

## 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 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018. There was no Planning Meeting held.

### Present:

Cllr.R. Morgan	Chairperson	Cllr. C.Davies	Treasurer	Cllr L Agnew	Chairperson Planning
Cllr R Vaughan		Mrs P. Mayo	Parish Clerk	1 parishioner	

### 66.18. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cooper, Rougier & Robinson.

### 67.18. Minutes of the meeting 24th September 2018

Cllr. Davies proposed acceptance of the minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018, seconded by Cllr Agnew & signed as accurate by Cllr Morgan as Chairman.

### 68.18. Matters arising from the minutes

- 61.18 No reply has been received from either Mr Nortey or Mr Kettlewell from HCC. The Parish Clerk will re email. **PM**
- 61.18 Church Path hedge has now been cut by BDBC.
- 61.18c The burnt out moped on the recreation grounds has still not be removed. Parish Clerk to re-contact BDBC. **PM**
- 62.18b LIF grant. Obtaining quotes for cost + information needed to support application to install new drainage on the football pitches. **PM**
- 62.18.7 Standing Orders & Procurement Policy will be discussed at a designated Extraordinary meeting to be arranged. **PM**
- 62.18 4bVyne Road repair work still not started.
- 62.18 8 Key to Village Green gate to be collected from Cllr Morgan's home by Mr Buller. **TB**
- 62.18 9** It was noted that the Lengths man had not carried out any work as agreed. The Parish Clerk will contact him to obtain dates when the work will be carried out. **PM**
- 62.18 10Water Authority still not replied with a quote to provide water at Cranes Rd Allotment site. **PM**
- 64.18b Awaiting the report from Catherine Daly, BDBC, confirming how much and when the 106 monies will be released to pay towards the Chute Pavilion improvements. **PM**
- Parish Clerk has requested £814 of 106 monies be released to the Parish Council to go towards the Verti drainage work on football pitches. Work has been arranged but delayed due to the grounds being too hard at present.
- 64.18c £400 donation to the PCC agreed at the last meeting ratified. Proposed by Cllr Agnew, seconded by Cllr Morgan..

### 69.18. Councillors Comments

Cllr Vaughan reported that he was still trying to obtain definitive information concerning footpath 502 from Tara Potheary, HCC. HCC will now only cut road verges once a year & will provide £500,000 for parishes to apply for to deal with infrastructure issues. He reported great pressure on funding with around 2000 people in the County reaching 85 each year, while the number of children in care had risen from 900 to 1400.

The No 14 bus service is to continue but would only operate once every 2 hours in future.

He complemented the PC for the 4 Silent Soldiers placed at the entrances to the Village and confirmed there would be a service at the Memorial on 10<sup>th</sup> November. He suggested leaving them in situ till the end of December

It was noted that biographies of those who died in WW1 were published in the Villager magazine and also placed on the Face book page.

### 70.18. Open Forum

Mr J Edwards reported he has tidied and weed-killed the path to the Memorial & that there are 15 broken slabs due to equipment accessing the area via the Lynch gate because the other gate is too narrow. Parish Clerk will discuss enlarging the gate. **JE/PM**

Mr Edwards suggested 2 of the Silent Soldiers be placed either side of the Memorial later with the approval of the PC.

The Bench to be placed on Church Path by the pond will be in commemoration of those who died in WW1. Parish Clerk will obtain quotes for bench & installation. **PM**

### 71.18. Parish Matters

1. Update re Solicitor contact. Cllr Rougier and the Parish Clerk met Mr Pender at Phillips Solicitors to discuss the PC requirements. The Clerk has received a draft letter of his proposals for review before finalisation:

a. Licences & Leases for users such as tennis, football, nursery or short term usage using draft documents provided by the Parish Clerk which he will amend as necessary. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Pender to ask for an indication of how much the work will cost. **PM**

b. The Chute Recreation grounds & facilities should be self funding with a separate bank account and any residual income 'ring fenced' for larger maintenance & repair work needed in the future.

c. The Chute deeds need to be registered with the Land Registry.

d. The Parish Clerk will produce a schedule of income & costs for the Chute facilities from 2013/4 to detail current balance. **PM**

2. Chute Pavilion & Recreation Ground:

a. Verti Drainage. See 68.18 above.

b. New LIF application for extensive new drainage work to Chute recreation ground/ playing pitches. See 68.18 above.

c. The PC discussed other uses for Tennis court. However they are only large enough for basketball not netball.

d. New pads provided for the 2 PC defibrillators.

3. Traffic calming at A340 West End and Vyne Road into Village. See 68.18 above.

4. Transport/Infrastructure:

Concern was raised about the safety to cross Cranes Road from bus stop to Manor Road. Clerk to investigate whether mirrors could be installed.

PM

Mr Edwards agreed to cut back hedging etc on the corner of Elm & Manor Roads to improve visibility.

JE

5. GDPR Policy. Cllrs Morgan and Davies confirmed that SSJ did not need a written policy as only current allotment tenants, Chute facilities hirers or invoices (to comply with Audit and tax regulations) were retained. Cllr Agnew is on the BDBC Standards Committee & will advise the PC on any actions needed.

