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SHEET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Gail Martin

CLERK: Jenny Hollington

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th June 2025 at Sheet Village Hall

Present. Cllrs Gail Martin (in the Chair), Ric Flatt, Robin Forrest, Lis Hartley, Owen Jonathan, James Plant and Craig Stevens

In Attendance: County Councillor, Russell Oppenheimer
District Councillor, Nick Drew
Parish Clerk, Jenny Hollington

There was one member of the public present for the first part of the meeting (Planning).

25/119 **Apologies** – Apologies had been received from Cllr. Brian Bird.

25/120 **Declarations of Pecuniary Interests** – Councillors were reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest on any item on the agenda – none declared.

25/121 **Minutes** – The Minutes of the AGM held on 13th May 2025 were approved as a correct record and duly signed.

25/122 **Public Comment** – There were no items of public comment.

25/123 **Feedback from the Annual Parish Assembly** – All agreed that the talk by Julie Robinson, Headteacher of Sheet School, had been both interesting and thought provoking. Although numbers had been slightly disappointing, it was noted that the meeting was held during half term and had inadvertently clashed with a couple of other events in the village.

25/124 **County Councillor's Report** – Cllr. Oppenheimer's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted and discussed - see attached report for details.

25/125 **District Councillor's Report** –

- Devolution - Cllr. Drew said that EHDC is supporting HCC's approach in their use of data-based decisions. Currently there is no certainty about the future role of parish councils under the Unitary Authority and this level of detail won't be known until 2028.

25/126 **Planning**

Appeal – APP/Y9507/W/25/3363403 – 9 Dwellings with access, parking, landscaping and associated works – land to the north of Merryfield Road. It was agreed that the original objection should be reiterated to the Appeal Inspectorate because the Developer has made no attempt to listen to local views or to address policy issues raised.

To consider updated documentation - SDNP/24/03657/FUL – Erection of 17 houses, provision of open space and new vehicular access from Pulens Lane – land east of Pulens Lane, Sheet. It was agreed to reiterate the Council's opposition to the current plans as none of the Council's original concerns have been addressed. In addition, the Clerk was asked to request a site visit with the Planning Officer and a Highways representative so that the current road issues could be discussed in relation to the proposed new narrow entrance track.

SDNP/25/01413/HOUS – Single storey rear infill extension, enclosed front porch and internal alterations – 31 London Road, Sheet GU31 5AB – No Objection

SDNP/25/01780/LIS and SDNP/25/01779/HOUS – Programme of works consisting of the repair/repointing of white panted brick and flint wall, repointing of brick chimney stack. Replacement of gutters to match, repair of doors and windows, replace bitumen roofing membranes with single ply system. Roof tiles replaced like for like as needed. Boiler cupboard and wall to be removed, internal wall between house and garden removed and existing garage to be lined with insulation, VCL and timber studwork to facilitate conversion to kitchen. Existing staircase removed and opening to staircase to be altered to suit new staircase. Replacement of ground floor tiles within the house. Removal of first floor existing internal wall. New rooflights to garage, relocation of existing wall adjusted away from road and widened driveway entrance – 21 London Road, Sheet GU31 4BQ. Sheet Parish Council defer to the Heritage Team at EHDC as to whether the proposed works are appropriate for a Listed Building. There was No Objection to the plans in principle.

25/127 Finance

- (a) Bank Reconciliation – The bank reconciliation to end of May had been circulated to all Councillors and was approved.
- (b) Payments – June Payments were authorised for payment:

Amount	Payee	Service
£846.00	Michael Smith Ltd	Grass Cutting Contract
£214.00	A.W. Clear	Bedding plants, compost, fertiliser, V. Green & V. Hall
£600.00	Sheet Music	Caretaking and cleaning - V. Hall
£1,195.04	Jenny Hollington	Clerk - June
£148.91	HMRC	Tax and NI
£72.00	Elite Playground Inspections	Sheet Recreation Ground – Playground Inspection
£900.00	Sequoia Tree Services Ltd	Raise crown - Oak - Old Billiard Room
£1,609.92	Petersfield Town Council	Bin Collections - (catch up from previous financial year)
£429.60	Autospeedwatch	Licence - autospeedwatch cameras
£69.14	J. Hollington	Refund - APA refreshments
£50.00	C. Westray	Refund - Deposit - Party at the V Hall
£56.98	J. Hollington	Refund - Urn - purchased for V Hall use
£6,191.59		

