

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting of the Sherborne St John Parish Council on Wednesday 26th January 2022 at the Chute Pavilion , Vyne Road at 7.30p.m.

Planning Committee review prior to main meeting 7.00p.m. Planning Matters: Schedule previously sent to Planning committee members

12.22 Planning 7.00- 8.00 p.m.

Schedule of Planning applications previously sent to Planning Committee members for review detailed below with any actions they wish the Parish Clerk to take on their behalf.

Due to the number of residents attending Planning it was not possible to cover all in the time allocated so some would be dealt with after the meeting by the Committee and the report e mailed to the Parish Clerk with their comments.

Hilltop. The applicant and his agent spoke to the residents present. The residents maintained their opposition to the development on a number of issues and informed the Parish Council of many areas of concern and asked the Parish Council to support them and object to the application.

Cranesfield new houses. Residents were also extremely concerned by this prospective new development within the area feeling that the Parish had provided more new homes than they were required in the past. The inclusion of 6 areas identifies as potential sites for development by BDBC was of grave concern. Cllr Rowley is in the process of looking into each of these areas to give the Parish Council advice so they will have the ammunition to negotiate to try to limit any over development. The Parish Council realised that it would be better to be pro-active and be prepared with constructive opposition and objections that may then be taken onboard by BDBC.

Main Parish Meeting started late at approx. 8.00p.m.

2.22. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Cllr Morgan, Chairperson	Cllr Davies, Treasurer	Cllr Agnew, Vice Chairperson & Planning Committee Chairperson
Cllr McIntyre	Cllr J Rowley	
County Cllr R Vaughan	Borough Councillors Cllrs T Robinson, S.Bound & J Ganesh	
Parish Clerk, Mrs P Mayo	22 parishioners (only four remained after planning for the main meeting started at 8.00p.m.)	

3.22 Matters arising from the minutes 15th December 2021

- a. 80.21 Minutes amended to read 'temporary cover' of Cllr Agnew as clerk to the Parish. Unanimous agreement for alteration.
- b. 83.21 Removal from draft minutes as inclusion was in error – details posted on 27th October 2021 meeting
- c. It was noted that the Parish Clerk was not issued copy of agenda or minutes 15th December 2021 so need to reconfirm any actions agreed if not on current agenda.
- d. Audio taping of the meeting not noted in the draft minutes nor where recordings would be . Chairman confirmed he had announced at the start of the meeting that an audio tape was going to be made but did not state where it would be held and for what period of time.
- e. Final Leader grant application documentation submitted
- f. WIFI report not attached to minutes as an addendum The paragraph correcting a supposed mistake by the Parish Clerk to be deleted as inaccurate & the report reissued without this reference.
- g. Cllr Agnew confirmed no planning matters from 15.12.21 needed action although planning application numbers were not recorded in the minutes.

4.22 Minutes of the meeting 15th December 2021

The Council voted unanimous to accept the minutes 15th December 2021 with the noted amendments proposed by Cllr Morgan & seconded by Cllr Agnew which were signed as accurate by Cllr Morgan as Chairperson.

5.22. Councillors Comments

Cllr Vaughan's January report attached as an addendum at the end of the minutes.

Cllr Bound asked resident Kevin Caulfield to send him a copy of the e mail he had sent to the Police Commissioner re the speeding KC/SB problems on A340 so he can contact to get a prompt reply.

Cllr Robinson reported that the Local Plan review is progressing albeit slowly. He felt that any actions from Sherborne St John Parish Council to investigate and produce documentation relating to the 6 sites in the Parish could not hurt and may, by being proactive, help JR/TR to mitigate the final decisions to be made by BDBC.

TR He will look into both the Rydon Cranesfield proposal for 26 new homes & the situations with the Hilltop application.

RM Cllr Morgan will send him the contact details for Antler Homes so he can investigate their refusal to allow the shop to have an outside freezer storage unit and adequate signage to advertise their presence. He confirmed they had made a grant of £1000 towards the SSJ local school's playground improvements.

He informed the meeting that he was standing down as a Borough Councillor at the May 2022 elections and that Cllr McIntyre had been accepted by the party to stand for the election in his place.

County and Borough Councillors left the meeting after giving their reports.

