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SHEET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Dark

CLERK: Jenny Hollington

Minutes of a Meeting of Sheet Parish Council held on Tuesday, 11th June 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at Sheet Village Hall

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

In Attendance: County Councillor, Russell Oppenheimer
Clerk, Jenny Hollington

There were 4 members of the public in attendance at the meeting

19/113 Apologies – Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Robin Forrest and Brian Bird, and District Cllr. Nick Drew.

19/114 Minutes – The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14th May were approved and signed.

19/115 Co-option of a Parish Councillor – Members of the public were excluded from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 for the discussion and vote on this item.

There had been 3 applications for the vacant position on Sheet Parish Council and candidate statements had been submitted and circulated prior to the meeting. Following discussion and vote, the Chairman confirmed that Chris Wilton would be co-opted to Sheet Parish Council. He noted that all 3 applicants had been very worthy of the role - it was regrettable that 2 had to be turned away.

Chris Wilton was welcomed to Sheet Parish Council and Acceptance of Office was duly signed and witnessed.

19/116 Declarations of Interests – The Chairman reminded Councillors of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest on any item on the Agenda – none declared

19/117 Public Comment - None

19/118 Stepping Stones – Memorial Garden – Standing Orders were suspended to enable this item to be discussed earlier in the meeting.

Kim Griffiths, Supervisor at Stepping Stones, explained that following the death of a long-term member of staff, they would like to install a bench and memorial garden in her memory alongside the Scout Hut. This proposal was approved in principle, subject to Cllr. Clear's in-put.

19/119 Planning - Current planning applications were discussed:

SDNP/19/022 75/HOUS	Conversion of part of garage to habitable accommodation and changes to external materials including windows, doors, roof cover, walls and cladding	21 Love Lane, Sheet, GU31 4BP	No Objection (but comment re window)
SDNP/19/022 99/TCA	Hawthorn and Holly hedge – cut back overhang leaving a finished height of 4 meters	9 Broadlands Cottages, School Lane, Sheet GU32 2AG	Support
SDNP/19/025 97/PNTEL	Installation of fixed-line broadband apparatus (1 x 9m light pole)	Chimney Cottage, 27a Pulens Lane, Sheet, GU31 4BZ	No Objection
SDNP/19/024 51/HOUS	2-storey side and rear extension and internal alterations following demolition of existing attached garage	13 Town Lane, Sheet, GU32 2AF	No Objection

19/120 Finance

- (a) Bank reconciliations for April and May had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved and signed.
- (b) A grant request from Victim Support was discussed but not considered suitable for support on this occasion.
- (c) Cheques for June payment were approved as follows:

Chq No.	Amount	Payee	Service
300969		cancelled - chq written in error	
300970	£267.99	Contract Natural Gas	Gas - V. Hall
300971	£157.51	SSE	Electricity - V. Hall
300972	£170.00	Foulstons Domestic Electricians	Lights - Sheet Rec
300973	£1,620.00	EHDC	Scout Hut Lease
300974	£72.00	Elite Play Inspections	Sheet Rec and BMX Track
300975	£115.00	T. Morgan	Website management + SSL Work
300976	£36.46	Tampen & Tampen	Dishwasher goods /service
300977	£100.00	H. Nash	Deposit refund - Sheet allotments
300978	£74.00	G. Martin	Refund - planting for V. Hall pots
300979	£520.00	Sheet Music	Caretaking - V. Hall
300980	£84.74	HMRC	Clerk - Tax and N.I.
300981	£749.56	J. Hollington	Clerk - June – plus expenses
Total	£3,967.26		

19/121 Roads and Traffic

- (a) Village Street – Cllr. Martin confirmed that Hampshire Highways hope to have a basic plan and costings prepared in time for the July meeting.
- (b) Mill Lane - Erosion of the bank – No date has yet been received from the Geotechnics Team, to obtain the soil samples from the Allotment site.
- (c) Mill Lane - Missing signage – Cllr. Martin confirmed that a new sign has been installed on the Farnham Road, alerting traffic coming from Steep Marsh that the lane is very narrow. However, this cannot be seen if you are coming from the Village - it was therefore agreed that another sign on the opposite side of the road should be installed.

(d) Signage at Tanner’s Reach – The Clerk and Cllr. Martin will arrange to meet the Chairman of the Resident’s Association to discuss the signage.

19/122 County Councillor’s Report – The County Councillor’s report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was discussed. Items highlighted included the new leadership at HCC, a special Cabinet Meeting to discuss climate change, a new permit scheme for vans using Hampshire Waste Recycling Centres and a new campaign - “Bee Lines” - to help save the bees. Cllr. Oppenheimer’s full report is appended to the Minutes and will be made available via the Parish Council website (www.sheetparishcouncil.gov.uk)

19/123 District Councillor’s Report – Cllr. Drew, was unable to be present, but had sent a note covering the following issues:

- **Speedwatch** – Cllr. Drew suggested that Sheet P.C. liaise with Steep P.C. in respect of their Speedwatch programme, to share ideas/information – it was agreed that this would be a good idea and the Clerk was asked to arrange an informal working party meeting with members of Steep P.C./Speedwatch to learn more about the scheme and consider whether it might work in Sheet.
- **Grant Applications** - Cllr. Drew confirmed that he has a grant pot available for community projects and invited applications from Sheet.
- **Investments** – EHDC have announced a significant investment in Rams Walk retail site in Petersfield to raise revenues to keep Council services high, whilst keeping Council tax rates low.

19/124 Recreation Ground

(a) Scout Hut Lease – The new lease was approved, signed and witnessed and will be returned to the Solicitor for formal completion.

