

# SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of the Sherborne St John Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held via Zoom 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30p.m. Planning Committee review prior to meeting at 6.30p.m.**

## **Ordinary Meeting of Parish Council**

Meeting held via Zoom Planning starting at 6.30p.m. with the Ordinary Meeting starting at 7.30p.m.

**Planning Matters:** see 19.21 below.

### **11.21. Attendance and Apologies for Absence**

#### **Attendance (Cllrs)**

Cllr Morgan, Chairperson                      Cllr Rougier Deputy Chairperson                      Cllr Davies, Treasurer  
Cllr Agnew, Planning Chairperson      Cllr Cooper (had to leave at 7.30p.m.)      County Cllr Vaughan  
Borough Councillor T Robinson

**Present :** Penny Mayo, Parish Clerk and 10 parishioners

### **12.21. Minutes of the meeting 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Cllr Agnew proposed acceptance of the minutes 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021, seconded by Cllr Davies, and carried unanimously. Parish Clerk to sign copy on behalf of Chairman Cllr Morgan for the files.

### **13.21. Matters arising from the minutes.**

#### Clerk Update for Councillors re actions from Parish Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

5.21 The new sign on the Sherborne Road cul-de-sac still not installed.

6.21.1a The Clerk has received 4 quotes for new equipment & produced a schedule sent to Councillors for discussion.

6.211.b. Parish Clerk is still trying to find contractors to quote to clean, repair and paint the Pavilion roof .

6.21.2 A detailed schedule of work needed on the white road gates has been produced with accompanying pictures by John Edwards and Ted Wilkinson ready for the next Lengthsman visit.

6.21.3. Oak Lectern. The artwork has been supplied to be sent to HCC to print on the Lectern which can then be installed.

7.21 The Parish Clerk is obtaining quotes for a new gate on Cranes Road allotments.

### **14.21. Councillors Comments**

a. County Cllr Rhydian Vaughan's main report is attached as an addendum at the end of the minutes.

He commented that the London Bridge & other protocols circulated by Cllrs Morgan and Davies were good and complemented them on their efforts.

He agreed to contact the police authorities about positioning a camera on A340 to stop the excess speeding that is occurring and costs if the PC wish to install a camera themselves.

He advised the Parish Council to check on Google to obtain a list of the dates when the Union Flag could be flown on the new flagpole.

The election purdah starts on 22nd March 2021 as the elections are in May 2021.

b. Borough Cllr T Robinson gave a short report to the meeting. He has received comments about the proposed double yellow lines in Cranes Road. Several residents do not think them necessary there but report the urgent need for some in other roads in the Village.

He suggested that there should be an opening ceremony as the new shop opens attended by Councillors.

The Basingstoke Fire station has provided an excellent vaccination centre and they hope to expand the capacity to 1000 per day although there may be a problem as current volunteers may be returning to work so others need to be sourced.

The new Borough Council budget is due to be confirmed 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 with an amendment to limit rises in green waste sack charges. The new Village Hall in Monk Sherborne has now been started.

He reported that the BDBC council tax is the lowest in England – and it was noted that HCC council tax was the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest in the country.

He is in communication with the Bobs Farm developers to provide affordable housing on the site - £20000 to £30000 be allocated to provide affordable housing in the borough and, if possible, within SSJ.

He will provide a link to the BDBC housing scheme , where people under 35 years of age could access a £30000 loan to help purchase a home which is interest free for 5 years.

c. Cllr Morgan informed the PC that the shop is due to open 15<sup>th</sup> March, but he expressed his concern that the A340 is due to be closed between 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 with extremely long diversions in place.

### **15.21. Open Forum**

Mr Caulfield reported the excessive speeding being experience on Aldermaston Road.

The new Flagpole is to be positioned on 26<sup>th</sup> February on the Village Green. (*later the flagpole was found to be too flimsy, so the PC have agreed to purchase a more substantial one at a higher cost*). **PM**

Mr Edwards agreed to obtain the supplies wood & paint ready for the next Lengthsman visit to repair and paint the white gates on entrances to the Village. He has already submitted a detailed list of work needed on the Lengthsman schedule supplied by the Parish Clerk. **JE/PM**

Cllr Morgan proposed, seconded by Cllr Agnew and carried unanimously ,that the wildflower scheme to visual improve the Village should be implemented. Mr Harding will start preparing the sites identified asking for volunteers to help, obtain seeds etc – to be reimbursed by the PC – and produce signs to place on the areas to the Parish Clerk for laminating. **RH/PM**

### **16.21. Parish Matters**

#### **1. Chute Recreation Ground & Pavilion**

a. Recreation ground - the new drainage is working extremely well.

b. Playground – The Parish Clerk has provided a schedule of the quotes obtained for new play equipment to the Councillors who asked for the quotes & pictures to be resent so they could look at the equipment and be ready to decide at the next meeting. **PM/AGENDA**

c. Pavilion roof cleaning. The Parish Clerk is still finding it difficult to source contractors for this project.(*since the meeting she has received a quote from one contractor to carry out a survey to see what is needed, they will then quote for the work. Cllr Morgan and Agnew agreed to accept the survey quote*). **PM**

d. Bike rack .The bike rack will be installed in the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> March.

