

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017.

The Planning Committee met prior to the meeting and any comments are recorded below in 92.17

### Present:

Cllr R Morgan Chairman                      Cllr N Rougier Vice-Chairman      Cllr R Cooper                      Cllr L Agnew  
Cllr C Davies                                      Cllr T Robinson                      Cllr R Vaughan                      Mrs P Mayo Parish Clerk

Also present 7 members of the public.

RJSB Builders, Reg Sears the new owners of the Dark Lane site, attended the Planning section to show his outline plans for discussion.

Miss Aubrey & her 2 representatives also attended to meet the Planning Committee to discuss the Aldermaston Road planning application listed below.

### 84.17. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence to be recorded.

### 85.17. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 & Extraordinary Parish Council meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Cllr Morgan proposed acceptance of minutes of both meetings, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 & 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (minute ref 79.17), seconded by Cllr Rougier and signed by the Chairman Cllr Morgan as accurate. Minutes of Chute Management Committee meeting filed with Parish Council minutes and sent to all Councillors for information on decisions and votes taken.

### 86.17. Matters arising from the minutes

48.17 The developer is about to submit a planning application after discussions with the Parish Planning Committee.

56.17 Parish Clerk has not received a reply to her request for who is responsible for the upkeep of the Pond WE. **PM**  
A plumber has been asked to install the TMV3 valves in the changing rooms at the Chute. **TB**

The Parish Clerk will again contact the contractor about providing a quote to install 'dragon's teeth' around Village Green to stop unauthorised access by vehicles & traps. *After the meeting a quote for £1530 + vat was received. The Parish Clerk will contact the Village Hall and National Trust to discuss the problem* **PM**

### 87.17. Councillors Comments

County Councillor Rhydian Vaughan's report is attached at the end of the minutes 94.17. Problems in Bramley with traveller caravans was noted with neither the police or MOD taking any decisive action to remove them. Residents were advised to write to their MP R Jayawardena to voice their concerns.

Borough Councillor Tristan Robinson informed the PC that BDBC is to announce a refurbishment of the Leisure Park into a new River Retail development 2019-2022 on the lines of ones like Bicester Village.

The recent BDBC communications for recharging parishes for elections will only be for by-elections should they occur. Boundary Changes to be implemented by BDBC in 2019 will reduce Borough Councillors to between 60-54 with 3 Councillors allocated to each newly designated ward containing a similar number of electors with Sherborne St John placed in North West Hampshire ( this will mean a change of MP). The Parish Council had no objections to the proposal outlined in a letter received from Ranil Jayawardena and the Chairman will reply on the PC's behalf **RM**

### 88.17. Open Forum

a. There is no new information on Rydon Homes Cranes Road site whether they will develop themselves or sell on.

*The Parish Council has received a communication from BDBC Planning Department re the shop identified in the application. If it is not economically viable to be built they are questioning ownership of the area as discussed during the Neighbourhood Plan. Communications at present with BDBC Planning department. The shop is not a stand alone unit but part of a housing unit – the Parish Council understood that this would be gifted to the Parish Council to sell or develop for local needs.* **PM**

b. Bus stop Vyne Road by Village Hall. This was raised as dangerous due to lack of visibility & footpath. A resident asked the Parish Council if it could be altered. Parish Clerk will contact local contractors for quotes to see what could be achieved – removal/glass half top etc as it is only used once a day. **PM**

c. Sherborne St John has a new PCSO Matthew Woods who it is hoped will attend meetings in future. He has requested the Parish Clerk to send him a list of meeting dates. **PM**

## 89.17. Parish Matters

### 1 Chute Pavilion

a. Report on users meeting 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Meeting was very successful allowing users to bring up any problems they were experiencing. Most problems were able to be resolved and further meetings are planned. Once the new storage unit, at present under construction is completed, the problems with storage of equipment will be resolved to all groups' satisfaction.

b. Formation of a new Chute Management Committee at the Parish Council Extraordinary meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Minutes sent to Councillors with constitution and details of scope of responsibilities. Minutes will be posted on the website Decisions listed below. Ratify Chute Management Committee Constitution. **AGENDA ITEM**

c. Minutes Extraordinary Parish Council meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 & Chute Management Committee meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 sent to Councillors. Posted on website. **CD**

d. Confirmation of Parish Clerk's new grant application to EU Leader for storage unit next to Pavilion approved. Planning application made, foundations dug & unit ordered.

e. As a Health & Safety issue the broken gas valve of black heater will be mended immediately. Cllr Rougier proposed acceptance of SMS quote seconded by Cllr Morgan.

