

SHEET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Dark

CLERK: Jenny Hollington

Minutes of the Meeting of Sheet Parish Council held on Tuesday, 11th December 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at Sheet Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Clerk, Jenny Hollington

There were 4 members of the public present at the meeting.

18/197 Apologies – Apologies had been received from Cllr. Brian Bird and County Councillor, Russell Oppenheimer.

18/198 Minutes – The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th November 2018 were approved and signed.

18/199 Declarations of Interests – The Chairman reminded Councillors of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest on any item on the Agenda – none declared

18/200 Public Comment –

A Village Street resident expressed concern about the number of large lorries trying to access the lane and circulated a photo of recent damage to his gatepost caused by one of these lorries which had become stuck. He said that because there is a wide entrance to the lane, lorries think they can get through but this is not the case! Often drivers are just following sat navs and not concentrating. He asked whether the entrance to the lane could be narrowed to prevent this from happening? It was agreed that Cllr. Martin would follow this up with Ian Janes at HCC and feedback will be included on the January agenda.

18/201 Planning – Current applications:

SDNP/18/058 51/FUL	Single storey standalone library building following demolition of outbuildings	Sheet Primary School, School Lane, Sheet GU32 2AS	No Objection
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18/202 Finance

- (a) Budget 19/20 – A draft budget proposal had been circulated prior to the meeting and was discussed in detail. The Chairman went through the figures and explained that £15,000 has been budgeted for Village Hall maintenance to allow for the refurbishment of the disabled w.c. and repair of the bay window in the Spring and £3000 has been budgeted for Sheet Common to clear the vista in front of the new bench. It was queried whether the Parish Council should be setting aside money for major refurbishment at the Old Billiard Room, as this could be a worthwhile asset and agreed that this should be considered. The budget will be amended and re-circulated for final approval at the January P.C. Meeting.
- (b) Precept 19/20 – The precept request for 2019/20 will be discussed in more detail once the budget is finalised. However, it was noted that because there are now more houses in Sheet, keeping the precept at the same level per householder will generate a greater income.
- (c) The bank reconciliations for October and November had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved and signed by the Chairman.

- (d) The grant application for £100 towards the cost of the community carols on 21st December was approved. Cllr. Bird will be asked to provide simple accounts for the event at the next meeting. All profits are to be donated to the Rosemary Foundation.
- (e) Cheques for December payment were approved as follows:

Chq No.	Amount	Payee	Service
300901	£148.45	CNG	Gas - V. Hall
300902	£62.38	SSE	Electricity - V. Hall
300903	£134.40	PTC	Bin contract - September
300904	£72.00	Elite Playground Inspections	BMX Track and Sheet Rec
300905	£312.00	Caines Farm Partnership	Hedges - Mill Lane
300906	£60.00	Ray Street	Website management (Oct-Dec)
300907	£1,722.69	A.W. Clear	Contract Maintenance (6 months) + V.Hall
300908	£72.00	Mythic Beasts	Domain renewal
300909	£520.00	Sheet Music	V. Hall caretaking/cleaning
300910	£666.11	J. Hollington	Clerk (Dec)
300911	£38.06	HMRC	Tax & N.I. Clerk
300912	£200.00	FOSS	Deposit refund
300913	£100.00	Community Carols	grant request
Total	£4,108.09		

18/203 Use of S.106 monies – The Clerk is liaising with EHDC to find out whether planning permission is required for the new climbing equipment proposed for the Recreation Ground.

18/204 Use of CIL monies – The Clerk had circulated a list of criteria for infrastructure projects that can be considered for use of CIL monies by SDNPA. Councillors were asked to give some thought to projects that might be considered.

18/205 Roads and Traffic

EHDC Feasibility Study for Farnham Road/School Lane – As agreed at the November meeting, the Clerk wrote to HCC to confirm that pedestrian access at Farnham Road/School Lane is the Parish Council’s focus for use of S.106 monies. Nothing further has been heard.

Speed on London Road – The speed limit reminder sign from EHDC has been installed on the London Road. However, it doesn’t seem to be flashing properly – Cllr. Martin will liaise with EHDC about this. The SLR is free of charge and will be moved regularly by EHDC staff. Initial feedback from EHDC indicates that the SLR was triggered 4,500 times within the first week, and 3,500 when moved to the opposite side of the London Road – however, EHDC don’t appear to think this is particularly high!

18/206 County Councillor’s Report – The County Councillor’s report had been circulated prior to the meeting and focuses on various funding opportunities available. The full report is appended to these minutes and will be made available via the website.

18/207 Lengthsman – The resignation of the Lengthsman was noted. The vacancy will be advertised via the website and the noticeboards in Sheet and other parishes in the cluster. There is a closing date for applications of 25.1.19. Further detail about what the role entails can be found on the Hampshire County Council website or via the Clerk.

18/208 Open Spaces

Sheet Scout Hut Lease – The Scout Group leaders have indicated that they are happy with the wording of the proposed new lease agreement - the Chairman has asked the Solicitor to send a formal copy for signature.

18/209 Sheet Allotments –

Rent Increase – The Chairman confirmed that an overall surplus has been made at the allotments since Sheet P.C. took over from Petersfield Town Council and it was therefore agreed that there should be no increase in rent for 19-20.

Revision to Tenancy Agreement – Cllrs. Forrest and Clear will meet with the Clerk to discuss proposed changes to the tenancy agreement for final approval at the February meeting.

18/210 Sheet Village Hall

Front path to Village Hall – No date has been set for the work to improve the path to the front of the hall. Cllr. Clear will ask the contractor to liaise with the Clerk to arrange a suitable day.

Old Chairs and Piano – There are still a lot of old chairs on the stage area, as well as the old piano which is no longer used. It was agreed that arrangements should now be made for these to be taken to the scrap yard as no home has been found for them.

18/211 Meetings Attended –

EHDC Take-over day – Cllrs. Martin and Glancy attended this session along with children from Sheet School. They enjoyed a tour of the Council Chamber and offices, followed by a debate and a chat about being a Parish Councillor.

18/212 Date of next P.C. Meeting – Tuesday, 8th January 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at Sheet Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.