the parish council supported.

A fallen tree from the old churchyard has now been removed and the area made safe for walkers and visitors of the churchyard. Wood chippings are being utilised on the footpaths.

20/088 HIGHWAYS

- The A27 was reported to be in a poor state of repair still. (21545980)
- Branches Lane was reported to be prone to flooding due to the ditches being blocked and a concrete bump at the entrance to a field that re-directs the water. At times access to the post office is impossible on foot. The problem has previously been reported to Highways (21536329). Clerk to progress.

20/089 WEBSITE

Work is continuing on the website to achieve full accessibility.

20/090 CENSUS

Details have been published in SEDCA.

20/091 CORRESPONDANCE

- Axiom Planning – house of outstanding design in Sherfield English. The parish council agreed to discuss this proposal when it comes via Test Valley Borough Council as a full planning application.
- R.S – Glebe Farm planning application, noted.
- UG – Tree felling at old churchyard. The parish council agreed that the safety of members of the public was of priority in the decision to remove the tree.
- UG – various regarding her reporting on footpaths, website, broadband. The parish council agreed that a written report on broadband was preferable and footpaths and website are adequately reported on by the appointed parish council representatives.
- Village Hall Committee – a copy of the latest set of accounts was acknowledged by the clerk.

20/092 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- Cllr Dovey reported that some football and netball would resume towards the end of March, early April.

20/093 FINANCE

a) The bank balance was reported to be £34,630.04 which includes £8409.00 grant funding for the NDP. It was reported that Cllr J Noble has now discussed the bank charges with TSB.

b) Payments authorised at this meeting:

Bluestone Planning	NPD	£1073.10	#64
Active Tree Care	Old Churchard	£2250.00	#65
Clerk Exps	Oct – Jan	£560.18	#66

c) The parish council resolved to increase the clerk's hourly rate to £12.39 per hour in line with the latest salary scales. The clerk was asked to establish the difference between Local Clerk 1 to Local Clerk 2.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Date of next meeting: 7th April 2021.