

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 17 October 2024 7.30pm

Cllr Sue Wood (Chairman)	P
Cllr John Little (Vice-Chairman)	P
Cllr John Cooper	P
Cllr Nigel Reid	P
Cllr David Brown	
Cllr M Himbury	
Cllr J Walthoe	P
Cllr S Culhane	P

P = present at the meeting
In attendance

- 24/25 – 50** **Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr David Brown, Cllr Mark Himbury and the Clerk.
In the absence of the Clerk the Chair, Cllr Sue Wood took the minutes and the Vice Chair agreed to review them.
- 24/25 - 51** **To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest (DPI's) and other significant interests (OSI's) from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
None noted.
- 24/25 - 52** **Minutes of Meeting of 19 September 2024**
- **To approve and sign the minutes**
The minutes had previously been circulated and were approved and signed by the Chair.
 - **To deal with any matters arising not on the agenda**
The issue of the camper van still in Ham Green car park for more than a couple of months now was discussed. The PCSO has been asked to revisit to ascertain what the occupant's intentions are and when he is likely to leave. If no successful conclusion is reached Councillors will consider taking Legal advice.
- 24/25 - 53** **Public Participation**
A member of the public attended and discussed her planning application.
- 24/25 – 54** **Resignation of the Clerk**
Due to family commitments the Clerk has tendered her resignation. Advertisements have been placed with HALC and published on the parish noticeboards to find a suitable replacement.
- 24/25 - 55** **Bus Shelter/Sign Cleaning**
The company who cleaned the Bus shelters earlier this year have requested a regular cleaning contract. Councillors agreed that until the road signs and the traffic project are concluded that we should not enter into such a contract. The clerk is to write to the company advising them that we will contact them in the future should we require their services. **Action: Clerk**
- 24/25 - 56** **SPCC donation to Ham Green**
An amount of £450 has been received Cllr Cooper will advise the Ham Green Team Leader as soon as the clerk is able to check if any conditions were attached to the donation. **Action: Cllr Cooper & Clerk**
- 24/25 – 57** **Risk Assessment**
Cllr Brown had sent an email to the Chair/Clerk advising of the need to meet with 2 contractors before he can finalise the Playground risk assessment. Cllrs agreed to ask him to arrange the meetings ASAP and in advance of the next Parish Council meeting. Any proposed expenditure for 2025/26 will need to be included in the Budget for 2025/26, approved by Council in November before the Precept Amount is submitted to WCC in January next year. Cllr Brown is to be invited to the next finance sub-committee meeting to provide estimated expenditure for the Playground in 2025/26. There were no further observations, and the risk assessment was approved as presented and will be uploaded to the website. **Action: Clerk**
- 24/25 – 58** **Sarum Road Dog Field Proposal**
Cllr Horrill and Cllr Wood attended a residents' meeting and in attendance was Jon Dyer-Slade Head of HCC Countryside Services. The reason for the dog fields is to generate income for HCC. The proposed entrance is for access from the existing gate off Sarum Road and not Lanham Lane as previously suggested. There was a lengthy discussion on the safety aspect of this decision and Jon D-S agreed that the Sarum Road crossroads was a danger but that they would get Highways to see what improvements could be made. It was also agreed that the site entrance would be further considered to find a safer entrance from Sarum Road. New signage is to be provided for Lanham Lane to make it clear that it is a single-track road with passing places. And an Access only sign. There was general agreement that this solution would be better than putting physical barriers in the passing places.

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The dog walking field's operation would be from 7 or 8.00am to 4 or 5pm. 2 parking spaces would be allotted to each field with space for the next bookings to wait for their allotted time. Any lighting would be from solar lights and only around the parking area and the dog bins at the entrance/exit point.

There is not to be any charges for Crabwood car park now as the car park was felt to be too small. Car parking charges are being looked at in other areas owned by HCC. (This does not include Farley Mount which is privately owned)

The dog field application has yet to be submitted to WCC.

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Local Plan – Reg 19

Cllr Wood resubmitted the request for the strategic gap around the village. There was no space on the consultation to do so and therefore a request was made directly to the strategic planning team. An acknowledgement had been received.

