

SHEET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Dark

CLERK: Jenny Hollington

Minutes of the Meeting of Sheet Parish Council held on Tuesday, 10th July 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at Sheet Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Clerk, Jenny Hollington

There were 2 members of the public present during the meeting.

18/123 Apologies – Apologies had been received from County Councillor, Russell Oppenheimer, and District Councillor, Nicky Noble.

18/124 Minutes – The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th June 2018 were approved and signed.

18/125 Declarations of Interests – The Chairman reminded Councillors of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest on any item on the Agenda – Cllr. Glancy declared an item in 18/127 (e)

18/126 Public Comment –

- The Chairman of the Sheet Village Charitable Trust raised the issue of speeding traffic through the Parish on the London Road and queried whether a speed indicator device (like the one recently installed on Pulens Lane by PTC) might help? He also questioned the current speed limit of 50 mph, saying that 30 or 40 mph would be more appropriate. He asked for the Parish Council's support in challenging Hampshire Highways on this issue. The Chairman agreed that a reduced speed limit on the London Road is something that the Parish Council would very much support, but Hampshire Highways have already been approached on this issue and have refused. It was agreed that Cllr. Martin would review previous correspondence with HCC on this subject and that the Parish Council would endeavour to see if there is anything further that can be done to improve speed on the London Road.

18/127 Sheet Village Hall (this item was prioritised on the agenda as Cllr. Glancy had to leave the meeting early)

- (a) Bike Rack – The bike rack is now in place on the Village Green! The Chairman thanked those involved.
- (b) Further quotes will be sought for the leaking tap in the disabled toilet
- (c) The path to the Village Hall entrance is looking rather shabby now that the front of the hall has been landscaped – it was agreed to seek quotes for new paving.
- (d) During the recent hot weather, there have been a couple of complaints about the heat in the upstairs meeting room – the front windows can't be opened and the room is very stuffy. It was agreed to find out how much it would be to install an electric ceiling fan and to get quotes for new window blinds.
- (e) Changes to Caretaking Contract (Cllr. Glancy left the room for this discussion) – The current Caretaking contract is with Sheet Music Ltd and the work is carried out by their employee, Mrs. Glancy. Sheet Music Ltd is undergoing a reorganisation and have asked whether the contract can be novated to Mrs. Glancy. It was unanimously agreed that the contract should be novated as the service provided has been excellent.

18/128 Planning –

(a) Current Planning Applications:

SDNP/18/032 37/HOUS	Proposed entrance porch	Tower House, 1 Portland Close, Sheet GU32 2BA	No Objection
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(b) Notification of Appeal – 13 School Lane, Sheet – Sheet Parish Council had no objection to this application to split the property into two smaller dwellings and provide off-street parking. Smaller properties/starter homes are hard to come by in Sheet and the off-street parking would be welcomed. It was agreed that the Clerk should respond to the Inspectorate in these terms.

18/129 Finance

(a) The “Actual to Budget” figures for the first quarter (April to June) had been circulated prior to the meeting and were discussed. It was noted that the Village Hall income is up slightly but this is due to the annual Church hire fee having been just received. Capital expenditure is also higher than expected due to the improvements carried out to the upstairs meeting room (new stud wall and door).

(b) The June bank reconciliation, circulated prior to the meeting, was approved and signed.

(c) Cheques for July payment were approved as follows:

Chq No.	Amount	Payee	Service
300838	£30.83	CNG	Gas - V. Hall
300839	£24.64	SSE	Electric - V. Hall
300840	£144.00	ALE Fire Systems Ltd	V. Hall
300841	£170.00	N. Rook Blackstone	Grass cutting - Allotments
300842	£69.35	HCC	County supplies - V. Hall
300843	£60.00	Ray Street	Website management
300844	£1,622.69	A.W. Clear	landscape maintenance contract
300845	£520.00	Clare Glancy	V. Hall caretaking/cleaning
300846	£37.86	HMRC	Tax - N.I. - Clerk
300847	£705.51	J. Hollington	Clerk - July
Total :	£3,384.88		

(d) It was noted that CIL monies in the sum of £2430.00 have been received from SDNPA and options for its’ use were discussed. It was agreed that the small metal storage shed in the Recreation Ground should be re-clad as in its current condition it is not very safe or secure. Cllr. Bird will ask the builders currently working on the Scout Hut for a quote to carry out this work, and the Clerk will check with Mark Alden at SDNPA that this would be appropriate use of CIL monies.

