



# SHERFIELD PARK PARISH COUNCIL

**Sherfield Park Parish Council (SPPC)**  
**Annual Parish Meeting held remotely**  
**at 6pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

|                     | <u>IN ATTENDANCE</u> | <u>APOLOGIES</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
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| <b>Councillors:</b> |                      |                  |               |
| Cllr. Gordon        | ✓                    |                  |               |
| Cllr. Vaux          | ✓                    |                  |               |
| Cllr. Alvares       | ✓                    |                  |               |
| Cllr. Rouse (Chair) | ✓                    |                  |               |
| Cllr. Circuit       | ✓                    |                  |               |
| Cllr. Parfrey       | ✓                    |                  |               |

In attendance: Borough Councillors Edwards and Miller. Tracy Hamer (Clerk) taking the minutes.  
 The meeting was chaired by Cllr Rouse.

| Agenda Item | Issue   | Actions |
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| <b>2101</b> | <b>Welcome, introduction and apologies of absence</b><br>Apologies were received from County Councillor Still.  |         |
| <b>2102</b> | <p><b>Chairman's Report – Cllr William Rouse</b></p> <p>Well, what a year it has been. We have all seen and experienced difficulty in a variety of ways over this past year due to the pandemic. However, rather than dwell on the hurdles, we should focus on the positives.</p> <p>I would like to thank the residents of Sherfield Park for coming together and supporting each (whilst remaining socially distancing of course). They have helped with shopping, prescriptions, spotlight donations and always kept a positive attitude.</p> <p>Thanks to all those in the 'NISA' family who have been instrumental in providing an efficient and well stocked experience for all on Sherfield Park. We truly are lucky to have them as part of the community.</p> <p>Thanks go to the Community Centre for their ongoing support in providing a centre for comms, recreation, and wellbeing, along with their sterling efforts towards Spotlight.</p> <p>Thanks to our Local Borough Councillors Paul Miller and Louise Edwards and County Councillor Elaine Still in being ready to support us when needed.</p> |         |

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|                    | <p>It would be remiss of me not to thank my fellow councillors for all they have done for Sherfield park in the variety of initiatives they been involved in.</p> <p>At the heart of this is our Clerk, Tracy, who is instrumental in getting the job done – without whom we would certainly have to work twice as hard to get half as much done.</p> <p>In way of an update for all, further works/initiatives that will take place over the next year include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petty’s Copse path (with the help of County Cllr Elaine Still) will be resurfaced.</li> <li>• Dove House will return to support the beatification of Sherfield Park.</li> <li>• We will look to bring a naturalised community orchard.</li> <li>• Entrance and exit furniture/signage will be brought to Sherfield Park.</li> <li>• After regular deployment of the speed camara, two further sophisticated fixed units have been commissioned.</li> <li>• Dog waste bins are to be replaced across the development along with the provision of extra bins.</li> <li>• Once the restrictions have eased on the 21<sup>st</sup> June, we would like to announce the holding of a ‘Chairs Clinic’ where the Chair of the Parish Council will be available between 9am &amp; 11am every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. This would be for members of the community to drop in and discuss pertinent matters over a cup of tea/coffee.</li> </ul> <p>I would like to thank all those who have supported me as Chair during this period.</p> <p>We have said farewell to a number of councillors, most notably Cllr Bowyer and Goodenough. Cllr Joyce Bowyer was instrumental in establishing Sherfield Parish Council and Cllr Herbert Goodenough was an active member in the open space’s community.</p> <p>Thank you all.</p> |  |
| <p><b>2103</b></p> | <p><b>Finance Report – Cllr Audrey Gordon (Chair of Finance)</b></p> <p>When we set our budget in November 2019 for 2020/2021 none of us had any idea just how unusual and difficult for many, the year would turn out to be. The Parish Council had many plans to improve the estate in which we live, from entrance signage and speed indicator signage to more bulb planting. The precept was set at a level which would have enabled us to invest in the estate and support local charities, whilst not increasing the amount that our residents pay.</p> <p>Due to the pandemic, many of our projects were put on hold, or severely delayed as the processes of getting the correct licences and</p>   |  |

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|      | <p>authorisations became even more lengthy, although we did manage to have the bus shelters cleaned and revarnished, and pavement barriers repainted.</p> <p>Our monthly meetings were conducted via zoom, and we all adjusted to the new way of working.</p> <p>The result on the finances of the Parish Council has been a small increase in the reserves we hold, in the main due to grants that we have agreed, but the conditions for their issue have yet to be met - e.g., Rugby Club, Spotlight and Community Centre.</p> <p>In the new financial year, we have again held the precept level. We have a budget available for grants to community groups, and if your group needs financial support (as many charities do now more than ever) and benefits residents in Sherfield Park, then we would encourage you to check out our policy and apply.</p> <p>As we come out of lockdown our finances are sufficient to run the Parish effectively and hopefully, we can implement many of our planned projects, and we always welcome your thought and ideas on ways to improve our parish.</p>  |  |
| 2104 | <p><b>Planning Report – Cllr Jenny Vaux (Chair of Planning)</b></p> <p>The Planning Committee meets when there are specific planning matters to discuss, rather than by a regular schedule. Sometimes we consider applications at our full council meetings, when appropriate to do so.</p> <p>Sherfield Park Parish Council is a <u>consultee</u> to any planning applications, even if the applications are from parish residents. Decisions on planning applications are made by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. The views of the parish are nevertheless respected by the Borough. Members of the public are welcome at all of our planning meetings, with their knowledge and views informing our comments on each application.</p> <p>Most of the applications we consider are for extensions and garages within the estate. We also comment on planning applications for developments adjoining Sherfield Park, or likely to impact on the residents of Sherfield Park.</p> <p>We considered and supported 5 applications this year, plus objecting to the temporary access at Redlands, a recent outline application for a further 57 homes at Redlands and the potential to include Sherfield Hill Farm in the Local Plan to assist with the 5-year land supply.</p> <p>We take a particular interest in plans for any new schools in the area, and in any proposals concerning the Chineham Medical Centre.</p> <p>Where it is appropriate, we support planning applications, and</p> |  |

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|             | where we have planning concerns, we raise objections for consideration by the borough. These must be on planning issues.  |  |
| <b>2105</b> | <p><b>Confirmation of publication of Statements of Persons Nominated.</b></p> <p>On Thursday 6th May there will be elections for Hampshire County Councillor, BDBC Councillors, Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner and some Parish Councils.</p> <p>Sherfield Park Parish Council is uncontested which means no parish election is required and the notice of election has been duly published. We have four elected councillors from May, who Cllrs William Rouse, Audrey Gordon, Paul Parfrey and Chris Circuit.</p> <p>This leaves 3 spaces for co-option. If you are interested in joining the Council, please pop into the office and speak to the Clerk or drop her an email.</p> <p>Cllrs Vaux and Alvares were thanked for their hard work and commitment shown to the Parish Council over recent years.</p> |  |
| <b>2106</b> | <p><b>Public Participation Session.</b></p> <p>Borough Councillors Miller and Edwards thanked Sherfield Park Parish Council for their endeavors and noted how effective they have become as a new council.</p>  |  |

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.30pm

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