

**SHACKLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES of Zoom meeting on 22 March 2021**

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

**Members of the Public** –Anthony Isaacs, Richard and Jean Thompson, Christopher Bell, Duncan Lidgitt, Nick Vanstone and Nicci Worthington.

**62/20 - Apologies for Absence** – Neil Smith.

**63/20 - Declarations of Interest** – none. BCM reminded councillors that they must fill in new Registers of Interest and return to the clerk, as these forms have recently changed in line with the new Code of Conduct adopted by GBC and SPC.

**64/20 - Minutes of meeting held on 18 January 2021** – approved and to be signed by BCM.

**65/20 - Matters Arising** - BCM said that she had more information from the AONB Board and SCC Waste & Minerals Plan that could be shared when next discussing noise abatement issues on the A3. BCM reported that she and PB had been to Hurtmore to tell residents about proposed maintenance of Hurtmore Field; not all residents were happy with the plans, which were a compromise balancing differing views of residents and ecological concerns.

**66/20 – Eashing Lane** – PR relayed the outcome of a meeting with Witley PC, WBC, Cala Homes and Richard Cooper (Transport Development Planner SCC) relating to the junction at the southern end of Eashing Lane (where it meets the A283) and the possible creation of a slip road there. There was tacit agreement at that meeting that the junction could benefit from some minor modifications only, as there was little local support for a slip road, and that funds saved could be redirected to other traffic issues in Eashing. These suggestions now have to pass through a safety audit at SCC before they can be implemented.

PR then detailed the damage to the bank at the SANG/Eashing Fields. Eashing Lane is unrestricted (60mph speed limit) and needs long sight-lines and the bank was therefore drastically cut back. Unfortunately, this has led to the edges of the tarmac being eroded, due to vehicles using more of the space available, and the road edges are a mess. BCM said that SPC has been asking for the speed limit on Eashing Lane to be reduced to 40mph since the Ockford Park traffic mitigation scheme was proposed, this could mean that the stone-based bank could be rebuilt nearer to its original height. PR and BCM to follow up with MF to address this issue further.

**67/20 - Shackleford Road/ Elstead Road Crossroads** – BCM reported that she had met with SCC to discuss safety issues relating to this junction. The junction is a busy one and is used daily by pedestrians walking with children and pushchairs and vehicles accessing Acorns nursery and St Mary’s School. One of the main issues is the speed of vehicles at the junction; the speed limit is 40mph at the crossing itself but 60mph just beyond it along the Elstead Road and many vehicles speed at the crossroads in anticipation of the 60mph stretch. It was also agreed that the junction was not clearly visible when approaching from the northern end of Shackleford Road, and that it was cluttered with distracting signs, overhanging vegetation and inadequately clear white lines. At present when approaching the junction from the north end of Shackleford Road, the presence of the gateway 40mph signs makes drivers think they are entering a stretch of road where they can speed up (from the 30mph in the centre of the village), rather than slow down and give way. It was agreed a better layout was required, with clear ‘give way’ signs to prevent a vehicle ‘sailing over’ the Elstead Road without stopping. It was also agreed that reducing the speed limit to 40mph on the Elstead Road would be desirable and MF said that SCC have a blanket scheme for reducing unrestricted rural roads to 40mph and this should apply to Elstead Road in the next year or two. Notwithstanding the SCC scheme, it was agreed BCM would continue to pursue the speed limit reduction (possibly to 30mph) and other safety measures in the meantime.

**68/20 - County and Borough Councillors** – MF said that the long-awaited resurfacing of the Elstead Road had finally happened. He also explained that SCC would soon have greater enforcement powers in relation to HGVs which would be helpful enforcing weight limits etc and he was taking steps to reduce HGV use of both Hurtmore slip roads to access Home Farm. He said that the ‘Your Fund Surrey’ has now launched, which is a rolling fund for local ideas that have local support. MF then explained that SCC vehicles are now fitted with AI to automatically and proactively report road issues (like potholes) which will help maintain roads and lower costs. MF said that he has requested a litter pick on the A3 between Eashing and Milford. PB raised the issue of the eroding horse margin at Hurtmore Bottom which had been inadequately repaired; MF said he would chase this with Highways England.

