

SHEET ASSOCIATION AND VILLAGE COMMUNITY TRUST
AGM MINUTES 2022

There was a short social gathering after the meeting, which was held in the Village Hall at 7pm on Friday 28 October 2022. (Attendance was 14 and there were apologies from: Lesley Hall, Sue McBean, Melissa Jones and Jenny Clark)

ITEM 1. The AGM Minutes for 2019 were approved.

Proposed: John Trewby

Seconded: Owen Jonathan

ITEM 2. CHAIRMANS REPORT.

We pay a tribute to the major contribution made to the Sheet Association and all village activities, by the late Will Glancy, who served on our Committee as Secretary, in the 8 busy years leading up to our successful Local Governance Review and the formation of Sheet Parish Council, on which he was elected and served thereafter. We miss his dedication, infectious enthusiasm, his sense of fun and his ability to harness the creative talent in his village. He left us this year with a funeral in St Mary Magdalen, Sheet, on 1 April and a legacy of his service to Sheet.

The three years since our last AGM on 9 June 2019 have been dominated by Covid restrictions and lockdowns.

During this difficult period, the Trustees of the SVCT, which became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 9 April 2019, have met several times, and have reported annually to the Charity Commission. The Trustees have been able to make grants and to keep the Sheet News going. They supported a Sheet community project to plant a Community Orchard on the Millennium Field, buying 47 trees, including many local varieties of apples, pears, plums and cherries which were planted by the residents of Sheet.

The SA had hoped to repeat the format of the very successful Street Party, two years after the first one and the committee met on 22 November 2019. Preparations advanced to the point of securing contracts for tables, chairs etc, but we decided not to take the risk of doing so with the growing threat of Covid; this proved the right decision, as we had the first lockdown and all meetings were cancelled. A Hollyhock festival was also proposed to cheer us up when they were in full bloom, but that was not possible either and so there was no fund-raising possibility for the Community Trust. Vaughan Clarke held a dinner on 1

November 2021, in the Half Moon pub, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the ending of the Sheet Bridge toll, this was a joint venture between SA and Petersfield Museum.

Carols Round the Tree were enjoyed on 20 December 2019, 21 December 2020 and 17 December 2021, organised by Cllr Brian Bird.

However, we eventually re-started the full SA Committee activity from scratch, with the 5 Trustees and 3 members of the 2019 AGM Committee, on 3 December 2021; all were wearing masks. We met to start the planning for an ambitious Platinum Jubilee Lunch. Many smaller organising meetings followed on 3 March, 6 April, 27 April and 25 May, chaired by Lesley Hall and Vaughan Clarke, as the plan developed. The Sheet Big Jubilee Lunch, organised by Lesley Hall and her team, was held on Sunday 5 June 2022, synchronised with the National programme for celebrations across Britain. The unsettled weather was kind to us and it was a great triumph, with over 300 people sitting down to eat either a picnic or a set lunch in Village Street. It was supported by grants from HCC, EHDC and Sheet Parish Council. The raffle raised some much-needed funds for the Community Trust to support worthwhile future Sheet community projects and other local organisations raised funds as well, through their stalls on the recreation ground. Altogether, it was a very appropriate and traditional celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's seventy years on the throne, shared with many across the Nation.

A further meeting will be held as a follow-up, when all of the organisers are present, to learn the lessons, as a guide for any future similar events.

We were fortunate that the Sheet News and our Website (sheetvillage.net) along with a (virtual) Parish Council, have managed to keep communicating through the lockdowns.

ITEM 3. COMMUNITY TRUST ACCOUNTS.

John Trewby, as Treasurer of the Sheet Association, gave a verbal summary of the accounts and they are at [Annex A to these minutes](#). There were no questions and they were accepted by the meeting.

Proposed: Andrew Platt

Seconded: Owen Jonathan

ITEM 4. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

There are currently 5 Trustees Andrew Platt, John Trewby, Vaughan Clarke, Scott Gibbons and Owen Jonathan. Every year, at the AGM, 2 of the longest serving trustees have to retire from office. They can offer themselves for re-election. This year Owen Jonathan and Andrew Platt are standing down and offer themselves for re-election.

Proposed: Lucy Pringle

Seconded: Jayne Flatt

They were re-elected by the meeting.

Any resident of Sheet, who is qualified and prepared to undertake the legal duties, can apply to be a Trustee, but there have been no other applicants, at this stage, for election.

ITEM 5. ELECTION OF A WORKING COMMITTEE FOR 2022/23

At the last AGM we re-elected the whole existing committee of 2018. The Rules of the Sheet Association require a committee to be elected at the AGM. The Trustees who have been elected and re-elected at this AGM, form the core of the Working Committee. The activities of the Sheet Association all need to be covered by an appointed Working Committee member, who may need to form a sub-committee of helpers for their activity. It is always difficult to find new people in the village, who wish and have time and energy to make a contribution in community activity, but they do exist in Sheet and we need to actively seek them. The SA Committee involves the Parish Council, the Sheet School (FOSS) and St Mary's Church in planning of dates and activities, so we invite them as Ex Officio members to join us, when appropriate. There are also Churcher's College staff and retired staff who live in the village, Churcher's has concerts in the Half Moon pub garden and they have performed at our parties. The Working Committee is below; I have removed the Community Trust Secretary post, but included some Active Sheet Association Members, who remain involved and who may attend SA Committee Meetings. This year Lesley

Hall has stepped down from the Working Committee, but has agreed to continue running the website.

