

(b) SDNPA Local Plan Consultation – The Local Plan consultation will open on 26th September. Residents concerned about the site allocation for houses on land behind Pulens Lane are reminded that the consultation is on the “soundness” of the Plan (i.e. whether the plan has been positively prepared, is justified and effective and consistent with national policy) and not on local and parochial matters. Cllrs. Ron Dark and Alan Biddlecombe will be attending a Parish Workshop on 27th September and more information may be available after that. The Chairman proposed that following the workshop, he and Cllr. Biddlecombe draft a possible response on behalf of the Parish Council and circulate it to Parish Councillors for their input and then for further discussion and approval at the October meeting. Members of the public present made the following comments:

- During the 1990s a proposal to develop the Stocklands site was rejected for ecological and access reasons. Why has this advice been ignored? The Chairman said that the report is a useful source of information which the Parish Council will use as a basis for their consultation response.
- There are already 80 houses planned for Penns Field and the pressure on local amenities, e.g. schools, doctor’s surgeries, etc. will be immense. The current infrastructure is already struggling to cope – roads and verges aren’t maintained – 1 house generates 6 vehicle movements – how will Pulens Lane and the junction with the London Road cope with this potential increase in traffic movement. The Chairman said that these are all valid points to include within the consultation response and urged Petersfield residents present, impacted by the development of houses behind Penns Place, to get in touch with Petersfield Town Council to ensure they are aware of the issues involved.
- A Petersfield resident queried the allocation of houses for Sheet and whether there were other more suitable sites available within Sheet. The Chairman responded that Sheet had originally been allocated 20 houses, and 14 have already been built on land behind School Lane. He stressed that Sheet Parish Council would not be looking for other sites within the parish.

The County Councillor pointed out that the local plan merely allocates potential sites. Residents and the Parish Council will also have another chance to raise these issues if/when a planning application is forthcoming.

It was agreed that the response to the Local Plan consultation will be discussed further at the October meeting of the Parish Council.

17/169 County Councillor’s Report – The County Councillor’s report is appended to these Minutes.

17/170 Finance

- (a) The bank reconciliation for August had been circulated prior to the meeting and was approved and signed.
- (b) The grant application on behalf of Victim Support in the sum of £50 was approved.
- (c) The cost of re-planting the pots and flower beds at the Village Hall and re-planting the area around the Village sign on the green was approved up to a maximum of £200.
- (d) The following cheques were approved for payment:

Chq No.	Amount	Payee	Service
300718	£58.38	Business Stream	V. Hall
300719	£20.49	Contract Natural Gas	V. Hall
300720	£302.40	Petersfield Town Council	Bins (July and August)
300721	£2,880.00	Sawscapes Play Ltd	Safety surfacing - Rec
300722	£111.21	SSE	V. Hall
300723	£452.00	N. Rook Blackstone	Allotments
300724	£72.00	Elite Play Inspections	Rec & BMX Track
300725	£780.00	Sheet Music Ltd	Cleaning/caretaking - V. Hall

300726	£92.90	HMRC	tax + N.I.
300727	£688.74	J. Hollington	Clerk + expenses (postage/paper)
300728	£1,013.62	Zurich Municipal	Council insurance 17-18
300729	£50.00	Victim Support	Grant request
300730	£1,164.00	Signpost renovation	Petersfield Forge
Total :	£7,685.74		

It was decided not to renew the membership of the National Allotment Association.

17/171 Roads and Traffic –

- (a) Roadworks on Inmans Lane – The roadworks carried out over the summer are now complete and HCC Highways appear to have done a good job.
- (b) Inmans Lane/Pulens Lane Junction – The traffic problems are getting worse and it is feared that it is only a matter of time until there is a serious accident at this junction. Speed and density of traffic are causing huge problems, especially during peak times when children are walking to School. It was noted that improvements to the junction are planned once the houses at Penns Field are completed, but it was felt that this may be too late. It was agreed that Cllr. Martin would write again to Ian Janes at HCC to seek his advice.
- (c) Traffic/Parking issues at Merryfield Road and Love Lane – Cllr. Clarke attended the meeting held at Herne School to discuss complaints from residents over school traffic and parking. Outcomes from the meeting were that Herne School will look to create more parking spaces within their grounds and Petersfield Town Council agreed to consider more parking restrictions in Love Lane (however, it was noted that Churchers College currently pays a retainer to Petersfield Town Council for their 6th formers to have the right to park at Love Lane). Churchers College has investigated whether a 1-way traffic system could be implemented but this will not be permitted by the Highway authority.

