

**MINUTES OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 19.30 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2006.**

**Present**

Brian Archer  
Bruce Batting (Chairman)  
Ken Clark  
Richard Gaiger  
Ivan Gosden  
Sandy Johnston  
Tracy Lander-Sims  
Percy Sims  
Lorraine Smith

**In attendance**

Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)

Three members of the public attended the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**4651** Apologies for absence were received from John Dodd and Chris Horton.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**4652** Ivan Gosden declared a personal interest in agenda item 21. Tracy Lander-Sims declared a personal interest in agenda item 5(e).

**3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH 2006**

**4653** The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

**4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER**

**4654** The Neighbourhood Watch report for March had been circulated.

Sandy Johnston reported his attendance at the Community Safety Forum meeting. A police community support officer was being introduced. Hampshire Police had avoided being amalgamated with neighbouring forces. Serious crime seems to be increasing, although this could be because the figures now include domestic violence.

**OPEN FORUM**

The meeting was temporarily adjourned.

**5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**(a) Planning Committee**

**4655** The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March had been circulated and the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April were tabled. Details of discussion were noted as follows:

**Application No: BDB/62918** Pavilion, Bramley Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon.

**Proposal:** Erection of a single storey side extension to form store.

**PC Decision:** Members noted that, although undesirable, the proposed offset roof line is a current planning requirement for building extensions. No objection.

**Application No: BDB/62880** 3 Devonshire Cottages, Greenway, Sherfield-on-Loddon.

**Proposal:** Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and conservatory. Erection of a single storey side extension to form porch and garage.

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**ACTION**

**Application No: BDB/63085** Land at Sherfield Park, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon  
**Proposal:** Relief of condition 2 of planning permission BDB 56333 to extend the time limit for the submission of approval of reserved matters for the erection of a minimum of 30 dwellings per hectare, associated roads, drainage and public open space.  
**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/63166** Taylor's Farm, Taylor's Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27  
**Proposal:** Reserved matters application for the landscaping of residential development pursuant to outline planning permission BDB/55134.  
**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/63031** The Longbridge Mill, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon  
**Proposal:** Display of two promotional signs.  
**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/63117 AND BDB/63118 (Listed Building & Conservation Area)**  
**Location:** The Longbridge Mill, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0DL  
**Proposal:** Repairs to existing mill head weir and sluice gate. Erection of retaining walls and additional site fencing. Replacement and new shrub planting.  
**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/63014** Southlands, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0HA  
**Proposal:** Creation of new vehicular access.  
**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/62992 (Conservation Area/Listed Building)**  
**Location:** The White Hart, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0BT  
**Proposal:** Removal of existing brick wall and replacement with timber stud partition.  
Repairs/strengthening works to existing beam.  
**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Approvals by BDBC for report:**

**Application No: BDB/62695 AND BDB/62696**  
**Location:** Bow Bridge Cottage, Bramley Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0DG  
**Proposal:** Erection of a triple garage block and family room/bedroom following demolition of two existing barns.

**Application No: BDB/62717** 1 West View, Bramley Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0DD  
**Proposal:** Erection of a part two storey, part first floor side extension and front porch.  
It was noted that this application had been recommended for refusal by the Parish Council.

**Application No: BDB/60632** Phase 4, Taylors Farm, Sherfield-On-Loddon, Hook, RG27  
**Proposal:** Erection of 86 no. one, two, three, and four bed units with associated roads and parking.

Bruce Batting agreed to investigate the S106 arrangements agreed for the pockets of development outside the main development area, eg; "Klinger" Land, Oak Tree Cottage.

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**Application No: BDB/55134**  
**Location:** Taylor's Farm, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27  
**Proposal:** Relief of condition 2 of BDB 40788 to allow extension of time limit for the submission of details of reserved matters.

The Chairman reported that he is trying to establish why this decision has taken three years to be resolved. Also, it was puzzling that the Case Officer's report refers to Bramley and Chineham Parish Councils having been consulted, although no mention is made of Sherfield-on-Loddon.

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The Chairman reported that the approval notice had been discussed at the Taylor's Farm Community Facilities Steering Group and concern was expressed about strategies being used by Croudace to delay their responsibility to provide a community building for residents; the development of small parcels of land outside the main development area are exempt from the agreement, viz a community building will be open by the time the 250<sup>th</sup> house is built.

**Notice of Intent:**

**NOI TCA 2033 to remove 3 fir at The Laurels, Greenway.**

**For report – No objection by BDBC.**

**Appeals:**

**Ref: BDB/57915**

**Appeal by:** George Wimpey UK Ltd, and Taylor Woodrow Developments Ltd

**Concerning:** Erection of 277 no. dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and open space, erection of a 70 no. bedroom nursing home and 6 no. commercial units with associated parking.

