



**MINUTES OF SEALE AND SANDS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 16th OCTOBER 2023, AT 7.30 PM
SEALE VILLAGE HALL, SEALE**

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

County & Borough Cllr. Mr M Furniss

Parish Clerk x 1

10 Members of the Public

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| | | Actions |
| 1. | WELCOME and APOLOGIES | |
| 1.1 | The Chairman welcomed and thanked all those present. | |
| 1.2 | Apologies were received from Borough Cllr. S Barker, Cllr. Mrs L Parrott and Simon Lipyeat. | |
| 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 18th September 2023 | |
| 3.1 | The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. | |
| 4. | PUBLIC FORUM | Actions |
| | The Chairman read out information and comments received prior to the Meeting. | |
| 4.1 | Seale and Sands Litter Team | |
| | The Litter Team are discussing dropping litter signage with Matt Furniss for more awareness. There are a small number of people doing amazing work, however more support is needed. The villages are much tidier at the moment but this is due | Residents |

to a small number of dedicated volunteers. More volunteers are desperately needed. Please contact the Parish Council and we will put them in touch with the team.

4.2 **Speed Watch**

Residents

The Speed Watch Team is trying to reinvigorate itself, however more volunteers are needed. Two sessions completed recently on Seale Lane. To volunteer is easy - a 40 minute online test and 20 minute roadside training session. Speedwatch is carried out in pairs and is monitored and supported by Surrey Police. All sessions are booked online so that police are aware of our presence. Interested people should contact speedwatch@sealeandsands.org

4.3 Mark Stinson thanked the Parish Council for all its work and support over previous years as he is moving out of the area.

5. **COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS** – Matt Furniss

5.1 County Councillor Matt Furniss was present and provided an update as follows:

5.2 Matt Furniss once again highlighted that Surrey County Council have introduced an on-demand bus service in the local area, it covers a radius of approx. 7 miles and is available to anyone at a cost from £2.00 a fare. It can be booked in advance and even as late as 30 minutes before you need it.

Full details are available on service [Surrey connect: on demand bus service - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/transport/surrey-connect)

Very positive comments have been received on how good and efficient the service is as various members of the public had already used it.

5.3 Matt Furniss had met with the Managing Director of Farnborough Airport and expressed the concerns of the increase in flights, especially the doubling of slots at the weekends. He once again encouraged Residents to comment direct to Farnborough Airport regarding proposed Farnborough Airport flights changes and send copies to him. It is very important that local voices provide their opinion.

5.4 Flood works on Blighton Lane were discussed and work will be carried to ensure the natural flow of water under the road is not obstructed.

5.5 Seale Lane has been nominated for reconstruction of the road and pavement in future Highways works.

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During this discussion members of the public raised the issue of the increase of traffic and the number of cars speeding along Seale Lane due to the confusing increase/decreases in speed not being clear. Options were put forward by Matt to organise a consistent speed limit along the road.

Also requested was the removal of the white lines in the centre of the road between Whiteways Corner and Blighton Lane as drivers automatically assume the road is wide enough and drive too fast, in places the road is only suitable for one vehicle width.

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- 5.6 Matt Furniss advised that Highways have purchased 38 new Gritters in the area.
- 5.7 Matt Furniss also reached out on the huge need for Foster parents in Surrey, a large campaign has been started in the area.

6. **BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS**

Actions

- 6.1 Borough Councillor Matt Furniss updates:
- 6.2 Borough Councillor Matt Furniss provided an update on the financial situation with respect to Guildford Borough Council and confirmed that there will be no Parish Grant funding at all in the future.

6.3 **Planning** – Guildford Planning department is no longer under Government special measures.

- 6.4 Matt Furniss asked anyone who lives in or knows someone that lives in a Council house and has had any maintenance work or any issue with work carried out to contact GBC.

Residents

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

The following update was provided by Bill Nelson.

Bill has had Zoom Meeting with External Consultant over all the areas of the plan, plus items that need to be completed.

Two “technical” reports specifically for the Examiner are being done by the Consultant now – Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions, how the plan meets the legal requirements.

Bill will be meeting with the Consultant in early November to finalise the new Draft, where we will also consider all responses etc to potentially include or revise in the plan.