6.22. Open Forum

a. The residents in West End were disappointed that the Police Commissioner had not responded to their report & statistics detailing the speeding problem on the A340 through the Village. Cllr Bound to chase for a response. (see 5.22).

b. Sally Sokoloff reported that the Elm Road allotment holders have joined together to oppose the inclusion of the allotment site owned by the National Trust in the BDBC Local Plan. The National Trust have agreed to withdraw the site from the BDBC list and asked for it to be

quickly removed from the list. Cllr Bound will look into getting it removed and pointed the residents to the web link to continue to register **SB** their objections.

c. Mark Littlefield, BDBC, has been asked if Elm Road site is a statutory allotment site.

d. Mr Buller on behalf of the junior football club asked that the Parish Council allow them to install a 6 x 6 shed next to the entrance gate to dispense coffee/teas/snacks on match days as even though use of the Pavilion is included in their yearly 8/9 month rental agreement, they can no longer use the Pavilion as before due to the large increase in bookings. The Parish Council asked him to send in a written proposal for consideration.

7.22. Parish Matters

1. Chute Recreation Ground & Pavilion.

a. Recreation ground. Dangerous breakup of tarmac at entrance from Vyne Road.

Health & Safety issue re walkers and cars accessing facilities. Urgent repair advised (please see note below) – 4 quotes supplied to Councillors. The Parish Council decided that they needed a qualified surveyor's report on the condition and work necessary to make the driveway good – either by interim 'patching' or the need for a larger repair/re-laying of the driveway with a more substantial base to stop further deterioration in the future. Cllr Rowley suggested he could research qualified surveyors in conjunction with the Parish Clerk. However, the Clerk advised she would not assist Cllr Rowley. Cllr McIntyre asked her if she was refusing to work with Cllr Rowley which she denied as her only concern was what was achievable as she now tries to keep to her contracted hours of approximately 12 hrs a week. **(see below)* Cllr Rowley proposed engaging a qualified surveyor seconded by Cllr McIntyre. Cllrs Rowley/McIntyre will carry out the research to find a duly qualified surveyor and instruct them to carry out the survey and report back **JR/DM** to the Parish Council.

b. Recreation ground facilities' Improvements.

1. Details of what is included in project for new equipment/facilities - from Cllr McIntyre project coordinator.

DM Cllr McIntyre will resubmit the final project with details of items included at the next Parish Council meeting without any financial detail.

2. Total cost of project. Playground equipment & new storage unit.

Playground equipment. The CIL funds already received with the Leader grant monies (yet to be confirmed) leave a shortfall of £8000 for the total cost of the new playground.

Storage Unit – The only finance available is the Leader grant if given the Parish would have to supply the remainder of the costs. The Parish Council did not think there was a convincing case for further storage facilities on site so unless a business case can be made which would create income to pay for the unit overall they decided not to proceed with this project.

3. Sources of funds. With the shortfall for the playground funds a resolution proposed by Cllr McIntyre and seconded by Cllr Davies was **DM** passed unanimously for Cllr McIntyre to approach other granting bodies to try to secure addition funds.

c. Pavilion. a. Gas heater funds included in budgets 2022/23 if needed

b. Renew shower. Old air valve system which fails to cover the whole building from toilets to first aid room so showers work intermittently. Quotes needed for installation of new system – some funds included in budget 2022/23 for this work.

c. Gas boiler – time expired for spares etc. due to age. Cllr Morgan will contact Mr. Edwards to ask him to provide a specification for replacement investigate costs and what type would be needed.

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d. Installation of WIFI. 3 Quotes re costs plus report supplied by Cllr McIntyre. Preferred supplier was Sky. Cllr McIntyre will resubmit his report, and get quotes revalidated so Parish Council can agree to the installation and which supplier.

There are no installation costs, the resubmitted report will detail all costs to be incurred by the Parish Council to provide this service each **DM** year.

e. Community Fibre – Cllr McIntyre wrote to Ranil Jayawardena MP on behalf of the parish, letter attached.

2. NoticeBoard for new Parish area near Popley

Roads in area including Paice Gardens, Hutchins Way, Foster Close, Hasker Road, Wyeth Rd, Wix Rd, Bye Crescent, Cleeve Rd, Cliff Close, Jennings Way, Loader Drive, Miles Rd, Munday Way, Smallbone Close, Tubb Way etc)

At present because of the distance involved this new area of the Parish is not provided with adequate sources of information as per the existing areas. When the Clerk stated that she was unfamiliar with the area Cllr Rowley informed the Parish Council that he walks around the area so will look for a suitable location and consult with the Parish Clerk.