TR addressed issues that BCM raised in relation to Planning Enforcement. He said that there were simply not enough resources at GBC to deal with enforcement issues in a speedy manner. BCM said that she was often asked to raise residents’ concerns with GBC over possible planning breaches and it would be helpful if the enforcement office could give informal advice as a first stage, so that some cases could easily identified as non-breaches,

thereby avoiding being formally logged into the GBC system and using valuable time and resources. TR said he would talk to Planning about this.

**69/20 - Highways and Byways** – see above.

**70/20 - AONB Boundary** – BCM said that the review of the AGLV land in the Surrey Hills was imminent, and it was agreed that SPC send in comments to the consultation process to support the inclusion of Eashing AGLV land into the AONB designation, as the two landscapes have many similar characteristics. AI said that he hoped there was a good case for its inclusion and it was agreed the clerk would send in comments. JT asked if it was worth local residents sending in comments to support the possible redesignation and it was agreed that if individuals have the capacity to send in comments to the consultation or endorse SPC submissions, SPC would encourage that. AI said AONB designation would help protect against a possible quarry at Eashing but would not be decisive, as Surrey Minerals Plan can still select AONB land if needed to meet quotas.

**71/20 - Litter Picking** –TR said there was a scheme for communities to borrow equipment for litter picking and collect the rubbish gathered but it was agreed that SPC would not set up a parish-wide initiative as it would be difficult to organise and instead SPC hoped that some residents would continue do this on an individual basis near their own properties.

**72/20 – War Memorial Hedge** – FN said that QVK had been brilliantly maintaining the memorial and surrounding yew hedge, however, deer had recently discovered the yew hedge and it was no longer thriving. It was agreed that the best option may be to remove the yew, sadly, apart from one large specimen, and hope that the laurel hedge behind grows to take its place and then review the situation again.

**73/20 - 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
1/2/21	£9.95	Website fee	1.66	34SP
1/3/21	£9.95	Website fee	1.66	34SP
22/03/21	£143.91	Clerk's expenses	0	Kate Lingard
22/03/21	£228.28	Annual membership	0	Surrey ALC Limited

(b) **Receipts** – the following payments were noted:

Date	Amount	From	Reason
11/2/21	£373.17	GBC	Grant to help cover Zoom costs incurred in pandemic
23/2/21	£200	SCC – Matt Furniss Member allocation	Money towards playground costs

**74/20 - Parish Council Database** – PR had been looking into this and said the issue for SPC was to decide what their needs are – would communications be sporadic and about specific matters, would they be for consultation/invitation of residents' views or for more regular and general updates. Options discussed were the Shackleford Villages Facebook page, David Sowerbutt's Newsletter, Whatsapp, SPC website and the SPC noticeboards. It was noted that Shackleford News already gave a great and regular update on local news and perhaps SPC should just focus initially on sending out communications for specific matters – such as supporting the AONB redesignation or garnering residents' views on noise abatement schemes etc. BCM said she currently has a database of 100 emails users (who have agreed to be contacted in relation to local matters and who could ask to unsubscribe as per GDPR Rules at any time) that could be contacted in relation to SPC matters and it was felt that using this database for mailshots would be the best way to start communicating initially with residents, perhaps linking such communications to Facebook and the SPC website, as a regular update would be a big commitment and would overlap with the Newsletter. This item will be on the next agenda for further discussion.

**75/20 - Other Correspondence** – it was agreed that SPC donate £200 to the Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance fund and a cheque should be signed for this amount. SI, as SPC trustee for the Shackleford Centre, gave an update on the latest issues facing the Centre, she explained that the Centre was in need of some roof repairs (estimated at £16,000) and was having difficulty finding funds from local bodies, that the Trustees were currently renegotiating the agreement with Acorns and that they were getting ready to open the Hall again, in line with government guidelines and roadmap, in May.

**76/20 – Next meetings: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

– **however**, clerk to look into availability of other dates later in May with a view to possibly holding the next meeting at the Shackleford Centre

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

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