



**MINUTES OF SEALE AND SANDS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 25th March 2024, AT 7.30 PM
SEALE VILLAGE HALL, SEALE**

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

Clerk Mrs L Rixon

County and Borough Councillor Matt Furniss

10 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 Simon Lipyeat, Borough Cllr. Sallie Barker and Chris Laver.
- 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 19th February 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 raised the issue regarding the yellow lines on Seale Lane were not equally spaced, could this be looked into.

The Parish Council and Matt Furniss advised they would look into this and to see if the lines deviate from original plans.

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- 4.2 A member of the public enquired what was happening regarding a footpath along Seale Lane running from Blighton Lane to Binton Lane as a member of highways had been seen measuring up along the route.

This was responded to by Matt Furniss who advised that there are plans in place to replace the footpath and possibly incorporate repairs to Seale Lane. He suggested SCC Highways would have been measuring to get pricing submitted for the works. No date had been agreed, Matt advised he would look into it and provide an update.

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5. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS –

County Councillor Matt Furniss had submitted an update to the Action List and provided updates on the following:

- 5.1 Hogs Back Layby is to be filled using soil from local works.
- 5.2 Whiteways Cottage flooding was being investigated by the SCC Flood Department, with a resolution being sorted asap.

- 5.3 Blighton Lane / North Downs Way works are due to be carried out shortly. Discussions have taken place between SCC and Farnham Golf Club and with their assistance in increasing the size of the balancing ponds and with the installation of hydrorock under Blighton the flooding problem will hopefully come under control. All property owners downstream of the works have been notified.

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It was stated that maintaining the grips and the ditches throughout the village would lead to less flooding, particularly at this vulnerable point.

- 5.4 Matt advised that the Flood Forum was no longer going ahead as it was felt that now the Council Flood officers were involved it was no longer required.
- 5.5 Farnborough Airport decision has been delayed as more information has been requested Rushmoor Borough Council.
- 5.6 McDonalds Planning application has been delayed because of the quantity of local objections.
- 5.7 Clearance of the ditch at the bottom of Wood Lane is currently being priced by SCC.

6. BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

County and Borough Councillor Matt Furniss provided the following information:

- 6.1 A person has been arrested as part of the fraud investigation at Guildford Borough Council. A total of 43 million pounds was lost on a combination of fraud and bad contracts.

- 6.2 A new £50,000 budget has been approved for projects in the local area. A recent grant of £5,000 was given to The Sands Room for improvement works.
- 6.3 The Planning Enforcement cases currently in place at the Hogs Back have been advised to submit retrospective planning applications.

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

The Neighbourhood Plan has been reviewed by the Parish Council and various questions arose regarding the policies and other aspects. The Parish Council are going to spend some time reviewing everything in more detail over the coming weeks to ensure information meets all the current guideline.

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8. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- 8.1 Complaint made to SSEN since their change of heart regarding the work that was discussed to remove the two dead trees that are in danger of falling onto the power lines and Littleworth Road. SSEN acknowledged receipt of the complaint but failed to provide a response. To remove the risk of the trees falling onto the power lines, the Parish Council have removed the offending trees.

8.2 **BARLEY MOW ACV**

The pub has now closed and the Parish Council have received no information of the owner's planned next steps.

8.3 **SEALE LODGE**

Attended Runfold Liaison Group meeting in February and reported that, contrary to what was agreed, new fencing of Seale Lodge and Sandy Cross landfill sites adjacent to footpath from Seale Lane has two rows of barbed wire. Replacement of failed trees in Seale Lodge has been carried out. The Princess Royal landfill site is now largely complete with some profiling of the final area to be completed. Surrey Hedgelayers carried out work to hedgerows of Princess Royal along the North Downs Way.

9 **PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 The Parish Council abide by the decision of Guildford Borough Council concerning all applications for Arboriculture proposals.
- 9.2 There were three planning applications received during the last period.

Reference: 24/P/00264

Location: Sandalwood, Long Hill, The Sands, Farnham, GU10 1NG

Proposal: Erection of new carport

Comments submitted: 8th March 2023

Reference: 24/P/00255

Location: Fern Lea, Seale Lane, Seale, Farnham, GU10 1LF

Proposal: Replace the existing clay tile roof, with a plain slate roof

Comments submitted: 8th March 2023

Reference: 24/P/00283

Location: Woodhead Cottage, Binton Lane, Seale, Farnham, GU10 1LG

Proposal: Construction of a first floor extension and a two storey side and rear extension to the house following demolition of the existing garage.

Comments not yet submitted :

- 9.3 Applications Approved: None
- 9.4 Applications Refused: None
- 9.5 Applications Withdrawn: None
- 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	28.99	Electricity for Pavilion
SSE	9.46	Electricity for Defib
Mark Butterfield	£721.80	Maintenance Feb to end Mar
1 st Call Trees	4776.00	Tree Felling Sands Rec
Lesley Rixon – Clerk	£673.29	Clerk’s duties Feb-end Mar
Wicksteed	£520.24 £520.90 316.80	Replace bearing – Seale Replace bearing – Sands Survey of Play Equipment
Nicola Collett	22.50	Seale Pavilion Consumables
Jason Butcher	£5.20	Voiphone

- 10.2 Money Received £677.50 from Grant Aid from GBC

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 Dog fouling on footpaths near Botany Hill and Seale Lane, Parish member wishes local residents to be made aware of their obligations under Law regarding Dog fouling on public paths.
- 12.2 Nicola Collett reported the issues at Crooksbury Hill regarding the dangerous trees to the Countryside Estates Department at Surrey County Council and received the following reply:

'Thanks for forwarding Local residents' concerns at Crooksbury Hill. Myself with Woodland Operations team have recently inspected and surveyed the site. We have site and woodland management plans to work on as time and resources allow.

Regarding your concern with dead or hung up trees, we address them depending on the risk / priority level. We have couple of trees which are required to fell on our next task day. The rest of the visibly dead/ hung up trees are at very low risk to safety/ Low Priority. The already fallen trees on ground are left considering potential habitat for invertebrates. Saying that, the team will schedule works on thinning and tidying up the fallen woods wherever possible.'

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 13.1 The next meeting is on 20th May 2024, The Sands Room, Annual Assembly
- 13.2 Dates of future meetings:

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 20:15 hours