3. Lengthsman's tasks.

There were no items reported to be added to the next schedule. It was noted that HCC is going to discontinue paying for this service so the Parish Council will place the cost involved in their budget figures for 2022/23 as the service has been excellent.

4. Allotments Report by Mr. Wilkinson submitted by Parish Clerk - included as addendum at end of minutes. He advises not to increase rentals this year. The Parish Council agreed to wave any increase 2022 but will increase rental charges in 2023. It was noted that there are Approx. 40 tenants most SSJ & around 20 over 65 so only pay ½ rental.

5. Infrastructure and Transport. No matters to discuss.

6. Speeding problem. Item already dealt with in 5.22 & 6.22

7. Proposed Jubilee Celebration 2022. No matters to discuss.

8. **PM** Defibrillator Installation at Shop. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact Lottery fund to see if grants still available.

8.22 Correspondence Received Parish Council Clerk lists any corresponds received.

a. The state of the path to the War Memorial in churchyard still to be resolved despite earlier reports that it needs extensive repair – 20 slabs broken, and it is believed to be the PC responsibility. Parish Clerk will contact Mr. Edwards who raised the issue to ask for detailed

information of exactly what is required, whether a resin surface would be sufficient, and if he could obtain quotes to conduct the work which **PM** it understood requires correct edging to the path to stop the damage occurring in the future.

b. The Parish Clerk has been asked by the existing hirer – booked prior to the meeting on Wednesday evenings - to move the Parish Meeting to 7.15 start – Planning then meeting at 7.45p.m. so the timing of her classes is constant. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to move by the quarter of an hour so as not to jeopardise the income stream.

9.22. Finance

As normal the Parish Clerk bought files containing the bank statements, invoices, previous minutes, chute booking sheets to make them available at the meeting for Councillors to view for information.

a. Setting of Budgets 2022/23. Cllr Davies confirmed the ‘ring fenced’ Pavilion roof reserve which would receive a further £10000 in 2022/23 budget. The Parish Clerk suggested a separate Lloyds bank account to hold these reserves which Cllr Davies thought would be prudent. He went through the draft budgets submitted earlier by the Parish Clerk making some adjustments & additions - £1000 for Neighbourhood Plan, £1000 for Lengths man provision, £500 for a disabled entrance on the Village Green. He will send a finalised copy to **CD** the Parish Clerk for filing.

b. Precept increase for 2022/23 – confirm precept with increase agreed to be sent to BDBC by 31.1.22

After discussion Cllr Davies proposed an increase of 3 ½ % on the precepts. Seconded by Cllr Agnew & carried unanimously. The precept **PM** will now be £43370 for 2022/23. Parish Clerk had the precept request form signed as required & will submit to BDBC.

c. Resolution of outstanding financial issues re: current PC accounts spreadsheet
Item tabled by Cllr Morgan however no matters raised under this heading.

d. Payments 24.10.21 to 26.1.22 (Parish Clerk ill meeting no schedule signed and sent for filing)

1. 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 attended by the Parish Clerk 26th October 2021 & all present signed the schedule as accurate.

Recipient	Reason	VAT for reclaim	Parish	Chute	Total with Vat	RM	CD	LA	DM	JR
BCT	Community bus		100.00		100.00					
Wilkinson	Allot exps + pest supp	9.97	176.83		186.80					
Country wide Pest	Pest control supplies	12.00	60.00		72.00					
BCT	Community bus		50.00		50.00					
Village Hall	Coffee morning		33.60		33.60					
Edmonds Accountants	Accountancy work	50.00	250.00		300.00					
Mike Garden Services	Recreation ground work			520.00	520.00					
ETA Electrical	Bollard’s carpark	13.00		65.00	78.00					
Crown Gas	Gas Pavilion	38.07		190.36	228.43					
HMRC	Paye Oct		357.60		357.60					
HMRC	Paye Nov		398.40		398.40					
Castle Water	Water at Pavilion	46.75		492.61	539.36					
Employment costs	Nov Salaries		1228.81	599.79	1828.6					
Post Office	Posting to Cllr Agnew		1.83		1.83					
Mike Garden Services	Recreation ground work			610.00	610.00					
BCT	Community bus		50.00		50.00					
BDBC	Carpark charge		5.50		5.50					
Macro	Supplies for Pavilion	55.71		313.35	369.06					
Mayo	Key cutting, mileage etc	1.33	64.92		66.25					
Tescos	Viakal for Pavilion	2.00		11.59	13.59					
O2	Telephone	6.72	33.60		40.32					
	Telephone		-8.00		-8.00					
BCT	Community bus		50.00		50.00					
T Buller /Wickes	Repairs to Pavilion	11.92		59.54	71.46					
Crown Gas	Gas Pavilion	11.37		56.95	68.22					
SLCC	Annual subs fees		154.00		154.00					
Rooksdown PC	Cost of HALC course		140.00		140.00					
S Electric	Electricity Pavilion	3.50		66.50	70.00					
HCC	Planning registration charges	22.80	114.00		136.80					