Chairman;	Andrew Platt (trustee)
Treasurer:	John Trewby (trustee)
Secretary:	Vacant
Editor Sheet News:	Vaughan Clarke (trustee)

Web Site:	Lesley Hall
(Assistant)	Vacant

Film Club:	Jayne Flatt
Press Liaison:	Lucy Pringle
Publicity:	Scott Gibbons(trustee)
Projects:	Owen Jonathan(trustee)

Active Sheet Association Members:	Sue McBean Melissa Jones Jenny Clark
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Ex Officio Members:

St Mary Magdalen	Vicar
Parish Council	A Councillor
Sheet School (FOSS)	Representative

Proposed: Andrew Platt
Seconded: Scott Gibbons

ITEM 6. SHEET NEWS.

Sheet News, now in colour, has undergone a transformation in production costs reducing from £1180 to £200 thanks to a resident of Sheet.

ITEM 7. WEBSITE.

The Sheet village website (sheetvillage.net) continues to act as a source of social archive, current information and future events, including the Film Club, events at Sheet School and the Church and Sheet WI meetings. The website also occasionally draws attention to Parish Council matters.

(Monthly Reminders of the website updates are sent by email to around 90 people, who have given their email addresses. If you're not already receiving these updates and would like to, you can leave your email address here tonight.)

Lesley invented the Sheet Village website some 10 years ago, to support the Parish Plan working group and she has developed it into an indispensable tool for the village. Although she now wishes to step back from other Committee activity, she would be happy to continue looking after the website, provided the Committee will feed her with any information to be included, as well as the usual information which she seeks out routinely.

She is planning to start, with the February 2023 update to include some of the 'historic' information sent to her a while back, by Robert Baillie, a relative of the late Peter Baillie of Sheet who was a Sheet Village Association member.

If you have suggestions for additional content to the website please let us know. (You can do this at any time via the Contact Us page on the website)

We are looking for an assistant to Lesley Hall with the necessary IT skills

ITEM 8. SHEET FILM CLUB

Since our last AGM in June 2019 the Covid pandemic has played havoc with the film club programmes. During seasons September 2019 to June 2022 we managed to screen only 16 films out of the 27 expected due to postponements caused by Covid. When our film nights resumed, we took precautions against the spread of infection, providing hand sanitisers, spreading out the seating and ventilating the hall.

Attendance has been slowly growing this season, most people have renewed their patron memberships and we have new people coming to film nights. We are continuing our close partnership with the Queens Head. 3 types of pizzas.

We have a full programme of 10 films planned for this 2022-3 season, along with a film quiz in the spring, and our AGM event.

We have a great team of volunteer helpers who do everything - choosing and sourcing the DVDs and licences, running the equipment, managing the

WebCollect membership and ticketing website, creating and distributing the film posters, setting up the room on film nights, stocking and running the bar, clearing up and washing up.

As a result of Covid, we have adopted a cashless payment option which makes the finance side of things much more straightforward. We have recently also purchased a new sound system with film club funds to be installed in the village hall.

Even if a film may not be to everyone's taste the evenings are always good fun. They are really important community events and continue to attract new people .

ITEM 9. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

As you know, Road Safety is a Parish Council responsibility, however we do make an input to the PC and we have several trained Speedwatch teams, so many of our concerns on Road Safety are being incorporated into the PC Plans. For instance, during the lockdown many residents walked down Village Street, across the busy A272 to Sheet Common and through the Common across the A272 again to access the footpaths through the Westmark fields to Durford and Rogate Woods. We wrote to the Parish Council on 9 March 2021, during the lockdown to propose; a faux pedestrian crossing near Sheet Bridge and again on the Westmark leg of the A272, also improvements at the Town Lane crossing of the link road, for people walking into Petersfield. The former has been investigated and funded, with road markings, bollards and signs, but a speed reduction on Adhurst Hill and a reduction to 30mph on London Road are still being actively pursued. This first faux crossing may pave the way to eventual speed reduction. As we know, it is a lengthy and expensive process, with speed surveys and accident data considered, but we are aware that Sheet is the only village on the A272 in Hampshire, that does not have a speed limit of 30 mph.

There are areas of concern in Pullens Lane, which are shared with Petersfield Strategy Group, including the dangerous junction with London Road. Cllr Alan Biddlecombe is the lead on this area.

Another project is in hand to facilitate a left turn from School Lane to the Farnham Road. It will involve an extension to the Village Green, improvements to the top of Village Street and a pavement extension on the corner by the Church.

All this information is on the Parish Council Minutes website and we are encouraged to attend their monthly meetings.

ITEM 10. FUTURE EVENTS

SHEET WINTER WARMER CAFÉ.