#### **2. Lengthsman's tasks**

The Parish Councillors were concerned that they were unable to check that the contractor did in fact do the number of hours he is contracted to do and asked the Parish Clerk to ascertain his hourly rate. As this is all overseen by Pamber Parish Council the Clerk she will ask for information & pass on when received to the Councillors. **PM**

#### **3. Installation of footpath signage.**

a. Position for Oak Lectern. Councillors will decide on the position at the next meeting with the triangle of ground on the corner of Kiln/Elm road being the best possibility due to its central location. **AGENDA**

#### **4. Allotments**

There are no free plots. The water leak near the meter on the Moss Hill site has been reported to SSE for repair.

#### **5. Infrastructure and Transport**

a. BCT. The Parish Council will decide at the next meeting when this can be restarted. **AGENDA**

b. Repairs Footpath 208/14a/2. Mr Edwards will contact the contractor re the work to the path & installation of footpath fingerpost. 2 residents asked for copies of the footpath map. **JE/PM**

c. Double yellow lines Cranes Road/A340. BDBC representative met on site with Councillors and agreed that double yellow lines would be installed to prevent potential accidents.

d. Other roads needing action re speeding. The speeding on A340 to be investigated to see what can be done to reduce the problem. Cllr Vaughan will contact the police about installation of a camera.

There is a need for more volunteers to utilise the speed watch equipment so that A340 & Cranes road can be covered.

#### **7. Telephone Box renovation**

Little can happen at present due to COVID-19 restrictions. There are 2 separate issues:

- a. General clean up. One neighbour is unhappy with the need to cut back the hedge by the Box but with social distancing 3 residents are happy to give the box a wash & clean so that a temporary Book Exchange could be tested. Cllr Davies proposed , seconded by Cllr Morgan, that they could spend up to £200 of PC funds to carry out the work.
- b. Total Renovation. Quotes received are high so any action will be reviewed later.

## 8. Website Postings

Cllr Davies reported that he is in the process of changes to the site and that the Village Hall link has now been made more visible.

### 17.21. Correspondence Received

Vyne Road lack of visibility is creating dangerous road conditions. This is an ongoing problem, and the PC will investigate what could be done to alleviate the problem.

### 18.21. 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 & all agreed to confirm it as accurate and acceptable.

| Date | Recipient         | Reason                                       | VAT for reclaim | Parish         | Chute  | Total with Vat |
|------|-------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|--------|----------------|
| Feb  | Hampshire Flag Co | Purchase of Union Flag                       | 14.29           | 71.44          |        | 85.73          |
|      | Viking            | Various supplies, paper, stapler etc         | 13.17           | 119.48         |        | 122.20         |
|      | ICO               | Data protection yearly fee                   |                 | 40.00          |        | 40.00          |
|      | Lovell John maps  | Commercial production of map for Oak Lectern | 86.94           | 434.70         |        | 521.64         |
|      | Crown Gas         | Heating gas Pavilion                         | 78.68           |                | 393.41 | 472.09         |
|      | O2/Aerial         | Telephone                                    | 6.60            | 33.00<br>-8.00 |        | 39.60<br>-8.00 |
| Feb  | Salaries          | February salary                              |                 | 1307.38        |        | 1307.38        |
|      | Stewart           | Reinforced boots                             | 4.58            | 22.90          |        | 27.48          |
|      |                   |  |                 |                |        |                |

- b. Donation request for new signage at the Church. This is on hold at present .
- c. Ratify agreement to fund advertising £250 x 2 to BDBC for Cranes Road work. Cllr Morgan proposed acceptance re the costs, seconded by Cllr Rougier and carried unanimously. **PM**

### 19.21. Planning

#### 21/00303/HSE

Hazeldine , Cranes Road. Erection of single storey side/rear ext , conversion of garage to living accommodation. No objections

#### 21/00350/HSE

4 Cranesfield. Erection of double garage. Parish Council objections registered. See below.

**21/00405/HSE** Aubrey Place. Raise eaves 1<sup>st</sup> floor ext new roof, porch, windows, single storey rear ext . replace doors & windows.

#### Trees

**T/00093/21/TCA**

Edernish House

**T/00092/21/TCA**

3 Dancers Meadows

*Cranesfield Application 21/00350/HSE*

*Draft Objections for Councillors to consider :*

*1. Previous application 20/02731/HSE withdrawn before objections could be registered.*