17/172 Millennium Field

- (a) Condition of trees - Many of the Ash trees are suffering from Ash dieback and the chances of all these surviving are remote and many will need to be removed in due course. Many of the Field Maples and Hornbeams have been debarked and damaged. Advice from a specialist from English Woodlands is that the base damage was done by rabbits when the trees first outgrew their protective sleeves. The higher-level damage is due to squirrels (4 years ago there was a shortage of acorns and in addition to this Adhurst were coppicing – consequently the squirrels moved into the Millennium Field and Field Maple is a favourite food source for squirrels!) - happily the trees will recover. However, it was recommended that 20% of the trees are removed and Cllr. Clear confirmed that he would be happy to carry out this work
- (b) Friends of Sheet School – Annual Bonfire and Firework Display - The request to hold the annual bonfire and firework display at the Millennium Field on Saturday, 4th November on behalf of the Friends of Sheet School was discussed. Cllr. Clear confirmed that the event had gone well last year, and the Field had been left clear and in good condition. It was therefore agreed that the event could go ahead this year, under the same conditions as last year (a deposit of £200 to be held by the Parish Council, and returned once the event is over and the Field returned to good condition).
- (c) The security box has now been installed on the Flood Pod – the Clerk was asked to write to Mill Lane residents concerned to inform them of the key code.

17/173 The Village Green Horse Chestnut Tree - The Chairman reported that he had by chance met a member of the Forestry Commission who has been engaged in a long term survey of some 250 horse chestnut trees in Hampshire, including the village green specimen. Ours is apparently one of the largest and most impressive trees in the sample and is suffering less damage from the leaf miner than the others. Confirmation was given that our practise of removing autumn leaves was the best and indeed only method

of reducing infestation. It was confirmed that the tree was also suffering from minor attacks of bleeding canker, but not to an extent that merits concern.

17/174 Sheet Allotments – There has been a sudden rush of interest and now only a few plots remain empty. However, it was noted that the cost of clearing some of the plots has been astronomical because of the amount of “junk” (e.g. synthetic carpets/plastic) on some of the plots - more restrictions need to be in place to prevent these items coming onto the site. It was agreed that the issue of a site Management Committee should be raised at the Allotment Association AGM in November.

17/175 Sheet Recreation Ground – The safety surfacing under the table tennis table has been installed and the area is much improved.

17/176 Sheet Common

- (a) Renovation of Signage – The cost of the new finger blades for the donated signposts for Footpath 27 in the sum of £970 + VAT was discussed and approved.
- (b) Resurfacing of Bridleway – Cllr. Biddlecombe will continue to seek quotes for resurfacing of the bridleway and grant funding will be sought to match fund the project.

17/177 The Lengthsman Scheme – Sheet Parish Council has now used its allocation of £1000 for this financial year. It had been hoped to carry out resurfacing work on the footpath that runs from Pulens Lane to Old Mill Lane under the scheme. Cllr. Clear will ask Nick Rook Blackstone for a quote for the work, for consideration at the October P.C. Meeting.

17/178 Sheet Village Hall

- (a) Bike Rack – There has been a problem with lifting the log (for use as a bike rack) and getting it to the Village Green – specialist lifting gear may be required. In the first instance Cllr. Glancy will ask Peter Caines if he would be able to help.
- (b) User Group Meeting – The User Group Meeting will be held on Monday, 25th September at 7.30 p.m.

17/179 District Councillor Report – No report received.

17/180 Correspondence

- HCC – National Highways and Transport – public satisfaction survey – It was agreed that Cllr. Martin should review the survey and draft a response on behalf of Sheet P.C.
- Village Agent – Correspondence from a Village Agent Co-ordinator for Age Concern was discussed – Village Agents are a HCC funded initiative whose role is to signpost older people to support and services which help them to stay healthy and happy in their own homes for as long as they are able. It was agreed that the concept would be good for the Village and agreed to offer help with publicity and promoting the scheme – Cllr. Martin offered to be the main liaison. The Clerk was asked to respond giving Cllr. Martin’s contact details.

17/181 Forthcoming Meetings –

- SDNPA – Parish Workshop – 27th September at the Festival Hall – Cllrs. Dark and Biddlecombe will attend on behalf of Sheet P.C.
- HALC – 70th Anniversary Celebrations – The Great Hall, Winchester – 10th October – Unfortunately this clashes with the next meeting of Sheet Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to send apologies.

17/182 Date of next P.C. Meeting – The next Meeting of Sheet Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 10th October at 7.30 p.m. at Sheet Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.