

SHEET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Dark

CLERK: Jenny Hollington

Minutes of a Meeting of Sheet Parish Council held on Tuesday, 14th March 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at Sheet Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. Vaughan Clarke (in the Chair) Gail Martin Tony Clear
 Alan Biddlecombe Brian Bird Will Glancy
 Robin Forrest

In Attendance: Jenny Hollington, Clerk

There were 3 members of the public present during the meeting.

- 17/53 Apologies – Apologies had been received from Cllr. Ron Dark and District Cllr, Nicky Noble.
- 17/54 Minutes – The Minutes of the meetings held on 14th and 23rd February 2017 were approved and signed.
- 17/55 Declarations of Interests – The Chairman reminded Councillors of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest on any item on the Agenda. None were declared.
- 17/56 Public Comment – None
- 17/57 Planning – Current planning applications were discussed:

SDNP/17/00574 /FUL	Construction of new field access	Land north of 27A London Road, Sheet	No Objection, subject to drainage
SDNP/17/00882 /TCA	Willow – pollard by reducing 3 main boughs to points shown on photo	30 Mill Lane, Sheet GU32 2AJ	No Objection
SDNP/17/00807 /FUL	Detached dwelling	Hazelbank Cottage, 27 Pulens Lane, GU31 4BZ	Objection re. sight lines and access
SDNP/16/06255 /HOUS	Proposed extensions and alterations to existing dwelling (amended plans)	Rotherside, Farnham Road, Sheet GU32 2AP	No Objection
SDNP/17/00697 /HOUS	2 Storey extension to side	6B London Road, Sheet GU31 4BD	No Objection
SDNP/17/01133 /TCA	Prune large willow tree	Sheet Mill House, Mill Lane, Sheet GU32 2AJ	No Objection

17/58 Finance

- (a) The February bank reconciliation and bank statement had been circulated prior to the meeting and was approved and signed by the Chairman. The current account balance is 72603.57.
- (b) A grant application for £350 towards the cost of high vis jackets for Sheet School children to wear when walking to school was approved.
- (c) The following cheques for March payment were approved:

Chq No.	Amount	Payee	Service
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300647	£803.99	Asgaard	Flood Pod/Secure Steel Store
300648	£116.92	SSE SWALEC	Electricity - V. Hall
300649	£95.87	Contract Natural Gas	Gas - V. Hall
300650	£2,122.20	Wylds Farm Partnership	Chain harrow allotments/grass seed
300651		Cancelled - written in error	
300652	£32.23	Southern Water	wastewater - V. Hall
300653	£134.40	Petersfield Town Council	Bin Contract - Feb
300654	£5,214.00	Oasis of Petersfield	Landscaping - V. Hall
300655	£220.00	Ray Street	Website (set up and management)
300656	£90.00	Clear Round Pest Services	Rats - Sheet Allotments
300657	£72.00	Elite Playground Inspections	BMX Track and Sheet Rec
300658	£345.08	DNE Services	Concrete base for flood pod
300659	£50.48	HMRC	Tax and NI - Clerk
300660	£625.52	J. Hollington	Clerk - March
300661	£624.00	Sheet Music Ltd	V. Hall - caretaking/cleaning
300662	£712.56	Kents Building Plastics	Quick Dam sandless sandbags
300663	£350.00	Sheet School	Grant towards high viz jackets
Total :	£11,609.25		

(d) Clerk's salary – An increase to £12.50 per hour was discussed and approved (weekly hours remain as previously - 13 hours per week).

17/59 Sheet School - Changes to the funding structure for Hampshire Schools means a substantial loss of funding for Sheet and other small, rural schools. The impact of the changes on Sheet School will result in a loss of £20,000 this year because of a small drop in numbers. Luckily the School do have reserves, but it is a fundamentally worrying situation for all small rural schools. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Damien Hinds, MP, to express the Parish Council's concern.

