

## SHERFORD COUNCILLOR SURGERY – MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020

*Meeting held remotely, 18.00 hrs*

**Attendees:** Cllr Dan Brown (SHDC), Sir Gary Streeter, Daniel Bassett (TW), Gina Small (DCC), Ian Sosnowski (SHDC), Joey Federis Cox (Vistry), Nick Lamb (Brookbanks), Richard Darlow (Brookbanks), Helen Deas-Williams (Sherford CLT), Michael Wills (Brixton PC), Judy Talbot (Co-ordinator CLT) and eight residents.

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| <p><b>1. Apologies:</b> Cllr Churchill, Cllr Hart and Liz Hitchens.</p>   |
| <p><b>2. <u>Welcome and Introductions:</u></b> Cllr Brown introduced attendees and welcomed residents to the meeting. This is a regular meeting held every couple of months in order for residents to meet their local Councillors and discuss any concerns about the development and Sherford in general.</p> <p>Sir Gary Streeter was interested to hear from residents how they thought the development was progressing. He would also like to know when Main Street would be completed and when the commercial element would start to be developed.</p>   |
| <p><b>3. <u>Update on the Sherford Development and outline proposals over the next 12 months</u></b></p> <p><b>Phase 1.1</b> - Brookbanks confirmed that Phase 1.1 is close to completion with the remaining parcel U by the community park to be finished. Phase 1b now has planning permission and infrastructure works will start before the end of the year.</p> <p><b>Main Street</b> - is on schedule to open at the beginning of September and will be accessible leading up to Deep Lane Junction.</p> <p><b>Business Park</b> – the planning process has started, and a full application will be submitted shortly.</p> <p><b>Western Pitches &amp; Multi-use Games Area</b> – Velocity will complete these by the end of August. The Skate Bowl is now also finished, and landscaping is required for all areas before they are opened to the public.</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood equipped play area</b> – equipment has arrived with a 4-week installation to follow then landscaping.</p> <p><b>Allotments</b> – consortium finalizing details for preparation of the first batch of allotments. Once the area is completed it will then pass to the management company for ongoing management.</p> <p><b>Leisure Centre</b> – The planning and design for the 4-lane pool and sports centre can now recommence with both PCC and DCC involved.</p> <p><b>Traffic calming</b> – measures along Sherford Road have now been sent out to the Highways Authority and works can start once Main Street has opened.</p> <p><b>Community Hub</b> – there is an 8-9-week lead in time for delivering the Hub which will be a temporary building.</p> |

**Local Centre (area outside the Primary School)** – the consortium is considering proposals from different interested parties. The Centre is planned to be a mixed-use site, comprising of apartments, retail and office use.

**Letter box** – to arrive in the next couple of weeks.

**4. Update from the Community Trust**

**Community Hub** – A community space is being progressed and will be located on the site adjacent to the Primary School. It will be available to the community for groups to use as well as other service providers in the area.

The Community Trust are advising on the internal configuration to allow for separate meeting areas and sufficient storage capacity. It was clarified that COVID restrictions will not allow the hub to be fully used for some time. This will obviously be reviewed regularly.

Legals and management issues are now being considered by the Trust.

**Grant applications** – The Trust has set up a grant scheme which residents of Sherford can use to apply for support. For further details and the criteria for application please go to <https://www.sherfordtrust.org.uk/grants.php>.

Two recent submissions were approved. Residents are invited to submit more applications for any worthwhile projects.

The Trust is beginning to work with Vistry Communities in developing projects such as the establishment of beehives in the community.

**5. Questions from residents**

**Bin stores** – There is ongoing concern regarding the collection service and this has been raised with PCC. Many of the present bins are now too large for some of the doorways to the bin stores and this has caused damage to lintels and framework. There will be a requirement to repair these areas and a snagging list is required to enable the housebuilders to carry these out.

**Completing works/finishing roads** - Concerns were expressed over some roads and pavements not having been fully completed.

The Consortium is committed to providing a programme for completion of roads.

**Services/houses in PCC and SHDC – will these be moved?** The large majority of the wider Sherford development falls within SHDC but services such as waste collection are currently being provided by PCC. Services will typically be provided by the respective authority depending on which side of the border residents live. If there was a boundary review then this would have the potential to change matters.

A ‘Street Scene’ leaflet detailing all the services in Sherford is being finalized and will soon be available to residents. This will clarify which Authority deals with the various services as well as how the Consortium and Management Company are involved.

Another guide is being produced to clearly show which areas within the development are being managed and by whom. We would like to hear from any residents who would be interested in reviewing the initial draft.

**Will a representative from Sherford be able to join Brixton PC?** There were two vacancies on the Council recently, but these have now been filled. Residents from Sherford have attended PC meetings and Councillors would encourage this more. Residents of Sherford are more than welcome to apply to take positions on Brixton PC. The School has been nominated as a place for voting in any future elections.

**Grant application** – Reassurance was given that an application for crockery and supplies to run a group for older residents would be approved in time. Given COVID restrictions and deep cleans necessary for use these groups cannot currently be held. Storage would need to be reviewed with a possible outbuilding close to the hub.

**Outdoor education** – A resident would like to run forest school activities in the community park on a voluntary basis. Details to be sent to Brookbanks for permissions to be gained in relation to risk assessments for a fire pit.

**Contact** – There are concerns that emails to [info@sherford.org](mailto:info@sherford.org) are not always replied to. TW representative asked Brookbanks to review any messages received for replies.

**Speed cameras** – Main Street is designed to be a 30mph road and all roads are subject to a road safety audit throughout the various stages of design and construction. The Road Safety Partnership will advise on any necessary measures for the Police to carry these out in the future.

An option available to the community in the meantime which Brixton Parish Council use are moveable speed cameras. It would have to be funded and driven by the community and a Chapter 8 trained resident would have to manage the process. If anyone is interested please let us know and Brixton PC can advise on costs and management.