

SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30p.m in The Chute Pavilion, Vyne Road Sherborne St John, on Monday 25th September 2017. The Planning Committee met prior to the full Council meeting and any comments are recorded below in **72.17**.

Present:

Cllr R Morgan	Chairman	Cllr R Cooper	Cllr C Davies	Treasurer
Cllr N Rougier	Vice-Chairman	Cllr L Agnew	Cllr R Vaughan	
Cllr T Robinson		Mrs P Mayo	Parish Clerk	Also present 9 members of the public.

It was noted that there had been a problem and Parish Councillors had not received e mails from the Parish Clerk sent. Fro the past week. Parish Clerk to resend all again & investigate problem. **PM**

64.17. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence received

65.17. Minutes of the meeting 24th July 2017

The minutes at the meeting 24th July 2017 were unanimously accepted and signed as accurate by the Chairman Cllr Morgan.

66.17. Matters arising from the minutes

Update information listed on Councillors agenda copies:

47.17 – no reply from BDBC arborist re new trees Manor Rd, TMB3 valves to be fitted at Chute in September. Clerk to re contact. **PM**

48.17 – Dark Land site now sold – contact with new owner – basic information sent to Councillors for information. – which they failed to receive due to e mail problem – now resent. **PM**

57.17 - Contacted Mr Nortey to see what progress has been made. Information received but was one of the e mails which failed to arrive with the Parish Councillors. Now resent for them to review & to be placed on next agenda for discussion. **PM**

56.17 – Mustard Pot - state of pond – contacted BDBC. Received an application to clear trees etc around site – however Cllr Agnew asked the Parish Clerk to contact both sets of neighbours to see if both sides of the pond area – owned by 2 properties – is being cleared. **PM**

58.17 - Footpath by Cleeves now cleared

59.17 – Tennis Club agenda item below

Road repair – Elm/Kiln/Vyne road. Again contacted HCC and any repairs may now be delayed for at least one month if not longer. **PM**

Pole leaning on Village Green reported. This pole has now been removed

The owners of Cleeves when approached to allow the PC to move their pillar back slightly to widen the footpath declined to permit the work. Cllrs Vaughan and Robinson will try to arrange a meeting with the owners to discuss the situation. & try for a resolution. **RV/TR**

59.17a3 – see below – Cllrs Davies & Agnew to investigate & provide quotes for discussion – *brambles etc already removed area cleared & weed killed although with the delays the weeds are re-growing- see 69.17 e item below below*. Unfortunately these quotes have not yet been received by the Parish Clerk (the one re clearance is no longer needed) so she was unable to add them to the report she had composed listing quotes she has obtained which was to be distributed to the Parish Councillors when the item came up for discussion and resolution below.

67.17. Councillors Comments

a. Cllr Vaughan HCC had sent a report on superfast broadband for Councillors to review – unfortunately one of the emails during the period of problems with Parish Clerk's e mail. Has now been resent full report listed at end of minutes. **PM**

Also (66.17 note) Mr Nortey's report re-sent to Councillors for review. The Parish Council need to review the report & if they are happy with the recommendations the Parish Clerk can ask him to price the project work and the Parish Council can then decide if and how much they could contribute towards the costs. **AGENDA ITEM 23.10.17 PM**

66.17 above Cllr Vaughan & Robinson will try to arrange a meeting with the owners of Cleeves re the need to move the pillar in question further back to make the footpath wider. **RV/TR**

The recent survey sent out by HCC concerning the need to reduce the budget by £140million received under 6000 replies from the whole County. With no revenue grant from central government and Councils not being allowed to run in deficit savings on services are inevitable.

He suggested the Parish Clerk will contact North Hants roads area for the necessary form plus payment cost to obtain a licence to carry out installations – such as beds on chicanes. **RV/PM**

b. Cllr Robinson BDBC confirmed that Cabinet have agreed to continue the weekly bin collections.

Rydon homes may sell on the site at Cranes Road with planning permission & not build themselves however all 106 agreements will still stand. The Aubrey House planning application has been withdrawn & he will be speaking at the development control committee re 9 Manor Road application against granting the application as it due to the size & fall of the land heights it will seriously detrimental to the neighbouring property as it will seriously overlook their home & garden breaching their privacy. **TR**

The Parish Clerk will keep him informed of any developments re Dark Lane site & he will if necessary contact the new owner for discussions. Her will also continue to review Aldermaston Road issues (see 72.17 below) **TR/PM**

BDBC is holding a Neighbourhood Planning event which Councillors could hopefully attend – re-sent e mail with information. **PM**

He complemented the Village Hall on its recent scarecrow exhibition.