(b) Stepping Stones Memorial Garden – As discussed earlier in meeting

(c) Cladding the shed – Cllr. Bird will be asked to chase this up.

19/125 Millennium Field – The proposal for a Community Orchard was discussed in greater detail and Councillors agreed that it would be a welcome addition to the Village. Cllr. Clear has marked out an area for trees and it was suggested that Village organisations such as the W.I. and the Schools are invited to plant a fruit tree in the Autumn (from a list of suitable trees provided by Cllr. Clear) - a planting day will be organised after the annual bonfire and firework event.

19/126 Sheet Common – A request to use a metal detector on the Common was discussed but not felt appropriate as any excavation of the site should be carried out via a formal archaeological survey, rather than by individuals.

19/127 Village Green – A proposal for an information plaque explaining the history of the Horse Chestnut Tree was discussed and agreed - Vaughan Clarke will be asked to write a few words. Appropriate signage and positioning will be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting.

19/128 Sheet Village Hall – The poor condition of the fence at the entrance of the hall between the hall and the neighbouring property had been noted and a quote received for repair in the sum of £600 (there is a well and a large laurel on the neighbour’s side of the fence) – it was agreed that this item should be deferred until the Autumn when further discussion with the neighbour will take place.

19/129 Correspondence

SDNPA – Parish Representative – Two nominations had been received by HALC for this role – it was agreed that Doug Jones, who has carried out the role for the past 8 years, would be Sheet Parish Council’s choice - the ballot paper was completed accordingly.

19/130 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – The next meeting of the Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, 9th July 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

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

1 JUNE 2019

1. HCC Leadership and District Council elections

At our AGM on Friday 17 May 2019, Hampshire County Council elected a new leader, Cllr Keith Mans. A former MP and a former RAF pilot, Keith Mans represents the County Division of Brockenhurst in the New Forest. The Deputy Leader is Cllr Rob Humby and the new Chairman is Cllr Charles Choudhary.

For the next year I shall continue as Chairman of the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee. Deputy Leader Rob Humby retains his Transport and Environment portfolio.

I was honoured to be elected to East Hampshire District Council on 2 May, representing Liss. I am looking forward to helping to build closer working links between HCC and EHDC, especially on transport and environment issues.

2. Climate Change Cabinet

In response to public concern, the new Cabinet at HCC will hold a special Cabinet Meeting to discuss climate change. Deputations will be heard from many Councillors, residents and experts. This will be an opportunity to consider carbon reduction targets across Hampshire from schools, farms, traffic and transport through to waste and recycling.

Hampshire County Council has a good record on the environment. We have pioneered electric vehicles in our fleet and installed electric charging points across Hampshire. We have invested in cycling infrastructure, Country Parks and countryside access. We have dimmed streetlights to reduce carbon emissions. We have successfully improved air quality through highways schemes.

We realise we need to go further. We therefore want to build on our strong environmental record and the special Cabinet meeting will be a chance to consider future interventions.

3. New permit scheme for vans using HWRCs

From 1 June 2019, Hampshire residents will need a permit to use a van, pick-up or trailer longer than 1.8m to transport their own household waste for disposal. The permit will cost £15 and will be valid for 12 months or 12 visits, and provides access for vans and larger vehicles at any of the 24 HWRCs across Hampshire.

Separate arrangements are in place at Hampshire's HWRCs for traders and businesses to dispose of commercial waste on a chargeable basis, depending on the scale and type of waste. All HWRCs have an accessible parking bay for blue badge holders. Blue badge holders will also now require a permit if they wish to use a larger commercial-type vehicle for their household waste.

Residents wishing to apply for a permit can do so

at: www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/wastepermits

4. Surface dressing underway on Hampshire's roads

If you are like me, you may have wondered why loose chippings are sometimes applied to road surfaces along with a temporary 20mph sign.

This is called "surface dressing" and it is carried out when the weather is warmer and drier. Like applying a lick of protective paint to a garden fence to prolong its life, surface dressing helps protect road surfaces against the elements. It provides a waterproof seal to help prevent the formation of potholes and restores any lost skid resistance.

Surface dressing keeps roads in good condition for longer, and that means our resources can be directed to fully resurface the roads that need it most. It is also more sustainable, reducing demand upon non-sustainable resources such as bitumen and aggregate and protects the road for around 10 years.

The thin layer of new stone chippings is essential to the success of the dressing. They improve skid resistance and also reduce the risk of aquaplaning and therefore

potential accidents. We put up advisory signs to remind drivers to slow down to avoid damage to their cars (and to others) when a road has just been treated. We go back to sweep the loose chippings as soon as possible after treatment, before the road markings are repainted.

5. “Bee Lines” campaign to help save the bees

A campaign has been launched to create a haven for pollinators in the South Downs National Park and help reverse the decline of bees in the South East.

The South Downs National Park Trust, the official charity for the National Park, is bidding to raise £75,000 to help restore flower-rich habitats that will protect bees and other important pollinators and allow them to thrive.

The campaign, called Bee Lines, will work with farmers and other landowners to create new wildflower corridors – essentially a “road system” for insects – that will link habitats and encourage pollination. Through its fundraising, the Trust hopes to create new wildflower corridors across the National Park.

As part of the campaign, people are also being encouraged to support pollinators in their gardens and public spaces through initiatives such as planting wildflowers and creating a “Bee B&B”, a cheap but perfect home for the insects.

For a step-by-step guide on how make a Bee B&B, made from a plastic bottle and hollow bamboo sticks, for your garden, visit www.southdowns.gov.uk/make-a-beehouse

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