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**SHEET PARISH COUNCIL**

**CHAIRPERSON:** Ron Dark

**CLERK:** Jenny Hollington

**Minutes of a Meeting of Sheet Parish Council on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at Sheet Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present.** Cllrs. Gail Martin (in the Chair) Alan Biddlecombe Brian Bird  
Tony Clear Robin Forrest Will Glancy  
Chris Wilton

**In Attendance:** County Councillor, Russell Oppenheimer  
District Councillor, Nick Drew  
Clerk, Jenny Hollington

There was 1 member of the public present

Cllr. Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained she would be chairing the meeting in Cllr. Dark's absence. She was happy to report that Cllr. Dark's operation had gone well, and he was wished well by all at Sheet Parish Council

21/85 **Apologies** – Apologies had been received from Cllr. Ron Dark

21/86 **Minutes** – The Minutes of the AGM held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

21/87 **Feedback from Annual Parish Assembly** – This year's APA had been very quiet because of the social restrictions in place due to the pandemic. A few residents had been present, but there had been no issues raised not already being addressed by the Council.

21/88 **Declarations of Interests** – The Chairman reminded Councillors of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest on any item on the agenda – none declared

21/89 **Public Comment:**

- It was noted that the Village sign on the Village Green is starting to look very shabby and suggested it might be painted. This will be discussed further under the Street Furniture item later in the meeting.

21/90 **Planning** – Current planning applications were discussed as follows:

SDNP/21/02 449/HOUS	<b>Change of use/conversion of existing detached double garage to home office and gym space. Proposed new detached double timber framed garage</b>	65 Pulens Lane, GU31 14DE	No Objection
SDNP/21/02 430/HOUS	<b>Single storey side extension following demolition of existing side extension</b>	14 Hazelbank Close, GU31 4BY	No Objection

21/91 **Finance**

- (a) **Bank Reconciliation** - The May bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting and was approved.

(b) **Cheques** - Cheques for June payment were approved as follows:

Chq No.	Amount	Payee	Service
301217	£76.32	Elite Playground Inspections	Sheet Rec and BMX track
301218	£525.00	Ginkgo Landscaping	Grass Cutting contract
301219	£532.00	Sheet Music	Caretaking - V. Hall (+ new clock)
301220	£80.40	HMRC	Clerk - Tax and N.I.
301216	£734.05	Jenny Hollington	Clerk
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,947.77</b>		

21/92 Roads and Traffic

- (a) School Lane/Farnham Road Junction – Alex Hawkins is doing his best to get the final touches (re-surfacing and white lining) completed before he leaves in the summer. The gully repair will be funded by Sheet P.C. to enable the work to be carried out quickly. The Steep sign is back in position. However, there have been a number of complaints to HCC about the new road layout particularly from drivers of larger vehicles who are finding it hard to turn around the Village Green due to the number of badly parked cars. It was noted that it is also very difficult to see to the left when coming down School Lane because of the large white van which is often parked close to the junction – Cllr. Clear said he would ask the owner of the van to park it further away from the junction.
- (b) Speed Limit Reminder Signs (SLRs) – SLRs are being installed in Pulens Lane by Petersfield Town Council to help slow traffic. However, it appears that 2 of the sign sites are within Sheet parish and the Parish Council’s permission for these to be installed has therefore been sought – it was agreed that there was no objection to the installation of the signs provided there is no cost implication to the parish.
- (c) Community Funded Initiative to narrow Village Street – The village gates for the London Road end of the street have been ordered but it could take up to 2-months until they are installed. Cllr. Drew suggested that once the project is complete, it might be appropriate to arrange a press release to raise awareness of the CFI and it was agreed that this was a good idea. Alastair MacAdam has confirmed that there will be no additional administration charge to the Council for the plans to narrow the Farnham Road end of the Street. However, before these plans can be progressed, a traffic survey will need to be carried out to assess traffic flow following the works carried out at School Lane/Farnham Road.
- (d) London Road – An on-site meeting had taken place with Ian Janes from HCC to discuss the feasibility of a courtesy crossing on the London Road to enable pedestrians to cross the London Road safely to access Sheet Common. It had been agreed whilst on site that the safest place for this would be just before the 50 mph signs where there is a dropped kerb adjacent to the cottages and a large grass area on the opposite side of the road. Whilst there are concerns about the wisdom of inviting pedestrians to cross a very busy road, it was agreed to progress the proposal to a feasibility study and sketch plan to enable Councillors to visualise a Scheme. It was agreed to ask Ian Janes to consider, amongst other things, additional white lining (e.g. dragon’s teeth), widening the pavement at the footbridge, a pedestrian island and safety signage. Ian Janes confirmed that HCC would fund the safety lining (e.g. removing the centre white line and painting a white line down each side of the road to give the visual effect of narrowing the road and thereby slowing the traffic) and this will be carried out when the road is re-surfaced, now due to be done in August. Cllr. Oppenheimer asked to be copied into the correspondence with Ian Janes as he is keen to see a plan progressed. At the meeting, Ian Janes also confirmed that the HCC Safety Team has been asked to improve safety at the Pulens Lane junction utilising road signs and markings and this is being worked on now. The Transport Team has also been asked to look at longer-term physical solutions and traffic calming measures. This would be funded by a large sum of developer contributions due to become available following the development of houses at Penns Field.
- (e) Roadside Furniture/Signage Issues – A working party consisting of Cllrs. Martin, Biddlecombe and Wilton will meet to go through the presentation shown at the May meeting in detail to suggest which

of the issues raised should be addressed. Ian Janes has confirmed that HCC would cover the cost of removing any unnecessary “clutter” signage which is often ignored by motorists.

