



**MINUTES OF SEALE AND SANDS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 19th FEBRUARY 2024, AT 7.30 PM
THE SANDS ROOM, THE SANDS**

Cllr. Mr I Brown
Cllr. Mr J Butcher
Cllr. Mrs N Collett
Cllr. Mrs L Parrott
Cllr. Mr A Jackson

Clerk Mrs L Rixon

Borough Cllr. Sallie Barker

9 Members of the Public

Actions

1. WELCOME and APOLOGIES

1.1 The Chairman welcomed and thanked all those present.

1.2 Apologies were received from Margaret Nelson, County & Borough Cllr. Matt Furniss and Dorcas Lakin.

**2 DECLARATION OF NON & DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS
In accordance with The Relevant Authorities Regulations 2012 (SI 2012 No. 1464)**

2.1 There was nothing declared.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 15th January 2024

3.1 The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman did not receive any questions prior to the Meeting, it was then opened to the Public attending for questions.

4.1 A member of the public asked could anything be done regarding the removal of the large logs placed at the edge of the road down Blighton Lane which had removed the ability for cars to pass safely nearer Seale Lane end.

The Chairman advised he would raise this with SCC – Matt Furniss as the logs were placed partially on Council land down parts of the road. **SCC**

- 4.2 Question was asked can anything be done about the water run off down Binton Lane which seems to be running off the adjacent golf course land.

The Chairman responded and advised he would pass it through to Highways. **S&SPC/
SCC**

- 4.3 A member of the public raised the issue of the Barley Mow potentially closing at the end of March and asked what the Parish Council could do.

The Chairman responded by saying it was registered as an Asset of Community Value, however nothing could be done until it was clear what Stonegate, the owner were planning to do as the Lease is still up for Sale.

- 4.4 Trees on Crooksbury Hill – it was raised that lots of the trees are dying and a number have now fallen or are being propped up by other trees, these being a potential danger to the public who walk through the woods regularly. A while ago it was reported there would be felling on the Hill and clearing of dangerous trees. Is this happening?

Nicola Collett advised she would investigate this and contact Matt Furniss/ Surrey County Council who are responsible for Crooksbury Hill. **S&SPC/
SCC**

5. **COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS –**

County Councillor Matt Furniss was not present, with no updates provided prior to the meeting.

5.1

The Chairman has sent an email to Matt Furniss (17.01.2024), requesting that SCC reinstate the cuts and ditches in the verges of Binton Lane next to track to Binton Farm Cottages and Blighton Lane between the post box and the North Downs Way. It is hoped this will ease the flooding at these two vulnerable flood points, although it is not a solution following heavy rain. This is now becoming urgent due to the constant flooding due to continual rain over the last 4 months.

SCC

6. **BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS**

6.1 Borough Councillor Sallie Barker provided the following information:

6.2 The investigation into Guildford Borough's Housing maintenance service is being handed over to the South East Regional Organised Crime Unit for investigation for fraud. The Finance Officer and Housing Manager have stepped down thus leading to the new Joint Chief Executive, Pedro Wrobel having to step in straight away.

6.3 The Budget for 2024 to 2025 was approved by GBC at their Full Council Meeting on 7th February 2024. The budget set out will continue to deliver services over the next three financial years.

6.4 On 25th January the GBC Executive recommended updating the Local Plan on Strategies and Sites. This is legally required to be reviewed within 5 years of its adoption to ensure the existence of a thriving and sustainable community that addresses the needs and aspirations of the residents.

6.5 Crowdfund Guildford are holding a free workshop on Friday 8th March for residents with ideas for local projects. This workshop will advise on what funding is available, how to help local communities create a project and run a campaign to get additional funding and offer specialised support for specific ideas.

6.6 Sallie Barker advised that she is now Mayor of Guildford.

Congratulations from the Public and Parish Council wishing her all the best.

7. **PARISH, NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LOCAL PLANS**

Bill Nelson has submitted all final documents and the Parish Council are working on comments to pass to Bill to produce the Final report for public consultation.

**BN/
S&SPC**

8. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman produced the following report:

8.1 **Farnborough Airport**

The time to review the application to increase movements at the airport by Rushmoor Borough Council has been extended and they have requested additional information and another consultation will possibly be held.

8.2 **The Sands Recreation Ground**

SSEN has advised that they will now not undertake the removal of the two dead trees that, if they fell, would likely fall across their power cables at the side of Littleworth Road.