J Rowley	Reimbursement re planning fee	3.50	134.50		138.00					
BCT	Community Bus		100.00		100.00					
Computer Fusion	Computer work	9.00	45.00		54.00					
Mike Garden Services	Removal of slabs below oak lectern		50.00		50.00					
Viking Supplies	Paper	2.38	11.89		14.27					
Crown Gas	Gas Pavilion	60.30		301.53	361.83					
BCT	Community Bus		50.00		50.00					
Employment costs	Dec Salaries		988.89	567.52	1,556.41					
HMRC	Paye Dec		352.50		352.50					
BFP	Yearly fire & security re Pavilion	85.00		425.00	510.00					
SSE	Electricity Pavilion	3.50		66.50	70.00					
Came & Co	Insurance 1.1.21		2083.13		2083.13					
Dick Randall	Noticeboard	24.00	120.00		144.00					
O2	Telephone	6.72	33.60 -8.00		40.32 -8.00					
Countrywide	Pest control	24.00		120.00	144.00					
Harlequin Clothing	Tel box sign		24.00		24.00					
BCT	Community Bus		50.00		50.00					
Village Hall	Coffee morning				16.80					
UK Office Direct	Supplies for Chute etc	22.36			134.15					
Village Hall	Coffee morning		33.60		33.60					
Microsoft	Subscription	13.33			79.99					
Datacentre	Support re website	25.00	125.00		150.00					
Rokill	Vermin control	22.20		111.00	133.20					
BCT	Community bus		50.00		50.00					
Crown Gas	Pavilion heating	134.25			805.47					
BCT	Community bus									
Employment costs	Jan Salaries		1,079.35	526.15	1,605.5					
HMRC	Paye re Jan 22		352.18		352.18					
Viking	Ink cartridges & supplies	35.10			210.47					
Rokill	Vermin control	22.20		111.00	133.20					
Rokill	Reimburse duplication	-22.20		-111.00	-133.20					
Macro	Toilet rolls supplies etc for Pavilion	15.92		79.60	95.52					
O2	Telephone	6.72	33.60 -8.00		40.32 -8.00					
Sothern Electric	Electricity	3.50		66.50	70.00					
SMS	Gas heater repair	14.00		70.00	84.00					
Timpsons	Cutting keys for noticeboard	4.67	23.33		28.00					
		471.43	7125.93	4451.24	12048.60					
	<u>Total net of VAT</u>	<u>11577.17</u>								

2. All Councillors to sign Lloyd's bank statements provided as per standing orders as instructed by internal auditor 17.d & h. Cllr Davies is in the process of signing the bank statement schedules sent by the Parish Clerk. Once he has signed all Councillors will receive the schedules in turn for signature finally returning the documents to the Parish Clerk so they are ready for the Internal Auditor at the end of March 2022

3. All Councillors signed the Chute receipts schedule noting deposit refunds paid since 1.4.21

Hirers' Deposit refunds	Allotment dep refunds	Date	Name	Booking no
-184.00		17.6.21		468
-130.00		16.6.21		471
				471
	-40.00	17.6.21		
-75.00		17.6.21		474
56.25		17.6.21		
-56.25		17.6.21		
-75.00				480
-40.00		12.7.21		
-100.00		12.7.21		473
-190.00		15.7.21		480
-234.00		20.7.21		
-75.00		16.8.21		477
-60.00		18.8.21		467
-60.00		23.8.21		493
-30.00		23.8.21		493
-50.00		24.8.22		498
-100.00		4.9.21		496
-50.00		5.9.21		490
-100.00		27.9.21		492
	-20.00	30.9.21		
-55.00		4.10.21		488
	-40.00	12.10.21		
-60.00		12.10.21		495
-75.00		25.10.21		499
-150.00		25.10.21		469
-75.00		1.11.21		510
-120.00		1.11.21		511
-28.00		1.11.21		494
-205.95		5.11.21		
-155.00		1.11.21		485
		1.11.21		507
-160.00		1.11.21		487
-59.00		1.11.21		506
-75.00		1.11.21		504
-75.00		1.11.21		503
-150.00				515
-75.00				514
-75.00				505
-76.00				505
-60.00				501
-30.00				530
-75.00				513
-112.00				526
-100.00				526
-45.00		3.1.22	santosh	531
-100.00		4.1.22	Matthews dep refund	522
- 3743.95	-100.00			