*Since the meeting 2 of the other heaters have also failed, the Parish Clerk has requested SMS to urgently investigate and repair. Will send quotes to Chute Management Committee for immediate approval for the work identified.* **PM**

f. Agree to fire inspection review as per last year to recheck facility. Scheduled for early 2018 as soon as storage unit fitted. **PM**

g. Electrical inspection. Due to failure of at least one light the Parish Clerk has already instructed ETA to replace it with the very much more economical LED unit as per their quote. *Since the meeting a further light has failed which will also now be replaced. The new LED lights however are much more economic in electricity usage. As each old light breaks it will be replaced with new LED ones and if possible, finances be available it is hoped to replace the last 4 during 2018/9.*

h. Chute flower beds – See Chute Management Committee minutes decision. 2 Areas each side of Pavilion have been cleared and artificial grass will be installed to limit costs of maintenance. Parish Clerk to confirm quote. **PM**

i. Tennis Club Rental lease for 2017/8 Arrange meeting with Chute Management Committee & present Tennis Club. Parish Clerk in process of writing a draft for discussion at proposed meeting. *Meeting now agreed 1.00p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017.* **PM**

j. Nursery New lease. Parish Clerk in process of writing a draft to sent to HALC solicitor for review. **PM**

k. Draft bookings conditions for regular/one off hirers to be used until ratified at next CMC meeting. **AGENDA ITEM**

2. Allotments – Ratify new updated tenancy agreement produced by Mr Wilkinson & Parish Clerk. **AGENDA ITEM**

3. Transport. No issues raised

4. Parish Website. New GDPR may potentially alter this next year in order to comply with new regulations..

5. Traffic calming A340 West End. Parish Clerk contact HCC for a detailed quote (send details to Councillors) ready for discussion & inclusion in budgets for 2018/9. Confirmation needed on if all costs must be met by Parish Council and what maintenance commitment may be required later. *Parish Clerk has agreed with HCC to initial payments they request £100 & £225 for preliminary work to view the site & produce a plan of action.* **PM**

6. Agree & ratify amended Standing orders. **AGENDA ITEM**

7. Agree & ratify SSJ Constitution **AGENDA ITEM**

*N.B standing orders, constitutions of Parish Council & Chute Management Committee, booking conditions and all allotments tenancy agreements to be ratified at next meeting. Any amendments needed will then be noted ready for inclusion at the end of the financial year prior to the internal auditors visit.*

8. Agree new Litter Picker starting 1.12.17

A new litter picker, Mrs Jane Brind, has been employed.

Proposed by Cllr Agnew and seconded by Rose Cooper.

## 90.17. Correspondence Received

a. There was a meeting at BDAPTC on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to discuss the provisions Parish Council's will have to implement when the new GDPR is implemented in May 2018 which will have a financial impact on the Parish. Parish Clerk will continue to contact HALC, NALC & local authorities to identify what actions need to be undertaken. A report from Bramley was included in the minutes which were helpful in identifying the costs involved. **PM**

The Chairman and Parish Clerk will contact Bramley to try and get further details. **RM/PM**

b. Boundary changes – letter from PM Ranil Jayawardena – see item 87.17 above.

c. Bus stop crossing by School – see 88.17 above.

d. Complaint re band noise at the Chute – on investigation was found to be a booking from the Judo club.

## 91.17. 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.

November 2017		<u>Parish</u>	<u>Chute</u>
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T Buller	back salary		172.04
P Mayo	back salary	212.10	
Village Hall	coffee morning	48.00	
HCC	road A340 initiative	120.00	
BDBC	licence Chute		180.00
BDBC	Planning charge		139.00
Exps	cartridges etc	150.45	
House Proud	cleaning		336.00
Simmonds Grab	Chute storage unit		600.00
3CB	storage unit		6869.76
refund deposit L Dunce	booking 212		-45.00

b. The Parish Clerk issued a draft budget to Parish Council for use in setting the precept for 2018/9. **AGENDA ITEM**  
c. Church donation re tree cutting. The Parish Council were asked for a donation towards tree work needed in the cemetery but decided against making a donation.