**Location:** Former MOD land at German Road, Bramley Tadley RG26

Inspectorate ref: APP/H1705/A/06/2009204

It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to the Inspector, re-stating the village's opposition to Wimpey's proposed development, as this would result in a marked increase in traffic passing through the village. If a decision to refuse permission is overturned at Appeal, the developer should be made to contribute to the significant cost of providing adequate access and road improvements; ideally, this would be the opening of Dixon Road, through the Bramley Camp, thus relieving the traffic flow along the C32 and/or further traffic-calming measures in Sheffield.

**(b) Leisure Facilities Committee**

**4656** The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March had been circulated. The new basket/goal mouths had been installed and were getting plenty of use. The Astroturf is due to be laid on top of the tarmac pads within the next few weeks.

The Loddon Sports Tournament will be held on 20/21 May.

**(c) Finance and General Purposes Committee**

**4657** The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March had been circulated. All Section 106 money available to the village during 2005/6 had been spent as planned (£19,857). At the committee's recommendation, Ivan Gosden proposed paying a further £150 per annum to the Litter Warden for the monthly submission of a safety checklist. This was seconded by Tracy Lander-Sims and agreed unanimously. The Bulpitt Brothers had offered to spike the football grounds and cricket ground for £50 each, and would split the cost between the PC and clubs, as they do with grass cutting charges.

**(d) Village Green Committee**

**4658** The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March had been circulated. It was the committee's recommendation that a programme of replanting the avenue of trees along Bramley Road should be considered. Bruce Batting reported that he is awaiting advice from Frank Wright at the Borough Council.

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**(e) Allotments**

**4659** **Pest Control:** A resident had written to report an ongoing rat problem which he attributed to the number of hen runs within the allotments at the back of his property. It was agreed that allotment holders should be advised that they must store food appropriately, and should use rat poison and dispenser.

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<p>The resident had also complained that allotment tenants had been resting barrows, etc, against his fence and it was agreed that the tenants should be asked to refrain from doing this.</p>	LM
<p>It was agreed that the Leisure Facilities Committee should arrange to inspect the allotments within the next few months.</p>	LFCtte
<p><b>4660</b> <u>Provision of WC</u>: The Allotments Officer at BDBC had advised that the cost of installing a WC would be in the region of £6,000. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should not purchase a WC for the Allotments.</p>	
<p><b>4661</b> <u>Electrified hen enclosure</u>: A new letter from the tenant had been received and circulated. The legal advice from NALC was tabled at the meeting. Ivan Gosden agreed to speak to the tenant to explain the advice which had been received.</p>	IG
<p><b>(f) Play Area</b></p>	
<p><b>4662</b> The annual safety report from the Borough Council had been received. This would be considered at the Parish Council meeting next month.</p>	
<p><b>(g) Tennis Courts</b></p>	
<p><b>4663</b> Tennis court fees of £53.05 had been collected and were passed to the Clerk. Richard Gaiger offered to take the old nets to Little Bowlings Barn.</p>	RG
<p><b>(h) Schools</b></p>	
<p><b>4664</b> No report.</p>	
<p><b>(i) Village Hall</b></p>	
<p><b>4665</b> The Borough Council had agreed to extend the guarantee on the tarmac car park, which had been laid last year; the Sherfield beer festival will be held on 22 April; a new speaker system is due to be installed; the new disabled toilet door is to be modified.</p>	
<p><b><u>6. TO RECEIVE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT</u></b></p>	
<p><b>4666</b> The items highlighted had been dealt with. However, the pathway behind the Village Hall needed to be cut back again.</p>	
<p><b><u>7. TO CONSIDER VILLAGE ENTRY, MERIDIAN TV SERIES</u></b></p>	
<p><b>4667</b> It was reported that Chris Horton had sought the views of many people before putting forward the village to take part in a TV series about Hampshire villages and their special events. It was hoped that more information about the series would be forthcoming. A reply is awaited from Meridian TV.</p>	
<p><b><u>8. TO RECEIVE SOUTH EAST PLAN, DRAFT SUBMISSION, MARCH 2006</u></b></p>	
<p><b>4668</b> This lengthy document was available to any Councillor for review.</p>	
<p><b><u>9. TO CONSIDER BDBC VALUE FOR MONEY QUESTIONNAIRE</u></b></p>	
<p><b>4669</b> The Chairman agreed to circulate this document to other Councillors for comment.</p>	BB
<p><b><u>10. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR POND SURVEY BY H &amp; IoW WILDLIFE TRUST</u></b></p>	
<p><b>4670</b> The Parish Council agreed to give permission for a survey to be carried out on the three ponds on the Village Green. The Trust would also be given contact addresses for the other ponds they wish to survey.</p>	LM
<p><b><u>11. TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF BDBC POPPI GRANT, PATHWAY IMPROVEMENTS</u></b></p>	
<p><b>4671</b> It was reported that the Parish Council's application for a POPPI grant had been successful and a 90% grant had been offered for improvements to the pathway between Northfield Road and Reading Road. The Clerk would contact Rocon, the contractors recommended by the Borough Council.</p>	LM

**12. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF GREENWAY**

4672 George White of BDBC Legal Department had written to explain that he would be providing information within the next few weeks.