Cllr. Bird will seek quotes for the re-painting of the Village sign.

- (f) Future roads projects – The Clerk has asked Alex Hawkins for an up-date on the budget following the School Lane/Farnham Road works, as potentially any S.106 monies remaining could be used towards other projects. The 2018 Feasibility Study which had identified 9 different projects had been recirculated to Councillors for consideration for future projects.

21/93 County Councillor’s Report – Cllr. Oppenheimer’s monthly report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was discussed. The following items were noted:

- HCC Budget Consultation - HCC face a budget shortfall of at least £80million over the next two years and is seeking residents’ views on how to address this. You can read the full consultation document here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/balancing-the-budget>. The consultation closes on 18<sup>th</sup> July.
- A parish forum zoom meeting on motorcycle noise and nuisance is to be held on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June – Both Damien Hinds and the Police and Crime Commissioner will be present. As Cllr. Wilton is unable to attend, Cllr. Biddlecombe will join the meeting on behalf of Sheet P.C.
- New funding for home retrofit assessments - PeCan (Petersfield Climate Action Network) is offering 150 assessments on how to make homes more energy efficient at a fraction of their normal cost. For more information, contact Greg Ford at [pecan.email@gmail.com](mailto:pecan.email@gmail.com) It was queried whether the PeCan retrofit funding would be available for Sheet Village Hall? Cllr. Oppenheimer said that although he would be keen to involve PeCAN in discussions on this, funding for a public building wouldn’t be available via this scheme. However, grants would be available via HCC. It was agreed to include this subject on the July P.C. agenda.

Cllr. Oppenheimer’s full report is appended to the minutes and will be made available via the Sheet Parish Council website ([www.sheetparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sheetparishcouncil.gov.uk))

21/94 District Councillor’s Report – Cllr. Drew reported on the following items:

- EHDC Investment Portfolio – EHDC now has a full-time advisor and Cllr. Drew is following up on whether advice can be made available to Parish Councils to help them make better use of deposits.
- Grants – Cllr. Drew is keen to support the Hampshire Monday Group in a tree-planting exercise and asked if Sheet P.C. had thought further on where these could go? To be discussed further at the July P.C. meeting

21/95 Sheet Assets

**Sheet Common** – So far there has been no feedback from an initial meeting to discuss land at Sheet Common owned by Adhurst Estates- Cllr. Biddlecombe will continue to liaise. The Hampshire Monday Group will be brush-cutting and removing holly on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

**Millennium Field** – The wildflower audit will be progressed by Cllr. Clear-in the coming weeks.

**Sheet Village Hall** – Quotes are being sought for re-painting the front of the hall over the summer – the quotes will be discussed in detail at the July P.C. meeting.

**Sheet Recreation Ground** – The most recent quarterly play inspection had picked up a number of minor issues and these will be addressed by Cllr. Bird.

**Sheet Allotments** – Cllr. Forrest confirmed that the planings to fill the potholes have now been sourced. They are currently being stored offsite but will be transported to the allotments and the potholes filled as soon as possible.

21/96 Correspondence –

- SDNPA Hampshire Parishes Workshop – Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June – unfortunately no-one from Sheet P.C. is available to attend this meeting.

21/96 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings – Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July at Sheet Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT  
TO  
ALL PARISH COUNCILS  
IN PETERSFIELD HANGERS**






**1 JUNE 2021**

1. County Elections Summary

It is a real honour to have been returned as your County Councillor until 2025. The pandemic made it a tricky election – all candidates had to find new ways to get their messages across. We did use social media reasonably well but I think we all missed the contact and interaction that comes from hustings and normal canvassing. Hopefully things will get back to normal soon.

We had a comparatively high turnout in Petersfield Hangers of 43%. In the County of Hampshire as a whole, the turnout was only 38%. This demonstrates the strength of democracy in our area and it is something to be proud of.

The overall control of the council has not changed as the Conservatives won 56 out of 78 Divisions, the same as their previous total. This obscured the fact that three seats were won by the Conservatives and three were lost, including Whitehill & Bordon.

