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SHEET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Dark

CLERK: Jenny Hollington

Minutes of a Meeting of Sheet Parish Council held on Tuesday, 14th January 2020 at 7.30 p.m. at Sheet Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Jenny Hollington, Clerk

There were 8 members of the public in attendance at the meeting

20/01 Apologies – Cllr. Chris Wilton, County Cllr, Russell Oppenheimer and District Councillor, Nick Drew, had sent apologies

20/02 Minutes – The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th December were approved and signed.

20/03 Declarations of Interests – The Chairman reminded Councillors of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest on any item on the Agenda – Cllr. Glancy declared a personal interest in the first item of planning (32 Mill Lane) and left the room for this discussion.

20/04 Public Comment –

- Sheet Village Agent, Jeanne Morgan, thanked Sheet P.C. for their grant contribution towards Oasis Films for the Elderly. She said that the first film event had been a great success.
- A resident asked about the cycle track which runs along the A3 and currently ends within Sheet Parish, and if there would be enthusiasm for continuing the path through to Petersfield to encourage cycling? It was agreed to include this item for consideration on the February agenda.
- A resident asked how Sheet P.C. intends to respond to the current climate crisis? The Chairman confirmed that Sheet P.C. have worked closely with Sheet School to encourage a walk to School scheme as well as providing financial assistance for hi-viz jackets for all the children. In addition, Sheet P.C. are supporting an “anti-idling” campaign to reduce emissions, have planted over 35 trees as well as native hedging at the Millennium Field and provided grant support to a local volunteer group carrying out ecological work at Sheet Common. If residents have any other suggestions, please contact the Clerk with ideas for consideration.

20/05 Planning – Current applications:

SDNP/19/ 05673/HO US	1st Floor side extension to provide a bathroom	32 Mill Lane, Sheet GU32 2AJ	No Objection
SDNP/19/ 05985/CN D	Variation of conditions (2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 of SDNP/19/04948) to allow the amendment of the appearance of the dwelling and refine and improve on environmentally friendly techniques	41 Pulens Lane, Sheet GU31 4BZ	No Objection but concern re drainage issues
SDNP/19/ 05824/FU L	Rural workers dwelling and retention of farm track	Broadlands Meadows Farm, Town Lane, Sheet GU32 2AF	No Objection subject to removal of temporary dwelling and imposition of an agricultural tie on the dwelling

20/06 Finance

- (a) The Rude Mechanicals Theatre Group decided not to seek grant funding from the Parish Council for their event at the current time.
- (b) The December bank reconciliation was approved and signed.
- (c) Cheques for January payment were approved as follows:

Chq No.	Amount	Payee	Service
301046	£159.79	Contract Natural Gas	V. Hall
301047	£240.00	Caines Farm Partnership	Hedges - Mill Lane
301048	£35.00	Petersfield Window Cleaning	V Hall
301049	£30.00	Mythic Beasts	Website host
301050	£75.00	Mr. T. Morgan	Website management
301051	£134.40	Petersfield Town Council	Bin Contract - December
301052	£650.00	Sheet Music	Caretaking & Cleaning - V. Hall
301053	£84.74	HMRC	Tax & N.I. - Clerk (Jan))
301054	£757.82	J. Hollington	Clerk + Expenses - Jan
Total	£2,166.75		

20/07 Roads and Traffic

- (a) Narrowing Village Street – Cllrs. Martin confirmed that Hampshire Highways are progressing outline designs/costings for this proposal but there has been no recent up-date.
- (b) Farnham Road/School Lane Junction –Highways representatives working on proposals for this junction are also liaising with Ian Janes to ensure the schemes work together. The traffic survey is planned for February and results will show how viable proposals are.
- (c) Reducing speed on London Road – Cllrs. Martin and Dark met with Ian Janes to achieve a better understanding of HCC policies and processes for making changes to speed limits - notes had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr. Martin explained that there have been massive cuts to the HCC budget, meaning that they have limited resources and reduced personnel – this affects how quickly they can deal with issues. A 5-year injury accident record in the vicinity of the A272/Inmans Lane/Pulens Lane junction shows 4 injury accidents occurring between March 2018 and June 2019. As there is no clear pattern to the accidents, it has been agreed that the traffic team will investigate the matter further during the next financial year. Any improvements identified would probably involve smaller scale/lower cost measures such as signing and lining rather than larger scale/higher cost measures such as traffic signals or changes to the junction layout.

