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SHEET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Dark

CLERK: Jenny Hollington

**Minutes of a Meeting of Sheet Parish Council on 20th April 2022
at Sheet Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.**

Present. Cllrs. Ron Dark (in the Chair) Alan Biddlecombe
Tony Clear Gail Martin

In Attendance: District Councillor, Nick Drew
Clerk, Jenny Hollington

There was 5 members of the public present at the meeting.

22/54 **Apologies** – Apologies had been received from Parish Councillors Bird, Forrest and Wilton, and County Councillor, Russell Oppenheimer.

22/55 **Minutes** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th March 2022 were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed accordingly.

22/56 **Declarations of Interests** – Councillors were reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest on any item on the agenda – none declared.

22/57 **Public Comment** – The following points were noted:

- Speed indicator devices (SIDs) are to be installed in Pulens Lane by Petersfield Town Council and this initiative is fully supported by Sheet P.C. It was noted that one of the SID installation sites falls within Sheet Parish.
- Speed in Pulens Lane – Residents in Pulens Lane concerned about speed, have been pointed towards Sheet Parish Council’s website and Minutes to keep them up to date with Parish Council actions in relation to speed.

22/58 **Vacancy for a Parish Councillor** – The casual vacancy, caused by the very sad loss of Will Glancy, will be advertised from 3rd May. Anyone interested in the role should contact the Parish Clerk.

22/59 **Planning** – Current applications were discussed:

SDNP/22/00 900/HOUS	Amendments to Scheme approved under SDNP/20/05550/HOUS	Dove House, Midhurst Road, GU31 5AT	No Objection
SDNP/22/00 917/HOUS	Detached building to provide garage and store	Mill Cottage, Old Mill Lane, GU31 4DA	No Objection
SDNP/22/01 094/HOUS	Amendment to SDNP/20/01808/HOUS	9 Shear Hill, GU31 4BB	No Objection

Residents’ comments in respect of the following planning application were noted. EHDC compliance officers have also been involved at the site. It was agreed that Sheet P.C. would object strongly to the retrospective planning application and request that the case goes to Planning Committee if the application is approved by the Planning Officer.

SDNP/22/01 203/HOUS	Retrospective application for landscaping works to form 2 car parking spaces to the front and patio and steps to the rear	31 Inmans Lane, GU32 2AN	Strong objection - the application is retrospective, there is a loss of 2 on-street parking spaces in a village which is already suffering from parking issues, over-development of the site and the exterior decoration does not match other houses in the lane
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22/60 Finance

- (a) Grant Requests –
- CAB – It was decided to decline the request for grant support for the East Hants CAB this year
 - SVCT – The costs of the Jubilee Lunch were noted and, following discussion, a grant of £560 approved towards non-food and drink related items.
- (b) Building Insurance – The survey of the Village Hall and Old Billiard Room for insurance purposes has not yet been carried out.
- (c) Bank Reconciliation - The March bank reconciliation and copy bank statement had been circulated and was approved and signed
- (d) Cheques - Cheques for April payment were approved as follows:

Chq No.	Amount	Payee	Service
301318	£363.69	Hampshire ALC	Annual Membership
301319	£70.00	East Hants District Council	Premises Licence
301320	£302.40	Petersfield Town Council	Bin contract - Feb & March
301321	£46.44	A. Biddlecombe	Refund - flood defences - Sheet Common
301322	£780.00	Sheet Music	Venue management - V. Hall
301323	£90.40	HMRC	Tax - Clerk
301324	£726.43	Jenny Hollington	Clerk
301325	£69.40	Tampen & Tampen Ltd	Re-written cheque - dishwasher supplies
301326	£50.00	Sheet W.I.	Refund - V. Hall deposit cheque
301327	£50.00	Emma Cordingley	Refund - V. Hall deposit cheque
301328	£75.00	Tom Morgan	Website management
301329	£560.00	SVCT	Grant application - Queen's Jubilee Lunch
Total	£3,183.76		

22/61 Church Field – Cllrs. Dark and Martin reported on a conversation with the owner of Church Field who has indicated his continued willingness to donate an area of the land at the entrance of the field to the Parish Council for a rural village car park if he can get planning approval for 1 or 2 houses at the far end of the field. All present at the meeting felt that a car park would be a great asset for the village in view of the continuing problems of parked cars around the Village Green and in Farnham Road, especially as there is already pedestrian access from Village Street to the field alongside the Church. Cllr. Drew highlighted that normally for an application of this type to be considered by SDNPA, the land must be within settlement and an element of affordable housing required, so an application would be far from straight forward. It was agreed to take this one step further and await a brief document from the landowner on a suggested way forward, for further discussion.