d. Parish Council Lloyds Bank account access. The Parish Clerk is trying to arrange for Cllrs Davies and Morgan to be able to view the bank account online. Cllr Davies said he only wanted access to look and did not wish to have to sanction every payment unless the **PM** Parish Council decided to alter the standing orders to require this.

e. Defra account signatories' amendments. The Parish Clerk has arranged for the addition of Cllr Morgan as signature on this account so that he can sanction payments and receipts against the Leader grant as he now registered as the applicant.

10.22. Prioritizing resolutions for action & matters of general Interest

On advice from the ALCC the Parish Clerk has added these last two items to the agenda

1. Due to the part time nature of the Parish Clerk position, approximately 12 hrs per week, the Clerk must cover her normal priority items first e.g., Upkeep of accounts, payments for contractors, paying salaries, organizing supplies for Pavilion, producing minutes, audit preparation, parishioners' enquiries, urgent road issues, refunds to hirers, issuing booking schedules to Site Manager amongst much else. While she will attempt to reply promptly this may not always be possible within the constraints of 12 hrs a week. She has therefore asked the Parish Council to prioritize the items at each meeting in the minutes for action.

Agreed priority list 26.1.22:

- Arranging access to the Lloyds Bank account
- Provision of information re WIFI
- Obtaining quotes for Pavilion repairs – showers
- Obtaining information re Chute driveway work
- Installation of defibrillator at shop
- New noticeboard

2. In future the Parish Clerk will provide all Councillors with updated items of information & schedules for them to peruse between meeting which they can then table via the Chair if they feel they need further investigation. It is hoped this will reduce the need for numerous e mails for information.

a. Clerk issued the following items to the Councillors not for discussion but for them to review. She stressed that under GDPR they must not be disseminated outside the Parish Council body.

Items issued 26.1.22:

1. Up to date financial accounts (by e mail),
2. Hard copies of Pavilion bookings from 1.4.21 to date,
3. Draft booking conditions agreement for hires of the Chute facilities for regular users and one-off hirers,
4. Schedule of allotment tenants & payments
5. Copy of allotment tenancy agreement signed by all tenants.

b. Councillors to table any items from the schedules provided by the Parish Clerk they wish for the next agenda via the Chair Cllr Morgan.

11.22 Close

12.22 Planning schedule reports received after the meeting.

November/December 2021 applications

- 21/03469/FUL** Chute Recreation Grounds . Installation of new play equipment. No comments as PC is the applicant
- 21/03350/HSE** 4 Wyeth Road. Erection of single storey rear extension No objection
- 21/04241/ENEE** Chute Recreation Ground New storage unit. This relates to a determination that PP would not be required
- 21/03567/FUL** Aubrey Place. Erection of replacement dwelling after demolition of existing one. No objection to a 2 storey dwelling here- represents a visual improvement
- 21/00443/FUL** Land at Armstrong House. Erection of detached dwelling – reducing ridge height and front projection.

The PC has concerns regarding highway safety onto A340 and seeks confirmation of the acceptability of the highway access visibility splay provided to HCC highways

T/00640/21/TCA 8 Weybrook Court. Removal of elm tree to ground level (in conservation area). No objection.

December/January 2021/22 applications

21/03696/HSE 14a Manor Rd Hip to gable front roof ext with ext alterations to windows & doors. Minor alterations involved -no objection

21/03708/FUL Land at Hilltop Erection of 3 bungalows *See separate objection letter below*

21/03547/HSE Hummingbird 27 Manor Rd. Erection part 2 storey, part single storey rear exts & single storey side ext. 1st floor front ext & alterations to roof & conversion of garage to living accommodation. The design & proportions of the proposals to significantly extend this chalet bungalow does not seem to fit in well or be in keeping with the village streetscene. It also appears to over-dominate the adjoining bungalow at no25.