68.17. Open Forum

a. The problem with travellers using the Village Green , tying their ponies to the trees etc & leaving a lot of mess, cans etc over the area was raised. Cllr Vaughan informed the meeting that they must continue to report problems to the police asap.

Since the meeting the Parish Council has contacted BDBC to ask about contractors who could install short wooden posts between the trees to stop access for any but pedestrians. Any information received will be placed on next month's agenda. **PM**

b. Mr Edwards raised the following issues:

1. If any planters were placed in the chicanes in Elm Road they would need to be maintained.

2. The village 'gates' at the top on Elm Road need to be cleared of vegetation to improve visibility then painted white plus a 30mph sign attached to them. If this improved speeds etc from vehicles the same could be done with the other gates on Vyne & Sherborne Road.

3. The car parked on a corner in Cranes Road by Cranesfield entrance was reported as dangerous as it blocked visibility. The Clerk was asked to contact the police to see if they could request the owner to park further back. **PM**

4. The pillar at West End , Cleeves was again raised as dangerous to pedestrians.

5. Mr Walters asked if the Parish Council had any views on the recent information concerning Thames Water sewage works in Sherborne St John – the Parish Clerk will re-send his original e mail to the Councillors and ask for any comments to be reported at next meeting if necessary. The phosphate levels in the existing system are too high – 0.8mill per metre. While the situation needs to be rectified concern was expressed that if the facilities were enlarged it could potentially lead to an increase in housing built in the Parish.

6. CPRE are holding a meeting 4th October 2017 at Sparshott which Councillors could attend – Parish Clerk will again re-send this e mail. **PM**

69.17. Parish Matters.

a Chute Pavilion – Users meeting date confirmed as 14th October 2017 4.30.p.m.at Chute Pavilion. Invitations to be issued – 2 per user group

However Parish Clerk has since the meeting indicated that an Extraordinary meeting of the Council needs to be held prior to this date as since the resignations of Dr Darmady & Mr J Edwards there is no effective committee appointed by the Parish Council to oversee the facilities, receive comments/complaints from users, investigate any work/improvements needed & to provide a regular report on their recommendations to the full Council to discuss and vote on the report and to act as liaison at the planned users meeting.

Unfortunately at this point due to interruptions and comments from the floor the Parish Clerk was unable to distribute any of the reports she had compiled re information, quotes , recommendations etc that as Parish Clerk she is legally responsible to do to ensure the Parish Council has all the relevant detail on which to base their discussions & on which to vote . They will therefore be placed on the next meeting's agenda for proper investigation & discussions so votes for action are recorded as per legal regulations covering local Council administration. The Parish Clerk will now re- issue, duly updated, all the reports she compiled by e mail so that the Councillors will have the necessary information on which to base a decision at the next meeting 23.10.17.

Item 5 Maintenance

1. accept quote to mend gas heater – new valve etc from SMS – gas inspectors – As this heating system is linked the Parish Clerk has a real concern that with a failed valve on one gas could escape breaching Health & Safety regulations and potentially invalidating the insurance. The site Manager has since confirmed that the heaters are set at 19c which could be lowered if the Parish Council felt it was making the establishment too hot as one member of the public maintained. **AGENDA ITEM23.10.17**

2. Agree to new fire inspection as per last year's one (which detailed many infringements most of which have been addressed) to ensure compliance with current fire regulations. **AGENDA ITEM23.10.17**

3. Agree Electrical inspection ETA (meant to happen every 6 months)

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b. Tennis Club Rental /lease for 2017/8.

Again the Parish Clerk's report was not distributed & the Parish Council just informed the meeting of actions they had instigated. The Sherborne St John tennis club representative was understandable extremely offended after no consultation had been undertaken to be told that the Parish Council had approached another authority to see if their system could be implemented in Sherborne St John presumably cancelling any agreement with the present village club. Cllr Rougier was asked to contact Oldham Chairman for information on how their system operated and if it was paid for out of the precepts. Once the Parish Council has the Parish Clerk's report the rental for the present season for the Tennis club can be agreed period to start from last invoice to the present.