25/128 Roads and Traffic –

- (a) Mill Lane – Condition of the lane and access concerns – Nothing further has been heard from Tracey Webb nor the Ecology Team. However, the mud has now been cleared from the Farnham Road end of the lane.
- (b) Inmans Lane – Parking Issues – The request for an extension of the double yellow lines to prevent cars parking on both sides of the narrow lane has been added to the works list at Highways. However, they have advised that the work is low priority, and no timescale has been advised.
- (c) Speed on Waterworks Road – As yet there has been no response from Hampshire Highways in respect of the request for a safety audit. Cllr. Plant reported that one pothole has been fixed whilst others have been ignored (despite them being marked up for repair) – Cllr. Oppenheimer requested photos and offered to chase.

25/129 Verge Alongside Church Field – There has been no response from Hampshire County Council to the request to transfer the land to the Parish Council to enable appropriate maintenance to be undertaken of the very overgrown verge. Cllr. Oppenheimer advised that it was very unlikely that Hampshire would agree to transfer the land but said he would look at the condition of the piece of land in question and chase HCC for a response.

25/130 Tree Safety Survey – Reports not yet received.

25/131 Green Spaces Working Party – Cllr. Flatt outlined works carried out by the group including clearance of bracken and watering of whips on the Millennium Field. He noted that the grass at the bonfire site hasn't regenerated and will need to be re-seeded once the dry period is over. Permission for a dead hedge to be built alongside the railway fence was given and a budget of £100 approved.

25/132 The Allotments – Councillors discussed various options for Plot 39 - a single plot that lies to the right of the site entrance gate and juts into the Millennium Field and which is currently unoccupied. It was agreed that the plot should be cleared to enable alternative use due to its isolated position and poor condition (under the large Oak tree).

25/133 The Recreation Ground – The quarterly inspection report was noted. Cllr. Forrest undertook to repair the worn shackles on the wobbly bridge which had been highlighted.

25/134 The Old Billiard Room – All agreed that the meeting with the Eames Almshouse Trustees had been interesting but had thrown up more questions than answers. The use of the building as an affordable home to be used as a bargaining chip with SDNPA to achieve car parking for the village in Church Field, could also be seen as potentially setting a precedent and open the flood gates for development within the conservation area of the village.

In view of the questions being raised, it was agreed to go back to the original idea and investigate a potential commercial rental - Cllr. Plant will follow up via commercial property developers.

25/135 Sheet Village Hall –

Roof Repairs – The various opinions on the condition of the roof and quotes for repair received and circulated prior to the meeting, were discussed. It was agreed that, because of the previous leak and known poor condition of the south facing roof, to go ahead with the repair of the roof in two phases – Phase 1 to include only the south facing side of the roof as per the quote from DNE Services in the sum of £9800 plus scaffolding £1500. It has been confirmed that the work can be arranged to take place in August to ensure minimal disruption for regular term-time hirers. The second phase of the work will be arranged to take place during the summer of 2026 meaning that an application for CIL funding towards the much higher costs (approximately £60,000) can be submitted.

Re-decoration – It was agreed to accept the quotes from DNE Services totalling £5175 to re-decorate the whole of the hall – this work will also be completed during August to minimise disruption for hirers.

Access Protection Markings – It was agreed that only one access protection line is required across the main entrance and that no additional line is needed across the side entrance.

25/136 Sheet Common –

BMX Track – Cllrs. Hartley and Jonathan will liaise to produce a list of the key issues to be included in a licence for use of the land by the BMX User Group, so that responsibility for safety and liability lies solely with the Group. Regular safety checks in the format requested will be a requirement of the licence.

HMG Volunteers – The Clerk was asked to organise a return visit from the Hampshire Monday Group volunteers to help deal with clearance and ground works.

25/137 Date of Next Meeting – The next meeting of Sheet Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday, 8th July 2025** at 7.00 p.m. at Sheet Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.