- (d) Speedwatch – Sheet volunteers are disappointed that the Police have been unable to identify suitable locations in Pulens Lane (towards the junction) nor the London Road (because of speed of traffic). Cllr. Biddlecombe will liaise with Pulens Lane residents who live near the London Road junction to see if permission can be obtained for a driveway to be used as a speedwatch location.
- (e) Blocked Culvert in Mill Lane – Concerns about the recent flooding in Mill Lane were discussed. Residents reported that surface water and mud from the highway accumulate at the lowest point of Mill Lane – junction of Mill Lane and access drive to the garages and gardens of 12 and 13 Mill Lane and Laundry Cottage – and is caused by a lack of drainage from the highway. This causes blocked access to properties and flooding of gardens and damage to fencing and plants. In addition, refuse collectors are unable to collect rubbish and there is no access to Millennium Field. A Highways representative has confirmed verbally that the drain is the responsibility of the Highway Authority and the issue has been allocated an incident number. Sheet P.C. undertook to follow up on this issue as a matter of urgency via County Councillor, Russell Oppenheimer

20/08 Sheet Community Resilience & Flood Plans – An EHDC request for out of hours contact details has highlighted the need for a review of the Sheet Community Resilience & Flood Plans. Cllrs. Dark and Martin will meet with the Clerk to up-date both plans where required. The Clerk will then contact volunteers for permission for their data to be advertised via the website. It was agreed that in the interim, Cllr. Dark would be the emergency contact for Sheet.

20/09 Anti-Idling Campaign - Hampshire County Council has designed signage to highlight the anti-idling campaign - a plan for Sheet Level Crossing, showing where the signs would be installed, has been drawn up and circulated for consideration. It was agreed to ask HCC to install the signage at Sheet Level Crossing and to ask whether signage could also be considered for the Kingsfernsden Crossing?

20/10 Condition of Bus Shelter – Photos showing the condition of the bus shelter had been circulated prior to the meeting – the wood is rotten, and Councillors were not of the opinion that it would be worth trying to repair. EHDC have confirmed the bus shelter is not their responsibility. It was agreed to see if grants would be available via SDNPA for a new bus shelter and suggested that SVCT may be willing to take on the project of renovating the bus shelter – the Clerk was asked to follow this up.

20/11 County Councillor’s Report – The County Councillor’s report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and was discussed. The new resident permit system for free access to HWRCs was highlighted. This will begin operating in April 2020 and will be controlled by Automatic Number Plate Recognition, ensuring continued free access for Hampshire residents. The County Councillor’s full report is appended to these Minutes and will be made available via the website.

20/12 District Councillor’s Report – The District Councillor had sent an up-date on the following items:

EHDC Recycling Process - The new bin service provides more flexibility than previously, but EHDC are unable to offer more recycling options as they are dependent on County who are waiting for Government policy to be up-dated. The following link provides a useful guide - <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/can-recycle> .

EHDC Sports Awards – nominations are now open.

20/13 Recreation Ground –

Shed Repairs – Cllr. Bird has received two quotes and is waiting for a third. It was agreed that if the third quote is no cheaper, or not received, Cllr. Bird should go ahead with the lower of the two quotes received.

20/14 Sheet Allotments –

Use of carpet to suppress weeds – The high cost of clearance of plots caused in part by non-biodegradable carpets used as weed suppressant was discussed – Councillors agreed that the use of carpet should be banned at Sheet Allotments. A poster will be produced for the allotment noticeboard highlighting the issue and asking tenants to remove carpet if they have used them on their plots. A skip will be provided over a weekend (to be organised) for carpets only, to encourage tenants to get rid of them.

20/15 Sheet Common –

Refurbishment of the gate – The paint has been purchased and work will be carried out as soon as the weather improves.

Tree Works – It was agreed that quotes should be sought for removing the large sycamore adjacent to the cottages.

20/16 Sheet Village Hall –

Photo Competition – A proposal for village photographs to be used to decorate the Village Hall was discussed. It was suggested that Cllrs. Martin and Bird liaise with the organisers of the Film Festival and suggest the Parish Council provides a prize for a photo competition entitled “Our Village”, with the best entries being used at the Village Hall.

PAT Testing – The Clerk was asked to organise the PAT testing for the half term holiday. Equipment belonging to the Church and the Film Club which is kept/installed at the hall will be included.

Main Hall Window Frames – Cllr. Glancy has arranged for the repairs to be carried out in the February half term.

20/17 Grass Cutting Contract – Cllr. Clear has been made aware of a possible change to the working arrangements of our Grounds contractor at the end of the financial year. However, he has been assured that if this is the case, a back-up plan is in place and the high standard of work will be maintained. Cllr. Clear said that he was confident this would be the case.

20/18 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – The next meeting of Sheet Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 11th February 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.