

MINUTES OF SHERFIELD ENGLISH ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs Griffiths, R Noble, G Noble, Cook, Hoffman and Lewis, Anthony Chapman from TVBC and clerk to the council, Sue Holder.

25/015 APOLOGIES: Received from Cllr Dovey, Adams-King, Bailey and John Hartley

25/016 OPEN FORUM: None

25/017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATION TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

25/018 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING(S): were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

25/019 MATTERS ARISING:

- It was confirmed that all Councilors had reviewed their Members Interest Forms and amendments submitted as necessary.
- A copy of the year end accounts from SERP is outstanding.

25/020 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR / COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Cllrs Adams-King and Bailey sent apologies; however, the following short report was sent:

- Complaints about speeding between the county boundary and Graemar Lane have been directed to The Police.
- Highways have accepted that the resurfacing work on Branches Lane was not good enough and will revisit the stretch between Gambledown Lane and The Banks in particular.

25/021 THRIVING COMMUNITIES WORKSHOP, Antony Chapman – Community Engagement Officer, TVBC

Following a successful workshop, the Chairman invited Antony Chapman to this meeting. It was reported that the workshops had concluded that the following was important to the village participants: a) people enjoying their local environment in a sustainable way, b) buildings, places and spaces where communities come together, c) valuing diversity, where all voices are heard and it's a welcoming place, and d) people participating in and contributing to their community. Antony asked the parish council to consider what Sherfield English needs and how TVBC can help to build a better community, be it with the help of grant funding or volunteers. Ideas put forward so far have included funding options for the drainage at the Sports field and better accessibility to the footpaths. The parish council agreed to appoint Cllr Lewis as the council representative on this initiative and will discuss it further at the September meeting. To note: The parish council were pleased to report that The Hatchet Pub had reopened today.

25/022 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

For consideration by the parish council at this meeting:

24/01395/FULLS Old Bush Two-storey side extension

The parish council resolved to make no objection to this application.

24/01375/FULLS St Michaels Two-storey side extension and front porch

The parish council resolved to make no objection to this application and support the request for parking provision for 3 vehicles.

Decisions from planning meeting 12.6.24 24/01280/HRWS

Gambledown Farm

The parish council resolved to make no comment on this application.

24/01225/FULLS Workshops, Sandhill Farm

The parish council resolved to make no comment on this application.

Decisions received from TVBC

24/00954/LBWS / 24/00953/FULLS Sherfield Manor – consent/permission

25/023 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Hoffman reported that the committee were in the final stages of preparing a re-draft to submit to Bluestone Planning.

25/024 LENGTHSMAN

It was reported that the Lengths man had been inundated with work during June and therefore been unable to undertake any of the work assigned for that period in Sherfield English. He was in the village today however to clear the A27 footpath which took him well in excess of the 5 hours allocated to him. Repairs to the bus shelter and to cut back overhanging foliage at the end of the lay-by near Graemar Cottages, to continue to clear the A27 footpath to Bunny Lane, in addition to hedge cutting by the A27 remain outstanding.

25/025 HIGHWAYS /MAINTENANCE ISSUES

21725261 – Junction of Pound Lane with Branches Lane – tarmac needs redressing. Church Lane also requires maintenance.

21618907 - A couple of dead trees just North of the Steplake Lane junction are likely to fall in the winter onto the A27 which are on council land. (16.3.23 work passed to contractor) 21743247 Branches Lane potholes have been reported.

It was reported that all the verges in the village were now so overgrown the foliage is encroaching on to the road resulting in a narrowing of the road in places. Steplake Lane to the village boundary is an issue.

25/026 VILLAGE HALL

Concerns were raised about the lack of heating in the village hall following the gas supply being isolated. Noted that all switches were currently taped over.

25/027CORRESPONDENCE

Wiltshire Council – A27, Whiteparish road works, noted

UG – application 24/01280/HRWS, noted

JH – A27 footpath, noted

HCC newsletter, noted

Simon Finch, Head of planning - withdrawn Reg 14 plan, noted

SEVH – supporting docs for grant application, noted
Parish online – new website (JH), noted
PCC – copy of accounts to support grant application, noted

25/028 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Defibrillators – Cllr Griffiths reported that a new battery had arrived for the defibrillator at the recreation ground, fitted, and the unit was now in full working order.

SERP – Cllr Hoffman reported that a group of volunteer helpers had cleared the old equipment from the children’s playground, repaired the fencing and strimmed the area prior to the new equipment being installed. An application has been made to the Schools Trust for a replacement picnic table and gazebo.

SCHOOLS TRUST – Following the resignation of Mr Tennant, it was reported that Cllr Cook has been appointed as the new chairperson for the Schools Trust, and the new committee have now met for the first time.

25/029 FINANCE

- a) The bank balance was reported as at 01.06.24 to be £14,246.73.
- b) Cllr Cook, as a non-signatory on the bank account, confirmed the bank statement reconciliation with the figure presented at this meeting.
- c) It was reported that a VAT reclaim of £1991.55 had been received.
- c) The following payments were ratified at this meeting:

Clerks Expenses for June and July 24	£434.70	#157
David Griffiths (defib spares)	£330.00	#158
SEVH grant (insurance)	£1827.49	#159

25/030 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 4th of September 2024, full committee and 14th of August, planning meeting if required.

The meeting closed at 08.30pm