

SHACKLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES of Zoom meeting on 18 January 2021

Present – Bridget Carter-Manning (Chairman), Fran Nowlan (Vice Chairman), Sally Wyse, Philip Randall, Paula Booth, Tony Rooth (GBC Councillor), Matt Furniss (SCC Councillor) and Kate Lingard (Clerk).

Members of the Public – Angus Stovold, Anthony Isaacs, Richard Grove, Jean Thompson, Annie King, Christopher Bell, Chris Neill, Jane Riordan, Jane Turner, Jane Vaughn, Jasper Thornton, Jon and Nicky Scott, David Sowerbutts, Lizzie Geffen, Nicci Worthington, Paul McKeown, Elizabeth Newton, Sarah Hill, Will and Emma Stanley-Evans, Siobhan Carroll and around 30 further local residents (Zoom details is difficult to identify with certainty).

47/20 - Apologies for Absence – none.

48/20 - Declarations of Interest – none.

49/20 - Minutes of meeting held on 9 November 2020 – an inaccuracy, raised by Richard Grove, was noted and amended to show that the tree damaged by the Shackleford Green developers was not on the Cyder House Field but overhanging the Field. Minutes were then approved and to be signed by BCM.

50/20 - Matters Arising - none.

51/20 – County and Borough Councillors – MF said he was aware that SPC still wanted one or two liquidambar trees and BCM will contact him about this. Works to the road edges at the SANG/Eashing Lane were discussed. Anthony Isaacs said that a hedge with a low wall in front of it would be best but PR said that may cause issues with sightlines as the road is a 60mph limit. All agreed that it would be good to press for a speed limit reduction and PR said the aim was to get the most ‘rural-looking’ exit and entrance possible to the SANG. MF said that planned resurfacing to the Elstead Road had been cancelled twice due to wet weather and the team were hoping to get this done in the next two months.

TR reported that GBC had just facilitated the opening of GLive as a vaccination centre and that this was working well. He said a further Town Centre master plan was coming forward soon for Guildford. TR enquired about issues with construction traffic accessing Ockford Park through Eashing and PR said that this had not been a big problem recently.

52/20 - Highways and Byways – see above.

53/20 – Shackleford Bund/noise abatement – Jean Thompson gave an introduction to SPC on her investigations into noise abatement and a possible bund (please see her **update attached** as an appendix). After her update, PR asked if residents in Hurtmore/Eashing had been asked about the issue and JT said that, at present, she had only spoken to residents in Shackleford/Norney. PR said that Hurtmore and Eashing had issues with A3 noise as well, and he could not see SPC being able to support an initiative that did not tackle the issue from the perspective of the whole parish. JT said that the scope of her investigations/scheme could include Eashing and Hurtmore, if there was support from residents, SPC and GBC. SW said that she had spoken to JT (in her capacity as a resident of Norney) and she thanked JT for her work on this scheme. FN said that a bund on the Norney side of the A3 could be of detriment to Eashing and Hurtmore, and this should be investigated at the same time as any investigation into the benefits of a bund for Shackleford. JT said that she would keep SPC informed and if she made any substantive progress, she would share this at the March meeting. Angus Stovold was asked about the effect of the bund near his property; he said that A3 noise before the bund had been built was intolerable, but now noise levels were reduced (depending partly on which direction the wind was blowing) and that only one property directly benefits from this bund.

Sarah Hill then raised the issue of a quarry at Eashing. SH explained that she had run the SHAC campaign (Save Surrey Hills Action Committee) that was formed in 2006 in response to the inclusion of Eashing Farm in the Surrey Minerals Plan (to provide low-grade sand to the building industry). The site was 28 hectares in size and lies between Hurtmore and Eashing. Concerns over a possible Eashing quarry related to, inter alia, the extension/expansion of slip roads, lorries on local roads, environmental issues (SSSI/AGLV/near AONB), dust and pollution. Eventually, after much campaigning by SHAC, the site was removed from the Minerals Plan in 2009. SH said concerns today, from a SHAC perspective, were that landscape around a bund would no longer be open, undulating and pastoral and may therefore lose AONB status. Having AONB land adjacent to Eashing Farm had been the basis for an important objection to its inclusion in the Minerals Plan. SH said local authorities always need to provide their quota of low-grade sand, so it was important to consider the threat that a bund could pose. SH also said that a bund in Shackleford could have a negative effect on noise in Eashing and Hurtmore, so any decision must be community-wide and other options such as planting trees or reducing the A3 speed limit should be looked into. Jane Riordan, who lives in Norney Chase next to the Jubilee Field, said that she could put up with the A3 noise because she was concerned a bund could cause disruption to the Jubilee Field and its wildlife. JT said that she could not be specific about the location of a bund at present, but she was discussing the idea with landowners who have land abutting and adjoining the A3 from Norney to Shackleford. JT said that she was happy to work with anyone from Hurtmore and Eashing, so that no issues were created for the east side of the A3. Anne

King (from Hurtmore) volunteered, as she had concerns about the noise in Hurtmore. TR said he had been around the village with JT to look at areas for acoustic fencing/bund, and he was happy to liaise with the community and put the case forward to planning if/when the community decides to proceed.

AI said a boundary review for the AONB was due and CPRE would like to see AGLV land from Eashing promoted to the AONB. When the CPRE fought against the Eashing quarry, having the AONB immediately adjacent in Shackleford was helpful when putting their case forward. BCM said that she would like SPC to send a letter to Heather Kerwells, Chair of AONB board, about this issue and SPC's support of the promotion of AGLV land in Eashing to the AONB.