17/60 Contacting the Clerk – An option for a new telecom/internet package for the Clerk was approved. There will be a small set-up charge, but the system will enable calls to a designated number for Sheet Parish Council which can be re-directed via a sound file to the lap top, outside of work hours or during holidays.

17/61 Sheet Film Festival 2017 – Cllr. Glancy reported that the 4th Sheet Film Festival will take place over the weekend of 26th/27th May and it is hoped that this year's event will be bigger and better than ever. Sponsorship of £2000 is being sought from a local company, as well as match funding towards costs for hire of generator, staging and bands. Cllr. Glancy was asked to complete the grant application form in order for this matter to be considered and discussed further at the April Meeting.

17/62 New P.C. Website – The new Parish Council website is up and running at www.sheetparishcouncil.gov.uk. The Clerk confirmed that following a request from a member of the public, various documents have recently been uploaded to include details of documents available under The Freedom of Information Act.

17/63 Roads and Traffic

Speed on London Road – In response to the Parish Council request for speed restrictions on the London Road as it passes through Sheet, Ian Janes, from Hampshire Highways, confirmed that HCC have no money available in the budget for this type of work, unless the stretch of road has a high incidence rate of accidents. In this case, London Road doesn't qualify.

- 17/64 Flooding – The concrete base for the flood pod has now been built at the edge of the Millennium Field Car Park, and the secure storage unit and sandbags ordered. The flood pod should be in place by the beginning of April.
- 17/65 Sheet Allotments – Cllr. Forrest confirmed that the empty plots under the tree line at the Farnham Road end of the site have now been cleared and chain harrowed, and grass seed will be sown in the next few weeks. Following a complaint about the condition of the track, it was agreed that a supply of scalplings should be ordered from Coomers to fill in the worst of the ruts in the track alongside the Millennium Field.
- 17/66 Sheet Recreation Ground –
- (a) Lights - Cllr. Bird will obtain quotes for new protective casings for the path lights in time for consideration at the next meeting.
 - (b) Surfacing – The current surface underneath the table tennis table has become very worn and it was agreed that new surfacing should be provided. Cllr. Bird will chase a quote from Mr. King.
- 17/67 Sheet Common
- (a) Wooden bollards for BMX Track Boundary – These have now been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible. Because the wooden bollards have been paid for in advance by the contractor, it was agreed that payment of the invoice should be made once the work is completed. Cllr. Forrest will make the boundary clear to the contractor and BMX track users.
 - (b) Hedge Cutting – The Lengthsman has been asked to cut back the hedges beside the gateway to use up remaining hours and create more space for parking.
 - (c) Tree Felling – Mr. Lubbock has given permission for the Silver Birch to be thinned. The relevant tree felling licence will be obtained from the Forestry Commission and completed by Cllr. Biddlecombe.
- 17/68 Sheet Village Hall
- (a) Landscaping at front of the Village Hall – This is now well underway and starting to look much improved.
 - (b) Stage Lighting – The new stage lighting will be installed between hires during the Easter Holidays.
 - (c) Back Wall – The repair of the back wall has been delayed until the landscaping at the front is complete as a skip will be required.
 - (d) Flooring - The lino in the small downstairs meeting room has become quite badly split in the last few months. It was agreed that plans to lay new lino throughout the downstairs of the Village Hall, as discussed earlier in the year, should be revisited.
 - (e) Hall hire subsidy – The organiser of a charity event held at the Village Hall had asked whether the hall hire fee could be subsidised. It was agreed that the usual discounts only should be applied otherwise it would be difficult to turn down any further requests from other charitable organisations.
- 17/69 County Councillor's Report – The County Councillor's report is appended to these minutes.
- 17/70 District Councillor's Report – No report had been received.
- 17/71 Annual Parish Assembly – This year's Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Thursday, 27th April at 7.30 p.m. A training session on how to use the newly installed defibrillator will be organised.
- 17/72 Date of next P.C. Meeting – The next meeting of Sheet Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 11th April at 7.30 p.m. at Sheet Village Hall.