<b>Party name</b>	<b>Seats won</b>	<b>% of votes</b>
 Conservatives	56	51%
 Liberal Democrats	17	27%
 Labour	3	13%
 Independent	1	2%
 Whitehill & Bordon Community Party	1	< 1%

**Election results by party**

At the County Council AGM on Thursday 27 May I was appointed to the HCC Cabinet as Executive Member for Highways Operations. I am delighted that I will have a strong voice at HCC to represent the interests of our area, especially when it comes to Highways issues. The budget pressure on Hampshire Highways is not likely to subside but I will make the case for maintaining current levels of funding.

This Cabinet role will put pressure on my time. I will often need to use my evenings to read policy decision papers and catch up on emails. I also have a wife and three kids who I want to be able to spend time with occasionally (☺).

I promise I will continue to attend as many Parish Council meetings as I can. However it is likely that I will not be able to attend as many meetings in person as I did in my first term. I would like to thank Parish Councillors for their understanding. I will continue to be available to help with specific issues at any time.

## 2. Upgrade to Petersfield Community Hospital

New and improved services for people needing urgent health care are to be provided in Petersfield. On Tuesday June 1, the Minor Injuries Unit at Petersfield Community Hospital was upgraded to become an “Urgent Treatment Centre”. The service will be GP-led and staffed by a multi-disciplinary team of different healthcare professionals.

The main advantages are that local people who previously had to travel to receive urgent care can now go to Petersfield, instead of travelling in either direction along the A3(M). It also means that this should relieve pressure elsewhere in the health service, including the Emergency Department at Queen Alexandra Hospital in Portsmouth.

Urgent Treatment Centres (UTCs) offer a wider range of services to people than Minor Injuries Units, delivering both minor injury and illness services and additional diagnostic capabilities to treat a wider range of conditions. Examples of conditions the new UTC will be able to treat include strains and sprains, skin infections and rashes, urine infections and constipation, suspected broken limbs, ear infections, emergency contraception, minor head injuries, feverish illness (adults and children) and minor scalds and burns.

The Petersfield UTC will open 8am to 8pm, 365 days a year. Patients will be encouraged to routinely access the service via the NHS 111 service – either online or by phone - and will be given pre-booked same day appointments if this is appropriate for their health needs. Patients can still walk-in without booking an appointment via NHS 111. Walk-in patients will be clinically assessed by a triage nurse or other health professional but will only be prioritised for treatment over pre-booked appointments where this is clinically necessary.

### 3. Pharmacy Test and Collect

Hampshire residents without symptoms can now access free supervised testing, or collect kits to self-test at home, from participating pharmacies across the county. In Hampshire, over 200 pharmacies are providing the national collect scheme and over 40 of these pharmacies will also be offering on-site supervised lateral flow testing. Anyone over the age of 18 can collect test kits from participating pharmacies for themselves and their families to use at home. You can collect 1 pack per person of 7 lateral flow device tests. There is no need to book an appointment.

**Lateral flow testing and the test kit collection scheme are for people without symptoms. Anyone with [symptoms of coronavirus](#) must [book a PCR test](#) or call 119.**

### 4. Connect4Communities

Vulnerable children in Hampshire have been given £15 food vouchers for this half-term. This initiative is part of the connect4communities programme led by Hampshire County Council.

They include families whose children are eligible for free school meals, all children open to early help services, 16 to 18-year-olds previously eligible for free school meals and all two to four-year-olds accessing childcare and eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium. Community grants to support vulnerable families are open until 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities>

### 5. Ticks and Lyme Disease

As spring has now sprung and more people are heading outdoors, Hampshire residents are urged to be ‘tick aware’ especially when walking in wooded areas or long grass where ticks attach themselves to people or animals as they pass by. Further information and some “anti-tick tips” are available here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210401ticks>

## 6. Retrofit opportunity

I would like to ask for Parish Councils' help identifying homes for retrofit please. Retrofit involves the upgrading of insulation and windows and the installation of measures such as solar panels, batteries and heat pumps.

For the UK to get to Net Zero, all homes are going to need to undergo this process over the next 10 years. We have a chance to get East Hampshire there first and enhance our reputation as a green district. Homeowners will also benefit from lower bills and warmer homes.

I am a Trustee of the Petersfield Climate Action Network (PeCAN) which covers Petersfield and surrounding villages. PECAN is working with the National Energy Foundation on a scheme called Superhomes. Together we have won funding from the Energy Saving Trust to support the retrofit of 500 homes in our area over the next two years.

I would like to invite Parish Councils to find five candidate Superhomes each. Parish Councillors and Clerks themselves are welcome to come forward! The main commitment is to undergo a Whole House Retrofit Assessment at a cost of £250. This is a tailored roadmap to eliminating carbon. PeCAN will guide homeowners towards relevant subsidies but there is no commitment required. We also would like Superhomes candidates to share their experiences with others so that we build our local retrofit community.

Let's work together to tackle climate change. For more information or to sign up please email [pecan.email@gmail.com](mailto:pecan.email@gmail.com). You can find out more about Superhomes at: [www.Superhomes.org.uk](http://www.Superhomes.org.uk)

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