We have written to SSEN to complain that they are not willing to fulfil the work we discussed to remove the two dead trees that are in danger of falling onto the power lines and Littleworth Road. SSEN have acknowledged receipt of the complaint but have yet to provide a response.

8.3 **Woodhead Cottage**

The Chairman met with the owners to discuss their proposed changes to the property. Their first application was refused by GBC and they have scaled back the additions which they hope will be acceptable to GBC.

8.4 **Waste bins/Dog Waste Bins**

Guildford Borough Council have increased the amount charged for emptying waste bins that are not on their land. The Parish now has to pay per year per bin, £340 for the first bin and £115 for each subsequent bin on the same site, which in our case is those at each of the two recreation grounds. This has led us to remove the dog waste bin at Seale Recreation Ground as dog waste can be put in general waste bins and to remove one of the dog waste bins at The Sands Recreation Ground (as there were 4) to help alleviate the huge increase in costs.

8.5 **Barley Mow ACV**

Further to concerns regarding the Barley Mow Public House, Countryfile-on BBC1 (18th February 2024) gave information of funds available and where to get advice on the process of purchasing, etc of community assets. The Parish Council would support any residents that may wish to try to save the pub should the freehold be sold by the current owners.

8.6 **Seale Lodge**

Runfold Liaison Group meeting scheduled for 21st February.

9 **PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS**

9.1 The Parish Council abide by the decision of Guildford Borough Council concerning all applications for Certificate of Lawfulness and Arboriculture proposals.

9.2 There were two planning applications received during the last period.

Reference: 23/P/02044

Location: Lawnswood, Blighton Lane, The Sands, Farnham, GU10 1PT

Proposal: Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation, front porch extension, single storey side and two storey rear extension, loft conversion to including two dormer windows

Comments submitted: 19th January 2024

Reference: 23/P/02080

Location: Appin Lodge, Long Hill, The Sands, Farnham, GU10 1NQ

Proposal: Single storey garage extension

Comments submitted: 10th February 2023

9.3 **Applications Approved: One and one at Appeal**

The following has been approved at Appeal.

Our Ref : 22/P/01214 Inspectorate's Ref : APP/Y3615/D/23/3323094
Location: School Hill Cottage, School Hill, Seale, Farnham, GU10 1HY

The erection of an open-sided carport with workshop to rear (part retrospective) at School Hill Cottage, School Hill has been approved by the appeal inspector.

9.4 **Applications Refused: One**

9.5 **Applications Withdrawn: Nil**

9.6 **Enforcement Notices currently in place: Two**

10. **FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

10.1 Orders for payment which were agreed and ratified were as follows:

To Whom	Amount	Details
SSE	97.14	Electricity for Pavilion
SSE	9.46	Electricity for Defib
Mark Butterfield	£302.58	Maintenance Jan/Feb
HM Land Registry	£6.00	
Lesley Rixon – Clerk	£593.29	Clerk's duties mid Nov-Mid Jan
B & M Nelson	£492.00	Admin, etc for Neighbourhood Plan
James Garside Planning Ltd	£1,540.00	Consultation for Neighbourhood Plan
Jason Butcher	£10.20	Voiphone

10.2 Money Received £2,885 from Ash Football Club for hire of Pitches

11. **COUNCIL PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES**

11.1 **Project List** – These will be incorporated into the Parish plan of work. They will be shown, as each item is identified and started. **ALL**

11.2 **Projects to be considered** – The Sands Recreation Ground woodland.

12. **MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

12.1 None raised

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

13.1 The next meeting is on 25th March 2024, Seale Village Hall, Seale

13.2 Dates of future meetings:

20th May 2024, The Sands Room, Annual Assembly
17th June 2024, Seale Village Hall
15th July 2024, The Sands Room
16th September 2024, Seale Village Hall
21st October 2024, The Sands Room
18th November 2024, Seale Village Hall
20th January 2025, The Sands Room

All meetings are on Mondays and start at 7.30 pm.

SEALE RECREATION GROUND

1 **ITEMS NOT DISCUSSED IN ABOVE MEETING**

1.1 The Parish Council, acting as Trustees of the Seale Recreation Ground Charity, had no other specific items to discuss. The minutes, as related above, include decisions taken for this Charity and were ratified by those present. Other specific items are noted below.

2 **FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS**

2.1 All as per the main meeting, if applicable.

This part of the meeting closed at 20:30 hours