Clerk to inform Moss Hill Warden to only retain current tenant list.

PM

6. Allotments – Cranes road site water provision. Still waiting for a quote from Castle Water.

7. 2019 joint fete/party with Village Hall. To be agended for next PC meeting.

AGENDA

8. Renovation of Village Green. Clerk to contact National Trust for advice.

9. New Speed equipment for Speed-watch group. Parish Clerk has obtained information forwarded to the Speed-watch coordinator Mrs Jones to review on behalf of the PC.

PM

**72.18. Correspondence Received.** There was no further correspondence to discuss.

### 73.18. 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.

	<b>Oct-18</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Chute</b>
26.9.18	Edwards/J B Philip &son	weed killer re church	40.99	6.83	34.16	
26.9.18	SSE electricity	electricity Chute	70.00	3.50		66.50
26.9.18	PCC Church donation	donation	400.00		400.00	
26.9.18	Macro	supplies for Chute	151.60	22.97		128.63
1.10.18	Village Hall	coffee morning	32.80		32.80	
30.9.18	Royal British legion	silent soldiers	150.00		150.00	
1.10.18	reimburse Cllr Agnew	silent soldiers	-150.00		-150.00	
1.10.18	Edwards/J B Philip &son	weed killer re church	40.99	6.83	34.16	
1.10.18	Mole Country Stores	Supplies for Chute	132.60	22.10		110.50
2.10.18	Rokill	vermin control	126.00	21.00		105.00
6.10.18	Mike Garden Services	recreation hedges	360.00			360.00
6.10.18	e mango	website annual fee	460.80	76.80	384.00	
6.10.18	House Proud	cleaning	324.00	54.00		270.00
6.10.18	Mike Garden Services	tennis/rec hedges	475.00			475.00
15.10.18	Buller	Exps mileage	37.42			37.42
	Salaries	October salaries	1220.40			
15.10.18	O2	telephone	37.63	6.27	31.36	
15.10.18	Aerial direct	telephone	-4.00			
18.10.18	WEL medical	new pads for def VH &CH	79.02	13.17	65.85	
	SSE payments Sept /Oct	electricity Chute		-3.50	70.00	
				-3.50	70.00	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>3985.27</b>	<b>226.47</b>	<b>1122.33</b>	<b>1553.05</b>
	<b>Total less VAT</b>	<b>2675.38</b>				

The Parish Clerk e mailed later to inform the Councillors that as the PC owned the 2 defibrillators she was unable to charge cost of new defibrillator pads to Village Hall as instructed.

b. 106 monies available to SSJ. The Parish Clerk is waiting for confirmation from BDBC re the release of 106 monies .

### 74.18. Close

The Chairman Cllr Morgan closed the meeting at 9.00p.m.

### Planning Matters

1. 18/02399/FUL the Forge 3 bedded dwelling - amendments

2. Trees T/00386/TCA Spring Cottage

There were no planning applications to discuss.

## E mail report from County Councillor R Vaughan including letter from Cllr Perry, Leader of HCC

- 1) 30 councils in the South of England spent £1.2 million clearing up unauthorised travellers' encampments in the past 3 years.
- 2) HCC has invested £500,000 into a new Parish & Town council investment fund; this is to help get new projects off the ground. It will be used to provide and enhance infrastructure, support local communities and to fund training to deliver new services. It will be launched at HALC AGM on 10th November. I have most of the details so do ask if you want more at this stage.
- 3) The concept of a Solent Combined Authority is not now being supported by the Government.



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### Letter for publication: English councils undergoing harshest spending cuts

As Leader of a southern shire county I have every sympathy for all fellow council leaders, wherever they are in the country, struggling to set a balanced budget for their council. Just as I have sympathy for the Chancellor of the Exchequer struggling to bring the nation's finances back in to order. However, if Cambridge University experts think the cuts faced by southern councils are "relatively minor" they are welcome to look at Hampshire's books since 2010.

Between 2010/11 to 2015/16 we lost £111m of Revenue Support Grant plus £24m of area based and specific grants. We faced inflationary pressures of at least £30m p.a. with none of the former grant we used to receive to partially cover that. Because we froze council tax and took one off grant instead, it has meant since the end of the specific grant to support council tax freeze we have given up £71m p.a. of income with no compensation. Between 2016/17 to 2019/20 we have lost a further £117m of revenue support grant. All in all, this adds up to the County Council needing to make £480m of budget reductions over the last decade.

I don't know how any reputable research body even as august a body as Cambridge University can describe those figures as "relatively minor" taken from a non-education gross budget formerly of the order of approximately £1billion.

Be under no illusion, it's as tough down south as it is across the rest of the country and I would prefer to see the University applying its collective brain power to a fair and sustainable financial model for local government as a whole rather than publishing research which potentially encourages divisions between us.

Yours sincerely

**Cllr Roy Perry**

Leader, Hampshire County Council