

SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30p.m in the Village Hall Sherborne St John, on Monday 23rd March 2015

The Planning Committee met prior to the full Council meeting at 7.00p.m. in the same venue. Any comments are recorded below under Planning.

Present:

Cllr R Morgan Chairman Cllr S Abraham Vice-Chairman & Treasurer
Cllr N Rougier Mrs P Mayo Clerk

Also present Cllr J Leek (arrived at 8.00p.m), 4 parishioners and one business owner located in Sherborne St John.

23.15. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Tomlinson & K Chapman.

24.15. Minutes of the meeting 23rd February 2015

Cllr Abraham proposed acceptance of the minutes of the meeting 23rd February 2015 seconded by Cllr Rougier.

25.15. Matters arising from the minutes

The Clerk reported that items 17.15aii – Chute bins & signs, 17.15b – vacant allotments and 19.15d – problem kerb by 2 Spring Close had still to be resolved. Item 19.15b - website - will be dealt with later in the meeting. **PM**

26.15. Correspondence Received

Any correspondence received was dealt with in the appropriate agenda item below.

27.15. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Morgan gave a brief update on progress. The Consultation event 14th March 2015 was attended by 120 residents (12%). All the consultation information has been placed on a 'Virtual Consultation page' on the website, for people who could not attend on Saturday to still be able to vote, and the end date for voting for preferred sites extended to 17th April 2015. Data already collected has therefore not been released as it is still confidential. Once the results are published the Committee will arrange to meet with the owners of the preferred site to discuss house types to ensure they are what have been identified as required by residents. *Concern was expressed at the meeting that the VC site was not working correctly, however later investigation found this to be erroneous*

Worry was expressed that developers of sites not chosen would apply to BDBC anyway as there is no Local Plan in place. Julian Crawley and Cllr Abraham will contact BDBC to see if they will give robust support in rejecting any applications. **JDC/SA**

The plan is running about 4 months behind schedule with the referendum now likely to be held in April 2016.

The Committee is applying for further grant monies from Locality towards the costs and members of the Committee will meet with Sherfield on Loddon representatives to compare progress so far on 30th March 2015. **PM**

Cllr Rougier thanked Mr Crawley on behalf of the Parish Council for the very professional and interesting consultation day arranged.

Lesley Cornforth, who runs a classic/collectible car storage business on the Bobs Farm site, approached the Parish Council because she had been notice to quit by 30.6.15, as had the neighbouring businesses on the site, so that it is empty and available for redevelopment for houses as shown at the Consultation event. She was prepared to purchase the site & develop small workshop units, to be rented at reasonable amounts, and potentially include a farm shop. Cllr Leek queried whether the site could be deemed as an employment site something BDBC actively seek to maintain in rural areas. The PC was unable to offer any assistance or comment as the results were still unknown.

28.15. Parish Matters

a. Chute Pavilion & recreation ground – agreement to reimburse football club for rental of pitch from BDBC because the Chute ground was badly damaged. Cllr Morgan proposed reimbursement up to £100 of the costs seconded by Cllr Rougier. **PM**

Cllr Abraham reported on the progress of the sub Committee producing the draft plan for the Chute renovation project. They hope to have in ready very soon when they will arrange a meeting with the stakeholders/users to ask for their comments. They will then submit it to the full Parish Council for discussion and review.

b. Allotments. An advert has been placed in the Villager for new tenants. Mr Wilkinson asked the Clerk to offer vacant plots to non residents on the waiting list as another plot will be ready in April should anyone local apply. He

gave the Clerk an invoice for £5.99 for a new tap on the water pipe. He also asked the Clerk to check with the Swan to ensure the invasive ivy growth on the large Ash tree has been dealt with. He also reported a problem with people leaving the Swan crossing the allotments to exit via the gate. The gap in the hedge has been closed. While most allotments are being prepared at present he gave the Clerk details of some which appear not to have been started. **PM**

c. Transport. The new bus service to Chineham has been very well received by residents. An issue re picking up people with mobility problems in the Dancers Meadows area has arisen. Because of parked cars the bus is unable to reverse/turn. Basingstoke Community Transport will be asked to carry out a test to identify the problem at the 26th April coffee morning. The Clerk will contact the authorities to see if they can arrange for a hatched area, with no parking, to solve the problem. It was also noted that ambulances could also have a similar problem to the transport bus should they be called to Dancers Meadows to a resident as well as in the cut-off Cranes Road access. **PM**

