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SHEET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Chris Wilton

CLERK: Jenny Hollington

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th August 2023 at Sheet Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

Present. Cllrs. Chris Wilton (in the Chair) Brian Bird Robin Forrest
Gail Martin Dave McKinney James Plant

In Attendance: Clerk, Jenny Hollington

There were 5 members of the public (plus 2 children) and 1 member of the press present throughout the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially new Parish Councillor, James Plant who had been co-opted in his absence at the July meeting.

23/140 Apologies – Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Alan Biddlecombe and Craig Stevens.

23/141 Co-Option – James Plant’s Acceptance of Office was signed and witnessed, and Cllr. Plant was welcomed to Sheet Parish Council.

23/142 Declarations of Interests – Councillors were reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest on any item on the agenda – none declared.

23/143 Public Comment –

A resident outlined concerns in respect of the planning application for 1 Fir Tree Cottages which they believed detracted from the character of the cottage and the creation of the new entrance would impact the number of currently well-used parking spaces on the Farnham Road. In addition, the extension would cause a loss of light to their property. They were also concerned that no bat survey has been referred to, when bats and other species are evident at the property.

Another resident outlined concerns about the plans for 1 Fir Tree Cottages because the new upper storey would look directly into the bedroom and lounge of their property.

23/144 Planning – To discuss current applications:

SDNP/23/ 03001/HO US	Construction of part single, part 2-storey extension to side, porch to front, alterations to roof profile at rear, with associated internal and external alterations, including new vehicle access with parking for 2 cars.	1 Fir Tree Cottages, Farnham Road, Sheet GU32 2AP	Objection in respect of the following policies: SD4 and SD5 (landscape character and design), SD12 (Historic Environment), SD15 (Conservation area), SD21 (Highway Design), SD31 (oversized extension) and S. 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 failure to preserve or enhance character.
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SDNP/23/ 03218/HO US	Removal of existing glazed dining room and construction of rear single storey extension	Hurst Lodge, 16A Pulens Lane, GU31 4DB	No Objection
SDNP/23/ 02695/FU L	Reconfiguration of existing car park and expansion to provide additional parking to serve the existing public house	The West Meon Hut, Alton Road, West Meon GU32 1JX	Objection - SD7 – The application threatens the relative tranquillity of the National Park

23/145 Grass Cutting Contract – Inclusion of the riverbank in Mill Lane into the annual grass cutting contract at an additional cost of £25 per month was approved.

23/146 Sheet Village Green –Horse Chestnut Tree – On Monday, 8th August the Parish Council had been made aware of a large split in the trunk of the much loved and iconic Horse Chestnut tree on the Village Green following Storm Antoni. The Chairman thanked Cllrs. Robin Forrest and Brian Bird for their swift actions which had resulted in an emergency team from Myers Tree Surgeons being on site the following morning and, in consultation with Trevor Heaps, Arboricultural Consultant, the weight had been taken out of the two limbs most badly affected by the split to ensure the tree was safe. Adele Poulton, Arboricultural Officer at EHDC, had also attended and was content with the action being taken. The Village Green has been sealed off to prevent public access and notices asking residents not to park around the Green are in place.

Cllr. Forrest outlined options now available to the Parish Council – (i) To take the tree down completely and replace (if appropriate) – very approximate cost £16,000, (ii) to reduce the canopy by at least two thirds and band the trunk (if appropriate). – very approximate cost £12,000. It was noted that the tree may not survive the canopy reduction.

After discussion, it was agreed that in view of public safety the canopy should be reduced as soon as possible by two thirds, as recommended by Trevor Heaps. Cllr. Forrest was asked to obtain quotes for the work to be carried out, and due to the urgency of the work, a quote will be approved by the Council via e-mail. Once this emergency work has been carried out, the Council will consider further advice as to whether banding the trunk is appropriate.

23/147 Sheet Parish Priority Statement – The PPS village survey form has been printed and divided into rounds (as per the Parish Newsletter) for delivery by Councillors in the coming weeks. Responses can be scanned and e-mailed to the Clerk or dropped into the survey boxes at the Village Hall.

23/148 Sheet Recreation Ground – Three quotes to build a new path and hardstanding at the Recreation Ground to improve access had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to accept the quote from Ryan Kirby in the sum of £3775.

23/148 Finance – The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:

Chq No.	Amount	Payee	Service
301494	£41.55	Business Stream	Water rates - Village Hall
301495	£95.00	East Hants District Council	Uncontested Election costs
301496	£19.49	A. Biddlecombe	Refund - costs re installation of SIDs
301497	£726.00	Michael Smith Ltd	Grass Cutting Contract
301498	£7,513.60	Oasis of Petersfield	Side passageway - Village Hall
301499		Cancelled	Written in error
301500	£650.00	Sheet Music	Venue Management - V. Hall
301551	£33.90	B. Bird	Refund - plaque for Memorial Bench
301552	£132.00	HMRC	Tax - Clerk - August
301553	£790.66	J. Hollington	Clerk - August + expenses related to tree

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301554	£1,800.00	Myers Tree Services	Emergency tree surgery - the Horse Chestnut
301555	£480.00	Peta Print	Printing - PPS Village Survey
301556	£103.80	A. Biddlecombe	Refund - Secure padlocks - SIDs
301557	£2,200.00	Ryan Kirkby	Deposit - materials for pathway - Recreation Ground
Total	£14,586.00		

23/149 Date of Next Meeting – The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th September at 7.00 p.m. at Sheet Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.28 p.m.