54/20 - Right to Roam - Cyder House Field– BCM said this item was added to the agenda at the request of Richard Grove. Mr Grove asked why signs had recently been put up at the Field excluding public access as the Field had been given to the Parish. BCM explained that, although the Field had been given to the Parish, when title passed from Wates to SPC, it was still subject to an agricultural lease. BCM said that the Field was fenced (in part) and gated, thereby demonstrating it was not open to the public, and that SPC had put up the signs to protect wildlife and trees. Angus Stovold, who farms the Field, then further explained that there are no rights of way across the Field, there is an agricultural tenancy and that he has made a conscious decision to low-input farm the Field to encourage wildlife and keep a green space in the centre of the village. As the Field is low-input farmed, members of the public might assume they can walk across it and it is hoped the signs would encourage people to respect the Field as farmland, and dissuade walkers and dog-walkers from using the Field and disturbing wildlife and ground-nesting birds.

55/20 - Hurtmore Field – BCM gave an update on the maintenance of the Field. Some years ago, there was a request from some residents to restrict the mowing on parts of the Field to allow wild flowers to establish. An area away from the goal posts and houses was selected and orchids and over 70 varieties of wild flowers can now be seen. However, BCM said there are differing views, as some Hurtmore residents would like this wild area expanded and others the whole Field to be mown. As a compromise, BCM will ask GBC to mow the flat area around the goal and edge of the Field but retain the less even area as a wildflower meadow.

56/20 - Planning – the following application was discussed

Planning application	Property	Proposal	SPC Comments
20/P/2215	Sugar Baker House, Lombard Street, Shackleford GU8 6BH	Construction of garden steps and landscaping in rear garden	No objections

57/20 - Finance

(a) **Expenses** – the following payments were approved and cheques authorised to be signed for the following payments where necessary:

Date	Amount	Reason for expenditure	VAT	Payee
1/12/20	£9.95	Website fee	1.66	34SP
1/1/21	£9.95	Website fee	1.66	34SP
18/01/21	£141.98	Clerk's expenses	0	Kate Lingard
18/01/21	£1,454.7	Annual donation towards insurance £504.70, £750 from filming fees and £200 from our SCC Councillor Matt Furniss to be put towards new playbark/fence repairs	0	Shackleford Community Playground
18/01/21	£120	Village emergency telephone system	20	Community Heartbeat Trust
18/01/21	£99.60	Cyder House Field signs	16.60	Blue Dot Display Ltd
18/01/21	£312	Carrying out recommended tree works	52	1 st Call Trees
12/11/20	£54	Parish flower beds	0	C Bell

(b) **Receipts** – to note the following payments:

Date	Amount	From	Reason
30/11/20	244.83	HMRC	VAT rebate (for Sept 2019-Nov 2020 as reclaimed by clerk for qualifying goods/services)

(c) **Budget** – the budget was discussed and approved (as prepared in advance and circulated by the clerk) for the precept for 2021/22, which proposed a precept request of £42 per Band D property (a £1 per Band D property increase from the previous year). Clerk to request the amount from GBC.

58/20 - Census 2021 – Census Day is 21 March 2021 – the clerk had been asked to tell residents that they can find out more by going to www.census.gov.uk

59/20 - Parish Mailing List – it was agreed that SPC needs a mailing list to email interested residents about parish matters (and any list must be compliant with all GDPR rules). David Sowerbutts suggested using Constant Contact which works well for his Shackleford Newsletter. PR to liaise with David to investigate this and see if it suits SPC's needs. SPC would need autonomy in sending out emails.

60/20 – Other Correspondence - none

61/20 - Next meetings: Monday 22nd March Monday 10th May (NB CHANGED FROM 17th MAY)
Monday 5th July Monday 13th September
Monday 15th November **DATED** 20 January 2021

Appendix - Presentation by Jean Thompson

A3 Noise Abatement Investigations – Parish Council 18th Jan 2021

Purpose of Attendance

Advise Parish Council of the investigation into the problem of A3 noise and air pollution in the local area. In Shackleford News it referred to a controversial proposal, but the facts are that I am in the middle of a detailed and quite lengthy investigation to understand the facts and consider the options. There is no proposal as yet but I hope that we can get to one. It depends entirely on the outcome of the investigation and local support.

Problem to be addressed

The reason for doing the investigation is the increased traffic volumes and resulting noise and air pollution in the vicinity of the A3, following the opening of the Hindhead tunnel in 2011.

A report commissioned by Highways England, 5 years after the tunnel opened, confirmed that: Traffic around the Hindhead tunnel has increased by 60%, which is 30% more than they had forecast.

What is being done

The investigation has involved a lot of research and discussion with

- residents,
- professional bodies; and
- other organisations

It is relatively early days, many things to consider requiring professional expertise to develop a proposal

- vehicle access,
- acoustics,
- ecology,
- visual impact,
- environmental considerations,
- planning policies etc

This is not a new problem and there are precedents for successful solutions - many bunds exist without being aware of them.

Summary - Make Parish Council aware that the investigation is well underway, it is not complete and there are a lot of things to consider. It's clear there is a problem, and concerns that it is a growing problem. Large number of residents spoken to who are affected by this problem; vast majority share concerns and are supportive of the investigation with a view to finding a solution. Investigation will continue and Parish Council will be updated as the investigation progresses.