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Traffic Plan

Cllr Walthoe presented the options that have been considered and a discussion followed on how residents can engage in the process. For the meeting on 29th October, it was decided that residents will be updated on the progress of investigations into possible solutions and then be invited to comment on options or propose alternatives; the meeting would conclude with an outline of the next planned steps. Councillors considered it important to make it clear that the Council does not have a 'preferred' solution and that some options require evidence of broad support from parishioners. Items to be included are: speed limits throughout the parish including possibly extending the 30mph sections, a possible 20mph within parts of the village, road markings, gates/pinchpoints/priority chicanes as well as repairs and renovations along with rough estimates of the costs involved. An agenda will be prepared and distributed electronically to residents signed up to the village distribution list. Reminders of the meeting will be published via the Newsletter and WhatsApp groups. It was agreed that a full letterbox drop to all residents might be necessary in the future depending on the outcome of the meeting.

Action: Cllr Walthoe - meeting, Cllr Little – communicating

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Planning

- To review and comment on planning applications
- To note any enforcement matters

New Applications

7/10/24	24/02183/HOU	Little Sheddons Ham Green	Erection of ground and first floor extensions and new detached garage with accommodation over	Current
17/9/24	24/02015/TPC	Ashcombe House Home Lane	T1 - Ash - Pollard below the height of Field Maple growing that is growing within this Ash.	Current
24/9/24	24/02081/TPC	The Maples Locks Lane Sparsholt	opposite entrance to Locks Lane House - T1 - Sycamore - Fell. Permission was granted under 19/02012/TPC and time has now expired to carry work out.	Current
24/9/24	24/02073/TPO	Woodbine House Home Lane Sparsholt	Hybrid Poplars (T1, 2, 3 & 4) - FELL - Due to compromised structural condition & significant risk of harm/damage to adjacent outbuildings and users of adjacent public footpath. Trees have suffered significant fire damage, evidence of fruit bodies of decay fungi and 'sounding hammer' assessment indicated resultant decay/dysfunctional tissue of over 25% circumference of main stems from below ground up to 3m+ Species does NOT readily compartmentalise decay and it is my professional opinion that mechanical strength is already significantly reduced, causing recent history of major branch failures, and further rapid decay is inevitable, leading to heightened risk of whole tree failure within near future. Replant with 2 x std Wild Cherry (Prunus avium) & 2 x std Bird Cherry (Prunus padus). Leyland Cypress (T5) - PRUNE - Raise crown by removal of low 'wolf-limb' @ 1.5m and other small diameter branches back to main stems to give clearance of 4-5m above ground to improve form and lateral light levels to adjacent hedging and ground flora.	Current
16/9/24	24/01811/HOU	Sparsholt Manor Woodman Lane	Creation of new high-quality treehouse.	Current

Current Applications

4/9/24	24/01928/DIC	Sparsholt Manor Woodman Lane	Discharge of condition 5 of planning consent 24/00991/HOU	Current
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9/7/24	24/01464/DIC	Sparsholt College Westley Lane	Original application: 24/00248/FUL Condition: 3 (foul and surface water drainage) & 5 (details and samples of materials).	Current
9/7/24	24/01464/DIC	24/01464/DIC	Original application: 24/00248/FUL Condition: 3 & 5	Current
28/3/24	24/00705/LIS 24/00704/HOU	Taylor's Mead Woodman Lane Sparsholt	Internal alterations to master bedroom, kitchen, sitting room, utility, and replacement of existing conservatory, sitting room extension to rear north-front within existing alcove, and associated buildings and landscape works.	Current

Recent decisions

17/7/24	24/01539/HOU	Locks Lane House Locks Lane	(Amended Description) First floor side extension on the west elevation, two storey rear extension on the north elevation to make the elevation flush and conversion of garage to link attached annexe.	Permitted
20/09/23	23/02247/SCREEN	Andover Link Main Project Sarum Road	Request for EIA Screening Opinion - Andover Link Main, on behalf of Southern Water Services Ltd	Not available to view on planning portal

Application 24/02183 Little Sheddons Ham Green. Councillors unanimously agreed to support the applications with 2 conditions. That the garage accommodation should be made ancillary to the main house and that any outside lighting should be of a security nature only as we are a dark village. The Chair will inform the applicant of the decision and submit the parish council respond to the planning department as the Clerk is away.

Action: Chair

There were no comments on the other applications which were previously agreed by Councillors and ratified at this meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm. The next meeting is on Thursday 14 November at 7.30pm.