



Sherborne St John Parish Council

MINUTES of the
SHERBORNE ST. JOHN PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 14 December 2022
The Chute Pavilion, Vyne Road

Councillors present: Richard Morgan – Chair (RM), Carl Davies (CD), Jane Bechelet (JB), James Rowley (JR) and Councillor David McIntyre (DM- Basingstoke & Dean BC)

Plus: Councillor Simon Bound (SB) and 4 members of the public

MINUTES

In the absence of the Clerk, Councillor Rowley was appointed as acting Clerk for the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting

144/22 Apologies for Absence: Linda Agnew, Jay Ganesh & Mel Camilleri

145/22 Declarations of interest: None

146/22 Minutes: the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23 November 2022 were approved with one amendment:

`Page 3 Housing Target is 300,000`

147/22 Open Forum & Parish Matters

Chris Moore (member of public) raised the issue of the proposed Planning Application from Barratt Homes at Kiln Farm. RM confirmed that an application had not been received as yet, but was expected in the New Year. Barrett's had been invited to a further consultation session in January but had declined. Bewley had also declined our invitation to attend.

DM stated that he was arranging for a petition to be collected against this development. JR said that he would be disappointed if the Borough Council supported the application, given the increased size of the site (from the borough councils draft housing allocation SSJ04) and access from Chineham Lane, which would lead to increased traffic passing down a narrow lane and through the village.

Ted Wilkinson (member of public) reported on a number of matters related to the allotments. He was asked to resend the email covering the list of matters to the Clerk for action. This included an allotment holder giving notice, the old dump in the corner and subsidence at the site entrance.

148/22 To receive a report from Councillor Rhydian Vaughan (HCC): Written report supplied and noted.

149/22 To receive a report from Councillor David McIntyre (Basingstoke & Dean BC)

Councillor McIntyre reported on the following matters:

- The Ukraine Support for Household's scheme has assisted 40 people
- The Borough Council have signed up to the White Ribbon Pledge tackling domestic violence
- Due to funding and support provided, rough sleepers in Basingstoke had been reduced from 26 in 2016 to 2 at present

Councillor McIntyre then referred to Councillor Bound who reported on the following matters:

- A new Council Plan has been produced with a major investment in the Leisure Park planned with £40m for a new Aquadome and £20m for public realm improvements. A major leisure investor would be announced next year.
- At Basing View, the AA move has been agreed and there was potential for a major University to move to the site.
- Borough Council Tax was to be frozen for the next year.
- The Borough Council was pursuing its climate objectives, providing more grant support to upgrade properties.
- On the Local Plan, there was good news on housing numbers but the detail was yet to emerge from Michel Gove. This would protect the AONB and it was hoped to reflect the changing housing numbers in the draft local plan next autumn. Neighbourhood Plans were expected to take on a greater role.

150/22 Planning

i) To consider applications received and resolve on recommendations to be made

to BDBC

22/03132/FUL: 34 Manor Road Sherborne St John Hampshire RG24 9JN

Proposal: Erection of 1no 4no bedroom dwelling

Comment: The proposed dwelling was considered to be of a reasonable size and site coverage for the plot. Parish Councillors felt that adjoining sites had been overdeveloped in the past with very large houses on smaller plots which is changing the village character in the area.

22/03101/HSE: 9 Aldermaston Road Sherborne St John Hampshire RG24 9LA

Proposal: Erection of a farm style gate and fence to front of dwelling

Comment: No Objection

22/03181/FUL: Edernish House Vyne Road Sherborne St John Hampshire RG24

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Proposal: Installation of ground mounted solar panels

Comment: An adjoining owner raised the issue that the proposed site is in shared ownership and no consent has been sought or notice served. The site is prominent in the Conservation Area. Although not in the curtilage of the listed building at Edernish House, the solar panels would have a significant visual effect on this part of the conservation area and the views from the adjoining footpath and Vyne Close. Screening or an alternative screened location should be provided so the historic landscape is not affected.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Rowley reported that:

- ET Planning had been appointed and were working with the local NP group. Progress on this was welcomed
- The questionnaire consultation was running till 13 Jan –it is available online or copies at the village shop. 30 received back so far
- A meeting with the Heritage adviser was planned for 18 Dec and the landscape work was due to start in January. Scape to be appointed at £2,200 (further work on Local Gap up to £1,600 could be considered if required in the New Year).
- Cllr JB agreed to put some more posters up around the village (JR to drop off).

151/22 EV Charging Points

i) Consideration to the installation of EV charging points at The Chute - suitability of

Location and Grants available

Cllrs David McIntyre and Simon Bound reported that there was an opportunity for external funding to provide a charging point, extend the existing car park and provide parking including disabled parking. Cllr McIntyre would forward the details of the Officer at BDBC to arrange a meeting. Quotes for the work would be needed.

A claim for £9,000 of section 106 funding was requested. Photo evidence of the playground is needed and Cllr DM would email the Clerk regarding the claim.

152/22 Finance

- i) To resolve to approve the 2023/24 budget/Precept

CLLr Carl Davies provided scenarios for a 4% increase and other levels. The 4% increase coincided with the figure in the draft budget of £45,000. This was equivalent to an increase of £1.37 per band D property. A fuller budget discussion will take place in January.

RESOLVED: the 2023/24 Precept was set as £45,000. This will be equivalent to an increase of £1.37 per band D property.

ii) Resolve to approve Hiscox insurance renewal quote effective date 02 Jan

2023 - Agreed.

iii) Resolve to approve PCC's application for £270 donation from SSJPC for churchyard maintenance (grass cutting)

Following a discussion, a 50% contribution (£270) was agreed. The PCC are to be requested by the clerk to ask for agreement before work is undertaken in the future to ensure this is budgeted.

RM reported that the £1,800 BT bill had been amended thus evading potential action from the Bailiffs, following discussion with BT.

153/22 Councillors Reports

CLLr Jane Bechelet reported that a bollard at the top end of Cranesfield was loose and would email details to the Clerk to follow up with HCC Highways.

154/22 Correspondence, AOB, urgent matters

i) Annual Fire Risk Assessment conducted at The Chute – report is awaited and would be reviewed when received. To add to next meeting agenda.

ii) Message of thanks received from Village Hall for the loan granted to them by SSJPC

This has been repaid in full -Noted

155/22 Date of next meeting

The date of the next Meeting for Sherborne St. John Parish Council will be

held on Wednesday 25 January 2023 at 7:15pm in The Chute Pavilion, Vyne Road,

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