21/03755/LDPO 27 Cranesfield Cert of Lawfulness conversion loft to living accommodation with rear dormer window. No objection

21/03846/FUL Prospect House Dixons Corner. Erection of 1 detached cottage following demolition of rear ext & various outbuildings. In principle, we would support the proposal to tidy up this semi-derelict brown-field site with a single dwelling which has a positive “cottage style” elevational treatment as shown. However, the proposed site layout appears to include no front garden or allocated parking to the new dwelling, which is not in keeping with the adjoining properties along the adjoining access drive. The new plot is constrained by the retained access to the existing commercial workshop building to the south, which will pass close to the front windows of the new dwelling. The site layout should be rationalised to give a better relationship between the proposed new dwelling (which should have more generous curtilage) and Prospect House.

21/03708/FUL –Objection letter submitted to Basingstoke & Deane Planning

Sherborne St John Parish Council Planning application for Land at Hilltop, Sherborne Road, Sherborne St John (21/03708/FUL).

The Parish Council objects to this planning application for 3 bungalows.

The reasons for objection are:

The site is outside the settlement boundary of the village & appears physically isolated from the facilities within the village by a distance of over 1km, having no footpaths or safe pedestrian access. This site being fairly isolated appears contrary to the adopted local plan policy SS06 -development in the countryside.

The proposed development is within the strategic gap (policy EM2) preventing coalescence between the new developments in Popley / Basingstoke and the village of Sherborne St John currently upheld by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

Approval of this development will set a precedent which in all likelihood will lead to the owner of the rest of the old “Hilltop” land applying to develop as well – the whole site was rejected at the time of the Neighbourhood Plan. The proposed development adjoins the site on the triangle area (comprising garden/orchard land) between Chineham Lane and Sherborne Road, which was previously rejected as unsuitable in the Neighbourhood Plan currently in force and accepted by BDBC.

When the Neighbourhood Plan was being drafted the village asked residents to comment on the proposed sites which had been put forward. Many comments about Hilltop concern with the encroachment of the strategic gap and infill, some also viewed it as a stepping stone to increasing the likelihood of joining the village to Basingstoke, and the sites distance from the centre of the village.

When the ballot results (voters were asked to rank in order of preference) for the consultation on sites were analysed out of the 1654 votes only 4 votes were received with Hilltop (ie the land adjoining application site) as first choice. Development on Hilltop will not be popular with the village generally. The same concerns apply to the current application.

The bungalows, whilst lower in height than the previous withdrawn application for 4 houses, will increase the built form in this area of countryside. Given the size of the plots, they are likely to be extended e.g. to 2 stories in the future, which will impact further on the visual character of the area.

The visibility splay is incorrectly shown (see highways comments) and will result in significant loss of the ancient hedgerows to the frontage to Sherborne Road, with loss of amenities, habitat and the rural character of the existing narrow access lane.

The existing properties in both Sherborne Road and Chineham Lane are all on Septic tanks and do not have mains drainage – another of the main reasons the area generally was rejected in the Neighbourhood Plan. The topography of the land at Hilltop is sloping down towards the village therefore any septic tanks installed for these properties will be lower than the existing ones, this may affect the drainage of the land, Chineham Lane and the aquifer.

In addition at least one existing property draws drinking / potable water from their own well from the aquifer. Additional septic tanks installed in properties which are lower than existing ones may affect the quality of their water.

The vehicular traffic using this narrow access lane arising from the additional properties will be considerable, effectively doubling the cars using Sherborne Road and the bad junction with Chineham Lane.

At the time that HCC built the new school Sherborne Road was closed with a small hammerhead built to permit turning by delivery / refuse vehicles only and no pedestrian access. One of the reasons given for this was concern over the amount of traffic which would park along the road, block drives and use the junction.

There is no Broadband infrastructure - Although the village has been upgraded to “superfast broadband” as has Basingstoke and the new developments in Popley, unfortunately Sherborne Road and Chineham Lane have not. The properties here barely reach double figures in broadband speed. The Parish Council is supporting the residents who have been trying to get BT Openreach to acknowledge this and grant a Community Fibre project for the last 2 years but this is unlikely to reach this application site.

Addendum

5.22 Hampshire County Council – Calleva Division January 2022 update

Road’s update

Highway operations are continuing as normal during the Plan B restrictions.