22/62 Land at Long Road – The Chairman reported that the new owner of the land at the junction of Long Road/Waterworks Road has indicated that he may be prepared to transfer the land to the P.C. for use as either a small parking area, or re-instatement of the Village Pond.

22/63 Mill Lane –

- (a) No further up-date has been received on the work to clear the build up of silt – the Clerk will continue to liaise with the landowners involved.
- (b) Correspondence with the Environment Agency indicates that it would be possible to create steps/platform to enable access to the river on the Parish Council owned piece of land, if desired. A decision will therefore need to be made at a future meeting as to whether this is something the Parish Council wishes to take forward.

22/64 Grass Cutting Contract – Cllr. Clear reported that the new contractor has started, and the work has been carried out to a very high standard.

22/65 Roads and Traffic

- (a) Community Funded Initiative to narrow the Village Street/Farnham Road junction – Cllr. Martin and the Clerk have arranged to meet with Ian Janes and Alistair Stewart on 4th May to discuss proposals in more detail.
- (b) Mill Lane – The Chairman and Cllr. Martin met with Tom Waldron, the local roads engineer, to discuss the condition of the lane and he has agreed to recommend reinstatement of the surface and will also look at the possibility of putting in kerbing to protect the bank.
- (c) Bridge Cottage Flooding issues – Camera investigations are to take place to identify any problems.

22/66 County Councillor's Report - Cllr. Oppenheimer's monthly report had been circulated prior to the meeting and the following items were noted:

- Details of the HCC role in carrying out home checks once Ukrainian refugees have arrived with their hosts were explained. At the time of the report, 45 families and 9 individuals have arrived in Hampshire and over 800 hosts have been registered within the county.
- Neurodiversity and Autism Acceptance Week – Details of a number of promotions and schemes creating more inclusive cultures were noted.
- Tree Planting – Attention was drawn to two projects – Trees for the Downs and The Woodland Trust free packs for schools and communities.

Cllr. Oppenheimer's full report is appended to these Minutes and can be found on the Parish Council website – www.sheetparishcouncil.gov.uk

22/67 District Councillor's Report – Cllr. Drew reported on the following items:

- The CEO of EHDC has agreed to engage with the Chairmen of Froxfield and Steep Parish Councils about enforcement issues – Cllr. Drew would like to include Sheet in this discussion too. The Chairman said he would be happy to engage.
- Planning issues at Shear Hill and Inmans Lane – Cllr. Drew has been trying to engage with HCC, EHDC and SDNPA on these issues but so far responses have been disappointing.
- District Councillor grants are now available for the new financial year – community groups in Sheet are welcome to apply.

22/68 Sheet Assets

Sheet Common –

- (a) **BMX Track** - Concerns that the BMX track User Group are quarrying soil from outside the track to enlarge jumps and this is causing damage to trees and some of the jumps are now outside of the

boundary posts were noted. It was agreed that the Clerk should ring Zurich to see if they had a set of standards for insurance purposes. In the meantime, Cllrs. Clear and Forrest will carry out an inspection of the site with representatives of the BMX user group who will be responsible for ensuring that the site is returned to an agreed condition and boundary as set out by Sheet P.C. within an agreed timescale.

- (b) **HMG Volunteer Group** – Cllr. Biddlecombe reported that the volunteers have repaired and installed new steps on the footpath to make it easier to access and have also cleared out the ditch on the Midhurst Road where there has been an incident of fly-tipping.

Millennium Field – HMG volunteers have helped take down the Ash trees suffering from Ash die-back and have tidied up various areas – the Millennium Field is now looking very good indeed.

Sheet Village Hall – The exterior decoration is due to be carried out during the week commencing 9th May – the scaffolding won't impact users in any way.

Sheet Recreation Ground – The children from Stepping Stones have been watering the new tree area, and these are now blossoming and look lovely.

The Old Billiard Room – Cllr. Biddlecombe will investigate a possible change of use via EHDC and report back at the May meeting.

22/69 Correspondence –

- National Highways Statutory Consultation – Special Engineering Difficulty Designation – E-mail correspondence in respect of this designation in respect of the bridge and culvert in Long Road was noted.

22/70 Annual Parish Assembly – The Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner has agreed to attend the meeting to discuss problems of motorcycle noise and speed in Hampshire's rural villages – the meeting will be held **on Thursday, 12th May at 7.00 p.m.**

22/71 Date of Next Sheet Parish Council Meeting – **The AGM will be held on Tuesday, 10th May 2022 at 7.00 p.m.**