The next aspect which needs to be set up will be a section on the Parish Web Site, where all the main documents and information will be hosted.

An example of this will be given so that this can be made available. Initially only Bill and the Consultant would have access so that only the agreed and finalised information is populated.

They are on course to present to the next draft to the Parish Council in mid-November.

Cllr. Nicola Collett, with support from Cllr. Andrew Jackson have kindly volunteered to work with Bill to progress the Plan, Nicola has agreed to be the Parish Council point of contact to ensure the Plan is submitted and approved with Guildford Borough Council.

8 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman produced the following report:

8.1 Farnborough Airport

Comments have been received from residents regarding the proposed increase in flights from Farnborough. I encourage all residents to respond to the public consultation and copy Matt Furniss (SCC), FACC Reps Geoff Davis (GBC) and David Lewis (SCC) and the Parish Council (Clerk or Chairman).

8.2 Seale Village Hall

Seale Village Hall AGM will be held on 13th November at which the Parish Council will be represented by Lyn Parrott.

8.3 Sands Recreation Ground

The Parish Council is waiting for a quotation for the work required to address the dead and unsafe trees in the woodland adjacent to Littleworth Road. Another quote has also been requested from an alternative company.

9 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- 9.1 **Parish Emergency Plan and Risk Register** – Regularly updated - Councillors to contribute any new items for consideration.

**Clerk/
Chair**

10 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

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

- 10.2 There were 2 planning applications received during the last period and these are all on our website.

- 10.3 Reference: 23/P/01475

Location: Birch Corner, Seale Lane, Seale, Farnham, GU10 1LD

Proposal: Proposed new vehicle crossover and installation of 2m pillars with access gates and drive.

Comments submitted: 4th October 2023

- 10.4 Reference: 23/W/00072

Location: Binton Farm, Binton Lane, The Sands, Farnham, GU10 1LQ

Proposal: Prior approval under Schedule 2 Part 6 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for a proposed: Excavations or Deposits of Waste Material reasonably necessary for the purposes of Agriculture for the construction of an irrigation reservoir to store water for agricultural spray irrigation.

Comments Submitted: 16th October 2023

- 10.5 **Applications Approved: One**

- 10.6 **Applications Refused: One**
- 10.7 **Applications Withdrawn: Nil**
- 10.8 **Enforcement Notices put in place: None**

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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- 11.1 There were 5 items of correspondence, 359 e-mails received, and 123 e-mails sent during the period 18th September 2023 - 15th October 2023.
- 11.2 These were all actioned by the Chairman and Clerk, as required.

12 COUNCIL PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES

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

Woodlands at the edge of The Sands Recreation Ground, costs to clear starting with removing dangerous trees underway.

- 12.2 **Projects to be considered** – Seale Recreation Ground, Hard standing; Recreation Gates and Entrances.
- 12.3 **Grant Aid** – No applications were made in this period. There is a total grant of £4,021 available to be claimed during 2023/24.

13. FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

- 13.1 Orders for payment which were agreed and ratified were as follows:

To Whom	Amount	Details
PKF Littlejohn	£252.00	Payment for Accounts
Jason Butcher	£110.75	Expenses
AGM Landscaping	£648.00	Grass Cutting
Mark Butterfield	£405.93	Maintenance Sep/Oct
Lesley Rixon - Clerk	£556.33	Clerk's duties, training

- 13.2 **Annual Accounts** – These have been approved by the Auditors.

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

14.1 Nicola Collett discussed a recent meeting with Manager of Farnham Golf Club and the potential for a permissive path at the edge of Blighton Lane and the Golf Course to access the North Downs Way. However, it was raised that there was originally a footpath through the edge of the Golf Course which had been closed off. This is to be investigated by Nicola and Matt Furniss. **NC/MF**

14.2 **Communication with Forestry England**

Nicola is continuing communication with Forestry England regarding the future plans for Crooksbury Common and notification of future felling of trees. **NC**

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

15.1 The next meeting is on 20th November 2023, The Sands Room.

15.2 Dates of future meetings:

15th January 2024, Seale Village Hall
19th February 2024, The Sands Room
25th March 2024, Seale Village Hall
20th May 2024, The Sands Room, Annual Assembly

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 20.45 hours