(e) August cheques – As there will be no Parish Council Meeting in August, unless there is planning to discuss, it was agreed that the Clerk would circulate a list of cheques for August payment as usual and these will be delegated to the Finance Committee/cheque signatories for approval. Formal approval will be noted at the September Meeting as per previous years.

18/130 S.106 Monies – Use of the S.106 monies held by SDNPA following the sale of houses on land behind School Lane was discussed:

Benches and a Picnic Table (various positions) – A third quote has now been received from local company, Neptune in Southampton, who can supply a similar type of seat to those already owned by Sheet Parish Council plus a picnic table adapted for disabled use in a similar style. It was therefore agreed to proceed with their quote in the sum of £5200 (exact installation cost to be confirmed by site visit). The application form for the S.106 monies will be submitted to SDNPA

New Flooring for the Village Hall – The installation of the new flooring has been pencilled in to be carried out during the last 2-weeks in August.

Thumper Tower for Sheet Recreation Ground – It was agreed that quotes should be sought from Sovereign Play (who installed the equipment at Stroud), Wood Themes (who installed the equipment at Steep), and local company, Hand Made Places. This item will be discussed further at the September meeting.

18/131 GDPR – It was agreed that Sheet P.C. should be registered with the ICO – the Clerk was asked to process the application.

18/132 Roads and Traffic –

Farnham Road – No feedback on proposals for the School Lane/Farnham Road junction have yet been received from EHDC.

Parking Restrictions in School Lane – Correspondence regarding a review of parking restrictions in School Lane was discussed – Andy Jevrons from EHDC will be urged to consult more widely over the proposals and particularly with residents of School Lane and the School as the Parish Council feel that the proposal to install double yellow lines on the houses side of School Lane will be very unpopular. The safety of children walking to School is paramount and currently residents feel that by parking their cars on the pavement side of the road, they are protecting pedestrians from speeding vehicles, and cars and lorries mounting the path. The proposals for parking restrictions on the other side of the level crossing were all felt to be sensible however. The Parish Council will also request a bollard for the centre of the Long Road/Waterworks Road junction, to prevent vehicles cutting the corner when turning into Long Road.

Bollard – The damaged bollard at the junction of Inmans Lane/Town Lane has at long last been replaced.

Speed Signage in Pulens Lane – The Clerk was asked to seek further information from Petersfield Town Council about the speed indicator device currently installed in Pulens Lane and in particular whether it had been effective in cutting speed.

18/133 County Councillor's Report – Although unable to be present, Cllr. Oppenheimer's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. The full report is appended to these minutes

18/134 District Councillor Report – Cllr. Noble was unable to be present and had not sent a District Council report.

18/135 Open Spaces (Recreation Ground, Millennium Field and Sheet Common)

- Scout Hut Lease – There has been no feedback from the Legal Department about the drafting of a new lease as yet.
- Renovation of Scout Hut – The building work seems to be on track and progressing well.

18/136 Sheet Allotments – A large pile of rubbish has accumulated on the grassed over plot next to plot 67 and plot holders have been dumping grass cuttings/weeds on top of the top soil (which was left under the trees by the contractor who did the track improvements). It was agreed that Nick Rook-Blackstone should be asked to level out the top soil and remove the pile of rubbish to a skip at his farm for disposal at a cost of

£400. A notice has now been installed at the plot asking people not to dump their garden rubbish on the plot, but to dispose of it themselves!

Letters have been sent out to all plot holders whose plots are very overgrown and need clearing.

18/137 Lengthsman Scheme - The following work will be added to the Lengthsman work schedule:

- Footpath from Pulens Lane to Old Mill Lane still needs to be resurfaced
- Bridleway from Sheet Common to A272 is very overgrown and needs to be cut back
- The hedges along the footpath at the end of Town Lane need to be cut back

18/138 Correspondence

- HCC Consultation on street lighting, concessionary travel schemes, and supported passenger transport – It was agreed to support proposals on street lighting being restricted in the early hours of the morning. The other proposals had little impact on Sheet and no formal response is proposed. Individuals are welcome to respond if they wish.

18/139 Date of next P.C. Meeting – Tuesday, 11th September 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at Sheet Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.