**13. TO DISCUSS CALOR COMPETITION**

4673 A picture of Longbridge Mill had been submitted by 4 year-old Taran Angell and this would be displayed in the Hall during the Calor visit. A prize would be sent to Taran.

**14. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON “MANSERS LAND”**

4674 The purchase had been completed last month. Remedial works by Bob Berry Fencing had been completed.

**15. TO DISCUSS WORK NECESSARY FOR REPAIR OF POND WALLS**

4675 The Chairman and Vice Chairman had visited the pond and the problem did not appear to be too serious. The owners of the cottage adjacent to the pond had offered to carry out necessary repairs. A tree would be removed, and the owner would submit a Notice of Intent form.

**16. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CENTENARY PAVILION**

4676 The Chairman reported that the plans had gone out to tender. Goodall Barnard had declined to tender for the project but the Project Manager had approached another, reputable company. It was suggested that Mansers might be interested in the project. Securing funding from the FA was still in doubt and it was possible that other organisations might need to be approached by the Parish Council. Further developments from the FA would be awaited.

**17. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS**

4677 To discuss parking bollards, corner of Goddards Lane/Reading Road

It was noted that there is often confusion about right of way between traffic turning right into Goddards Lane and traffic approaching the junction from the slip road. The junction is also used by drivers wanting to make a U-turn. The Chairman agreed to speak to Peter Eade of Hampshire Highways about the problem. The suggestion of moving the metal bollards to the edge of the road was not supported, as it was felt that this would cause an obstruction for the bus.

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It was reported that a new resident to Wildmoor was using dogs to deter people from using a public footpath, close to Ellis Farm. Sandy Johnston would speak to the Rights of Way Officer about the situation.

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**18. TO RECEIVE FINANCE REPORT**

4678 The balances of all accounts at 31 March 2006 are shown in the table below:

2005/2006	HSBC A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Consols	Grand Total	Uncleared cheques (HSBC)	Uncleared receipts (HSBC)
Bal B/F from Q3, 2005/6	16,030.93	20,000.00	24.17	36,055.10	1,451.32	19,856.00
Income Jan/Feb/Mar	38,496.08	145.82	0.00	38,641.90		
Outgoing Jan/Feb/Mar	28,774.85	17,000.00	0.00	45,774.85		
<b>Balance C/F</b>	<b>25,752.16</b>	<b>3,145.82</b>	<b>24.17</b>	<b>28,922.15</b>	<b>7,347.48</b>	
					Cleared Balance	

HSBC Bank Statement at 31 March 2006: £7,347.48

## **Approval of Payments**

£743.88	Clerk salary
£126.36	Litter Warden
£236.00	Inland Revenue

It was recommended that the sum of £17,000 be transferred to the Bank of Ireland account from the HSBC cheque account.

Approval of transfer and payments, proposed by Ivan Gosden, seconded by Bruce Batting, agreed. LM

## **Draft Accounts**

**4679** A summary of the accounts for 2005/6 had been tabled and members were invited to comment/submit questions to the Clerk. It was confirmed that Hitchins, Cryer and Co would be asked to complete the audited accounts, for circulation at the forthcoming APM. LM

## **19. TO RECEIVE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR PRESENTATION AT THE APM, TUESDAY 9 MAY**

**4680** Following some minor amendments, the document was approved for circulation at the APM. LM

## **20. TO AGREE ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**4681**

- AGM agenda items in accordance with Standing Orders
- Audited Accounts
- Receipt of annual playground inspection report
- To receive advice re; Greenway

Other items to Clerk by Thursday 4 May.

## **21. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM BURIAL GROUND WORKING PARTY**

**4682** Ivan Gosden withdrew from the meeting. A meeting of the working party had taken place on 10 April and the unconfirmed minutes were tabled for report. The District Auditor's valuation was less than the figure proposed by the Land Agent and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should write to the Land Agent with details of the report, asking whether negotiation might be possible with the Gosden family. It was also agreed that contact should be made with the Diocese to establish whether they would be prepared to sell the old rectory for use as burial ground; it was agreed that the Clerk would write to GOSE in Guildford to seek advice regarding re-use of burial ground where graves are over 150 years old. LM  
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## **22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**4683** Wednesday 10 May, 19.30 hours. Meeting closed 21.20 hours.