The Parish Clerk will re-issue the reported detailing recommendations for discussion & voting at the next meeting re Tennis Club.

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c. Nursery - new lease agreement & use of facilities.

Again the Parish Clerk's report had not been received which noted the numerous breaches by the nursery which invalidate the original 2008 agreement. Report schedule & details to be resent.

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It was noted that any new leases relating to the Tennis Club, the Nursery and any other users if necessary should be written & reviewed by a Solicitor to ensure the Parish Council has been adequately covered with duly enforceable conditions.

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d. Chute flower beds.

Again the Parish Clerk's report detailing quotes, costs & recommendations was not distributed prior to discussions. Cllr Agnew has still to provide the quotes she agreed to obtain in July/August for inclusion but took a copy of the Parish Clerk's report – which has now be updated to detail original costs quoted obtained by the Parish Clerk.

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e. Band – The Parish Clerk did present copies of the Band's bookings for the last months and confirmed that they abided by their agreement – doors shut, playing only during the allotted hours & that the complaints re noise levels were unsubstantiated.

f. Allotments. There are a few that are in the process of re-tenanting. The parish Clerk will place an advert re allotment hire in other local magazines e.g. Rooksdawn.

PM

c. Transport – The new direction of No 22 is going well.

It was noted by Mr Wilkinson that the Basingstoke Community Bus Transport run a service from Old Basing to the hospital which could be an option for Sherborne St John residents he will investigate further. The Friday 58 service they run to Chineham is well used.

EW

d. Parish Website – nothing to report

e. Dark Lane site – update re new owner & plans sent to Councillors

f. Traffic calming A340 West End – still under discussion see 66.17 above

g. .

70.17. Correspondence Received

A letter had been received re the continued absence of a shop in the Village. However the Parish Council cannot find any other solution since the mobile service has now ceased.

71.17. Finance

a. Payments. The Councillors reviewed the schedule of payments listed below made by the Parish Clerk on the Parish Council's behalf since the last meeting and all present signed as accurate.

Aug/sept	2017		Parish	Chute	NP	Parish Event			
	Village hall		32.00						
	House Proud			288.00					
	Mayo exps Homesense			58.58					
July	S Electric			70.00					
Aug	S Electric			70.00					
	PJH Window Cleaning			60.00					
	Mrs Byrne	allotment deposit	40.00						
	Buller exps re rentals			82.08					
	Mayo Macro supplies etc			168.71					
	Mike Garden Service			960.00					
	BDO Audit		480.00						
	Mayo	aug salary	685.00						
	Buller exps re rentals	aug salary	325.50						
	Butler	aug salary	184.86						

	Castle Water	allotments Moss Hill		69.79				
	Fleet Markers	white liner		576.86				
	Fleet Markers	reimburse football club		-480.72				
	Village Hall	coffee club		32.00				
	Mike Garden Service	fencing by Chute		480.00				
	O2	telephone		30.60				
	SMS Heating	water system		72.00				
	House Proud	Cleaning		360.00				
	Buller exps re rentals	liaise with contractors etc		27.36				
	Mayo exps plus Macro			37.55				
	SMS gas contractors	Chute servicing		636.00				
		replacement gas valves		613.20				
	British Gas	gas		293.32				
	Basingstoke Locksmith	new lock		127.07				
	Mayo	salary		740.47				
	Buller exps re rentals	salary		325.50				
	Butler	salary		184.86				
	HMSO	tax		616.20				
	Less VAT			-183.03	-588.13			
				<u>3302.15</u>	<u>4173.48</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
	Total Expenditure less VAT			<u>7475.63</u>				

b. New Grant application re request for another Recreation ground storage unit by the Pavilion. The Parish Clerk confirmed she had completed and submitted the new grant application to 'Leader' HCC and was awaiting their reply

c. Audit 2016/17b. Acceptance of Audit. The Parish Clerk confirmed that the 2016/7 audit had been completed by the external auditors BDO. Cllr Davies has posted the forms on the website as requested & forms placed in all notice boards should parishioners wish to review the files.

d. Salary increases Manager/Clerk – *both to vacate hall while discussed*

72.17. Planning

The following application was granted 17/01866/HSE The Vyne car park

The following application was refused: 17/0813/HSE 13 Manor Road

The following application was withdrawn: Aubrey Place

The Parish Council had no objections to the following applications:

17/02580/FUL Weybrook Farm – units 1 & 3 change of use from agric store to commercial B1 or B8 use

17/02854/AGPD Beaurepaire House new building for storage of hay/grain & agric equipment

17/02855/AGPD Beaurepaire House erection lean to grain store to house Bio filter

17/02827/FUL Weybrook Farm erection of farm managers dwelling – the Parish Council discussed this application with the applicant who was happy to agree to their request to replace the sheet metal roof with tiles.