At the end of the trial period it was suggested that the service was reviewed and an official operating agreement made.

d. Infrastructure. Mr Edwards had obtained prices for replacement trees for Elm Road. 5ft beech saplings would be £15 while all others types would be £28 for 4ft and £32/4 for 6ft. The Clerk will contact the tree section BDBC to ask what types of trees they would suggest and if they could supply & plant them what it would cost. **PM**

It was noted that the proposed new entrance into the cemetery via Church Path was not possible as the path comes under HCC Highways which prohibits vehicles, cycles and horses from using it. HCC suggested approaching the field owner on the other side for permission to have an entrance.

Mr Edwards supplied the PC with quotes to clear brambles, ivy etc adjacent to Manor road bus stop, brambles etc on Cranes Road and to cut down laurel hedge at Cranes/Manor road corner. Cllr Morgan proposed accepting the Peter Boyle quotes seconded by Cllr Rougier. While he can commence work on the brambles immediately work on the laurel needs to be delayed until an answer about the right to cut the laurel is received from BDBC. **PM**

e. Rights of Way. Mr Edwards registered his dissatisfaction at not being asked to accompany the HCC representative Mr Dan Beasant on a review of the roads and footpaths as listed in his recent report. The Clerk had accompanied him and annotated the report with HCC's responses of where repairs were deemed necessary. The Clerk will also write to residents identified about cutting their hedges which are obstructing the footpaths. It was noted that while the footpath by Cleeves on the A340 is narrow, the pillar of the wall is on Cleeves ground and they would be unlikely to remove it as it would be extremely costly. Cllr Rougier will be contacting the owners of Cleeves about their planning application listed below and will make them aware of the problem. **NR**

f. Standing Orders. Standing Orders had been circulated to all the Councillors prior to the meeting which contained an additional section e mailed 19th February 2015. Cllr Abraham proposed acceptance seconded by Cllr Morgan.

29.15. Finance

a. Risk Assessment. The risk assessment has been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and there had been no changes. Cllr Abraham proposed acceptance for the year 2015/6 seconded by Cllr Rougier.

b. Insurance addition re speed watch equipment. The speed watch equipment has been added to the insurance policy at a yearly increase of £25 (premium waived for current year).

c. Contribution towards cost of cemetery upkeep. Cllr Abraham proposed a payment of £420 towards cemetery costs, as in previous years, seconded by Cllr Morgan.

c. Cost of Villager advert for village shop. Cllr Morgan proposed payment of £365 invoice to advertise the Village Shop in the parish magazine seconded by Cllr Rougier.

d. Payments. The Councillors reviewed the schedule of payments made by the Clerk on the Parish Council's behalf since the last meeting and all present signed as accurate.

30.15. Open Forum

Cllr Leek informed the Parish Council that there is a vote on Thursday to accept the final version of the Local Plan which details a yearly number of houses as 853. He informed them that he was extremely unhappy at the lack of provision for infrastructure in the Local Plan on the west side of Basingstoke as 3500 new homes would bring a serious increase of traffic and associated problems.

Field by Vidlers Farm. HCC have failed to cut the external hedges along the fields. **PM**

31.15. Planning

14/02499/ADV Weybrook Farm. The Parish Council has received complaints concerning this application. Cllr Leek informed the Parish Council that there has been an extension because they had needed to have a noise monitoring assessment done. This application will go to Development Control Committee when the neighbour will be given the opportunity to comment.

15/00194/FUL 5 Manor Road. Application to go to the Development Control Committee.

a. Granted: 14/03758/RET Beaurepaire – new gates. T/00053/15/TCA 9 West End
T/0079/15/TCA 10 Vyne Road T/00050/15/TCA 7 Bournefield