Statistics have been published by Hampshire Highways for last November. In that month 406 emergencies were attended, 21,173 square metres of carriageway were resurfaced, 18,436 gullies and other drainage were cleared, and 7,295 potholes were fixed. In addition, they also coped with Storms Arwen and Barra, keeping the roads clear of fallen trees and other vegetation, debris, and excess water. General road problems should be reported online at <http://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>. Emergency issues on the highway can be reported outside of office hours by calling 101. In any emergency where there is a danger to life, call 999. Going forward, Hampshire County Council has agreed to put extra “recurring” funding into highway maintenance, equating to about £7 million per year, from April this year.

Severe weather

At the time of writing, we have had some very cold weather and so road gritting is high on the agenda at the moment. When we do have freezing temperatures forecast, the Hampshire Highways' fleet of salting lorries head out, focusing on the main roads first. If you are driving behind a gritter please keep well back and be patient - as they do their job to help keep you on the move. You can see the priority salting routes at <https://maps.hants.gov.uk/highwayssaltroutes/>. For the young at heart, all our gritters have names (derived from a children's competition) such as Snowbi-wan Kenobe, Gritty Bang, the Blizzard of Oz, Gritter Garbo and so on.

Many of our roads and lanes are not on the priority routes but you will be aware of the blue grit bins provided by HCC across the area. These are filled with salt for community use throughout winter. They are particularly useful for smaller roads or on the pavements. A small amount of salt from these can make a big impact on frozen and icy surfaces. One tablespoon of salt (20 grams) is sufficient to treat one square metre of road or pavement surface.

If you spot grit bins that are empty or running low, do contact Hampshire County Council for replenishing. This can be done either online at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance> or by emailing roads@hants.gov.uk. Parishes are in any event advised to check these.

Support for vulnerable households

Hampshire County Council has received £7.124m from the Government's Household Support Fund to support households in need with food, energy, and water bills, as well as wider essential costs and housing costs. The county proposes to deploy this funding (which must be spent by 31 March 2022) through its “connect4communities” programme.

The programme includes support for free school meals in holidays and half terms, support with utility bills, community pantries giving access to discounted food and community grants, which could be used for example to assist unpaid carers.

Details can be found at connect4communities.org where it is possible to apply for community grants, and at HCC's online directory ([connect4communities](https://connect4communities.org) | [Family Information and Services Hub \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)) which will also be a useful resource for families and individuals in need of food and fuel support.

Residents can also apply for half term support for food and activities at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities/holiday-activities-hants>

New Year resolutions

A new 12-week weight management programme has been funded by Hampshire County Council for residents who want to achieve a healthier weight. Offering free professional support either in-person, through regular online meetings or via a mobile app, Shapeup4life Hampshire is available to anyone with a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or above and combines exercise and food choices to make positive lifestyle changes rather than a prescriptive diet. To find out more, check your BMI and to self-refer, go to www.shapeup4lifehampshire.co.uk.

Councillor Rhyddian Vaughan MBE

Calleva Division

7.22. 4 Allotment Report for Parish Council Meeting on 26.1.22 Allotments at Elm Road. Site Warden Mr Wilkinson

Rents for 2022

I would suggest no general increase this year as rent for our regular size plots is already a bit above that of B & D who are not increasing this year, our large plots are cheaper and could bear a £5 rise.

Tenants

Two plots have recently been relet work has started on both in one case the whole plot has been turned over. There are currently no vacancies.

The clerk issued three letters to tenants with unsatisfactory cultivation of plots all are making progress but will be kept under review.

Dumping Allotment Waste

I have written to National Trust at the Vyne regarding their Ranger's report which alleged the large Ash tree had been killed by allotment waste dumped at its base. The tree does in fact stand on The Swan property. My letter contains facts that show the tree was sick long before any allotment dumping near it took place. Most likely its demise started when the pub car park was extended and machinery shoved debris and excess soil up to their hedge and the tree. (the hedge has also died)

The Clerk has issued a rule change which forbids dumping anywhere away from tenants own plots, they are recommended to make their own provision to compost on their own plots.

I would like to restore the communal dump during the summer using skips and manual labour I guess the cost would be between £600 and £1200 depending on how much volunteer labour was forthcoming. Is this expenditure possible? Would PC like me to develop it or is it a non starter?

Ted Wilkinson (26th Jan 22)