A Sheet café, sponsored by the SA and run by Jayne Flatt and Julie from Sheet church, are setting up a Friday afternoon cafe in Sheet Village Hall, starting on Friday November 4. The current plan is for it to be open from 2.30pm to 4.30pm every Friday afternoon until the end of March 2023. They have secured grant funding from Sheet Parish Council, EHDC and SVCT and are planning to offer free coffee and cakes or biscuits and just ask for donations. Hopefully, it will be a viable plan. The aim is to provide a welcoming place for anyone and everyone to come along to and the hope is that those people who are alone or struggling with heating their homes, will come along for the afternoon to enjoy some company and warmth. There will be table games such as dominoes, Connect 4 and UNO, along with magazines and the local paper. Small children are welcome too.

Many volunteers have come forward to help with the project.

CAROLS ROUND THE TREE. Cllr Brian Bird will set a date for this year's event.

DUCK RACE. A suggestion for a Duck Race in Village Street, as a repeat of the Will Glancy idea; this activity could be part of another event. In the past duck races have been held in the River Rother, but it involved access to Adhurst estate, viewing from the narrow bridge pavements on the busy A272 and the difficult retrieval of stranded ducks from the river.

ITEM 11. AOB

We need a notice with the forthcoming SA activities to be posted in the entrance to the Village Hall and the pub. Many residents do not use our excellent website, but it might be printed from it. With the increased useage of the Village Hall, it could be seen by many more.

Annex A to AGM minutes 2022

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

SHEET VILLAGE COMMUNITY TRUST
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INFORMATION AND TRUSTEES' REPORT

History

The Trust was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 26 March 2012 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 13 June 2012. It successfully converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 9th April 2019.

Trustees

Mr V R Clarke
Mr R S Gibbons
Mr O R Jonathan
Colonel A G Platt
Rear Admiral J A Trewby CB

Objects

The Charity's objects are specifically restricted to such of the following as are wholly charitable and for the public benefit:-

- the conservation of the environment in and around the village of Sheet in Hampshire ("the beneficial area");
- the provision and enhancement of public amenities in the beneficial area;
- the advancement of the education of the public about the conservation and protection of the environment within the beneficial area; and
- the acquisition of equipment and of land with or without buildings within or in the immediate vicinity of the beneficial area for the purposes of public amenity recreation and enjoyment.

Trustees' report for the year

This year the Sheet Association Committee met on 3 December 2021 and 14 January 2022 mainly to discuss plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee party. Subsequent meetings of a sub committee took place to finalise details. The SVCT Trustees met twice on 5th May 2021 to approve the 20/21 accounts and on 29th September 2021 to discuss plans for the 150th anniversary dinner for the closure of Sheet Toll Bridge. It was agreed to cancel the annual

insurance and only take out insurance for individual events. The majority of activities this year have centred around the publishing and distribution of Sheet News in September and March. Grants have been received from the Sheet Parish Council, East Hants District Council and Hampshire County Council. The Village Party scheduled to be held in July had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic but plans are well advanced for the Platinum Jubilee Party on June 5th 2022. So far no village assets have been transferred to the Trust but it remains a facility to safeguard village assets in future against any potential change in council governance. We plan to hold an AGM later in the year after the Platinum Jubilee Party. Until then the existing Trustees will remain in post.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance of the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit and are satisfied that throughout the year under review the Trust fulfilled the requirement to operate solely in the interests of the public and for its benefit.

J A Trewby (Treasurer)
May 2022

R. Dark (Inspector)
May 2022

SHEET VILLAGE COMMUNITY TRUST

(Company registration no: 08006191. Charity registration no: 1147676)

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2022

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
<u>Fixed Assets</u>	0	0
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash at bank	<u>2104</u>	<u>745</u>
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<u>Creditors/(Debtors)</u>		
Loan repayable	(500)	(500)
Net assets	<u>1604</u>	<u>245</u>
<u>The Company's Funds</u>		
Total amount of funds	<u>1604</u>	<u>245</u>

SHEET VILLAGE COMMUNITY TRUST

Statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 31 March 2020

	<u>2022</u> £		<u>2021</u> £
<u>Receipts</u>			
Advertisers in <i>Sheet News</i>	1165		1040
Grants:-			
Sheet Parish Council	600		500
East Hampshire District Council	626		600
Hampshire County Council	<u>950</u>		<u>0</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>2176</u>		<u>1100</u>
Donations	0		55
Private Loan	0	500	
Receipts from Victorian Dinner	1239		0
Total receipts	<u>4580</u>		<u>2695</u>
Less			
<u>Payments</u>			
Printing <i>Sheet News</i>	2240		2240

Administration costs	15	15
Insurance premium	0	486
Victorian Dinner Expenses	816	0
Plat Jubilee Expenses	150	0
Total payments	<u>3221</u>	<u>2741</u>
Surplus/(deficit)	1359	<u>(46)</u>

Statement of affairs as at 31 March 2022

Balance brought forward	£745
Surplus during the year	£1359
Loan Repayable	<u>(£500)</u>
Total funds at 31March 2022	<u>£ 1604</u>