2. *This application is for the same large 2 storey double garage just moved nearer the house and is positioned right on the boundary with the house garden immediately adjacent on the side on t 4 Cranesfield which is on an adjoining road in the development.*
3. *The detached house already has a double garage attached plus a large area of hard standing, so a further large garage unit is not needed for residential housing.*
4. *The application is the same as the withdrawn garage unit – a 2 story structure this time without the interior stairs and sports room above.*
5. *The roof height is totally unnecessary for a garage as are the roof skylights at a height of 5.4 metres. The height & windows can only be needed if they intent to install a second floor games area/office above with an interior staircase ( as per the withdrawn application).*
6. *4 Cranesfield is at the end of a small cul-de-sac providing access to 3 to 4 houses there . All the houses are behind high laurel hedges to the front which give privacy and visually maintain the rural aspect of the development with limited views of the homes. However, this large and imposing garage application is facing straight up the narrow entrance road clearly visible from the road.*
7. *The Parish Council have applied for a TPO on a large beech tree ( which was there before the development of the site) which is on the boundary in the front garden of 4 Cranesfield. If the planning application is granted this attractive tree will be cut down as it is where the garage would be built and any hedging protection to neighbours would also be removed.*
8. *The development is not in keeping with the rest of the neighbouring houses with a large increase in traffic this would generate on narrow access roads.*
9. *Although you are unable to take into consideration future use of the building/garage, its size & height as 2 storeys, can only be for the use as an office /business premises ( see withdrawn application) when an interior floor can be installed with a staircase access for which they would not need to apply for permission.*
10. *The application in the Parish Council's view is a veiled attempt to install business premises under the guise of a household application.*
11. *The applicant consistently fails to identify the large, high laurel hedges in the cul-de-sac in front of his property which have been in place since the houses were built and which the original BDB/19267 planning permission for the development clearly stated must all be retained and not removed to maintain the integrity of the area.*
12. *This large building will affect several properties whose gardens back onto the side on to the site, with loss of privacy when hedging & the trees are removed leaving them totally open to view.*
13. *No 11 Cranesfield with a small garden will be seriously impacted as they will be surrounded by high brick walls on 2 sides visually against the original concept as a rural development.*
14. *The plan submitted is still inaccurate and misleading and does not record the actual site layout the hedges or large beech tree to be removed and how it will impact adjacent homes both visually and by being overlooked.*
15. *The siting of this additional large double garage will impede access to the existing attached double garage .*
16. *The original planning permission for the development made it a condition that all existing hedges and trees be retained. These were part of the original cottage garden for somewhere near 100 years.*
17. *The Basingstoke & Deane 'Design and sustainability Planning ' statement specifically refers to avoiding 'cluttering' a plot which this application clearly breaches. Sent to PC to review.*

## **20.21. Close**

The meeting was closed 21.30p.m. by Chairman Cllr Morgan.

## **Addendum Early spring Update from Hampshire County Councillor Rhydian Vaughan MBE**

### **£26.9m Climate Change investment for Hampshire schools**

An Investment of over £26M from Government climate change funding has been awarded to improve the energy efficiency of 370 Hampshire County Council schools and buildings.

£6.7 million will be spent on installation of solar panels and £20.2 million to improve insulation by replacing inefficient single glazed windows and doors with modern, double glazed units.

These programmes will save more than 3,600 tonnes of carbon per year and help local schools reduce their energy bills. County Council maintained primary, secondary, and special educational needs and disabilities schools will

benefit from this programme. Not only will this investment make a significant contribution to climate change but will also boost skilled jobs locally in the low carbon and energy efficiency sectors.

The work is expected to commence this spring and be completed in the autumn of 2021.

**Councillor grants.** I have given financial help to the following organisations in Calleva Division for the financial year 20/21.

St James's church Bramley- community hardship fund

Sherborne St John Chute Recreation ground

Sherborne St John- NHS & local care homes

Little Apples Bramley- school security

The Villager Magazine

Wootton St Lawrence- notice board

Hartley Wespall- church bell tower restoration

Sherfield on Loddon- Reindeer trail event.(postponed until December '21)

Basingstoke Neighbourcare accompanied car transport.

Stratfield Turgis- children play area refurbishment.

Bramley Clift Meadow Trust- ground maintenance

Bramley CoE Primary School- for Oliver's Garden

Sherfield on Loddon -village hall kitchen extension

Sherborne St John- Union Flag

Silchester -Union Flag

**Hampshire County Council: Reporting Issues on the Roads, Pavements and Verges**

### 1. Emergency Repairs:

If you see a highways issue which needs **urgent** attention:

- Phone 0300 555 1388 (8:30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)
- Outside of office hours, phone 101

Emergency defects are usually made safe within two hours. These repairs may be temporary with permanent repairs being made later. Other defects become part of the maintenance programme and are usually repaired within two months. Larger or more complex works, such as major resurfacing, are generally scheduled separately.

### 2. Other less urgent highways issues can be reported online at the Hampshire County Council website ([www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) search Road Maintenance) or via the following link:

[Report a problem | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](http://www.hants.gov.uk)

You will get a reference number and a response from the Highways Team.

Please do contact me if you require any follow up on reported issues.

### 3. Operation Resilience

Operation Resilience is a long-term strategy to make Hampshire's roads more resilient to the effect of extreme weather and heavy traffic.

Operation Resilience carries out Hampshire's large, planned maintenance programme of work each year. These works are different to reactive works, such as pothole repairs or gully cleansing. You can find further information on forthcoming schemes on the link below.

[Operation Resilience | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](http://www.hants.gov.uk)