Trees: T/002012/17/TCA

Alphabet Nursery

T/00301/17/TCA

SSJ Church & 7 Bournefield

T/00276/17/TCA

7 Cranes Road

T/00370/17/TCA

West End clearance of pond

Notification of Street Trading licence – Kingsclere lay-by

17/02541/HSE 9 Aldermaston Rd – erection first floor side ext & garage with games room over. This application appears to have been granted using incorrect plans – Cllr Robinson will investigate. (69.17 above) **TR**

73.17. Close

The meeting was closed by Cllr Morgan at 9.30p.m after discussions on 71.17 d item

Addendums

Report from County Councillor R Vaughan item 67.17

Hampshire County Council has long recognised the importance of fast, reliable wireless service to the rural areas of the county, and the Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme is continuing to work closely with service providers to make superfast broadband available to every Hampshire business and household.

Recently we have initiated a step-change in the way broadband service is perceived. Access is fast becoming essential for everyday life, and is fundamental to delivering more modern and accessible public services. That's why improving broadband access is a priority for the County Council. We are investing a combined total of £28.4m of public funds to increase coverage from 80% of Hampshire (commercially funded by BT and Virgin) to reach even more homes and companies.

So far, the roll out of superfast broadband has reached more than 91% of premises in the county and we are on target to reach 95% by the end of 2017. Plans are also being drawn up to reach 97.4% of premises by the end of 2019 – exceeding both our own goals and those set by the government.

However, despite the successful roll-out of superfast broadband to so many properties, there are still areas that have low take-up. This is often because people don't realise superfast broadband is available where they live, or believe it is more expensive than their current internet package.

It is important to remind residents that connection to the new fibre network is not automatic and they will have to contact their Internet Service Provider to order an upgrade to their service.

Take-up is crucial, not only to improve services for the residents concerned, but also because it activates the programme's gain share mechanism. When take-up is higher than originally predicted, the County Council is able to claim back funds from BT which can be reinvested to extend coverage further, helping to increase the number of premises that are able to access superfast broadband.

North East Hampshire is well on the way to connectivity in that it has 11 already active superfast broadband cabinets that are currently providing coverage for 2'516 premises in the Parishes of Silchester, Sherborne St John, Bramley, Pamber & Mortimer West End —but there is obviously room for improvement! To find out if there is superfast broadband available for your address simply visit www.hants.gov.uk/broadband and enter your postcode into the search box. This is the best way for residents to find specific information about where they live or work.

I am encouraging everyone to register this way as we can then notify them via email once services in their area go live. We need to show that there is a demand in NE Hampshire for superfast broadband services for everyone who wants it, and use that information to push our requirements to the top of the priority list.

For example, we also have a programme in place to help those areas that are currently outside the available broadband range. There is unfortunately a small percentage of the county – 2.6% – that isn't being reached by the Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme. These are usually more remote or difficult-to-reach locations, and are therefore more expensive to provide for. The £1million Community Match Funding Scheme is designed to offer support for such areas. It enables the County Council to help communities that wish to help themselves by supplying up to half of the funding to match money raised by the community itself, in order to install and maintain a superfast broadband connection.

They can be contacted on <https://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/alternative-solutions/cmfs/>.

In addition, there is further funding available via the government-backed Better Basic Broadband Scheme <<https://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/residents/usc/>> for premises with speeds below 2Mbps. It provides a subsidy towards the cost of installation of an alternative solution, which could include satellite, 4G or fixed wireless.

More information as well as details of these schemes is available via our website.<<https://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/alternative-solutions/cmfs/>>

I am sorry that this is all rather lengthy but it is important. If you have any further questions you can also contact me at Rhydian.vaughan@hants.gov.uk or leave a message on my phone 07774 681516 and give me time to answer back; I can usually find the information you need (and if I can't, I'll know a county officer who can!)

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