### 92.17. Planning

The Parish Council had no objections to the following planning & tree applications:

17/02307/RET Cufaude Lane 17/10189/ASIC New storage unit at Chute Pavilion 17/03625/FUL Aubrey Place  
17/03751/FUL Parkland Hospital Car park  
Trees T/00494/17/TCA Church Lane Cemetery War Memorial

### 93.17. Close

Clr Morgan, Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15p.m

The next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### 94.17 County Councillor Rhydian Vaughan Report 23.11.17

I would like to share with you the highlights of our 'half-term' financial strategy. Hampshire is facing similar problems to most other upper-tier authorities—although we are probably better placed than many, largely because of good forward planning. For instance, Northamptonshire is contemplating a negative budget, only achieving a balance over a number of years. Somehow, I doubt they will get permission to do that, and are likely to get a negative auditor's report. The last time Hampshire got a negative auditor's report was back in 1997, in the days of the Lib-Lab pact, when the auditors said that the reserves were too low.

In essence, as a result of reductions in Government grant, coupled with inflationary pressures, such as salaries and the living wage (costing an extra £50 million) and also the demographic pressures of more elderly people and more children, we have to take £140 million out of our budget by 2019-2020. That £140 million figure was reported to us in February last year.

This further reduction comes on top of the £340 million that we have already taken out of expenditure. This is why it is so hard now to find the savings required through back office re-organisation.

By law, we have to set a balanced budget. This is non-negotiable. People tell us they are prepared to pay a bit more, so we will work on the assumption of the maximum permissible council tax increase next year, without a referendum, i.e. 1.99% plus 3% allowed for social care increases.

As an example, Children's Services increases are related to demand pressures, social work recruitment and retention, home to school transport, and special guardianship orders. We do not get many petitions or deputations concerning 'looked-after children,' but they are our statutory responsibility. Therefore, we are planning to give Children's Services an extra £20 million to cover these eventually.

Commercial activity helps, and is now extensive and wide-ranging. It contributes some £130 million to help us maintain services.

We are also asking our officers to continue their exploration of all viable options to revise or refine proposals with regard to service continuity in the following areas:

- Community transport
- School crossing patrols
- Waste & recycling centres

If we can find solutions, we will implement them, but we have to find the money from somewhere.

We continue our contact with Government ministers by correspondence and face-to-face meetings, and through bodies such as the Local Government Association and the County Council Network. We are regularly stressing the difficult position our county councils are in, and that sometimes a small, even nominal payment, for a service can produce a significant income to avoid losing the provision. For example, a £1 charge per HWRC visit would produce close to £4 million, and if there was a £10 annual charge for bus passes, then over £400,000 could be raised to fund community transport schemes. If there was a 50p charge per journey, then that would produce £4 million, enough to keep contributions to commercial bus services that are uneconomic. The Minister of Transport has reacted well to these ideas. Prompted by his support, at the recent Full Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November we agreed the following additional amendment:

“Hampshire calls on the Government to permit councils responsible for administering the National Concessionary Travel Scheme, to levy modest charges on older person’s passes e.g. 50p for each use and £10 for issuing and renewing permits, with the balance of revenue raised after costs, to be used to support un-commercial, public or community transport services serving vulnerable or disadvantaged residents or areas. “

We are also recommending the allocation of £500,000 to town and parish councils to provide pump-priming for targeted, joint initiatives aimed at improving local services. For example, where the parish or town council may want to retain Verge Cutting, we want to be able to help by the possible purchase of equipment.

Finally, please take any scare-mongering news reports of definitive council ‘efficiency savings’ to services with a grain of salt; decisions on the proposals will be made next year prior to the Annual Budget so NOTHING has been set in stone. We are keeping an open mind and looking at every option to minimise the impact on all Hampshire residents.

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