

MINUTES OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 19.30 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2007.

Present

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

In attendance

Cllr Roger Gardiner
Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)

One member of the general public was in attendance during part of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5081 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Marilyn Tucker, WPC Jewell and Chris Horton. The Chairman welcomed Borough Councillor Gardiner to the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

5082 Ivan Gosden declared a prejudicial interest in item 19. Bruce Batting, John Dodd and Richard Gaiger declared an interest in agenda item 14.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2007

5083 Following the correction of a typographical error under minute 5075, 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

5084 The Neighbourhood Watch report for February had been circulated together with the Police News Bulletin for Basingstoke district. The police were aware of an overnight camper in the bus turnaround. There had been no meetings of the Community Safety Forum since the last PC meeting.

OPEN FORUM

The meeting was temporarily adjourned.

The agenda was taken out of sequence.

12. TO CONSIDER A RESIDENT'S REQUEST TO PLACE A SKIP ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

5085 The resident was present and able to answer questions regarding the temporary siting of a skip on the verge along Bramley Road. It was thought that the skip would be required on site for up to a month. Permission was granted, subject to the skip company's assessment of the ground conditions, in order to avoid damage to the green.

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Planning Committee

5086 The minutes of meeting held on 8 March were tabled.

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Details of discussions were noted as follows:

Application No: BDB/65020

Location: Land West of St Leonard's Churchyard, Reading Road, Church End, Sherfield

Proposal: Change of use of land from agriculture to burial ground

PC Decision: This application had been submitted by the Parish Council and so it was unnecessary to register a response.

Application No: BDB/65337

Location: Lantern House, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield RG27 0HJ

Proposal: Erection of single storey front extension and single storey rear infill extension.

Amendment to planning permission BDB/56017 to alter window design and number of windows (part retrospective)

PC Decision: No objection.

BDBC APPROVALS FOR REPORT

Application No: BDB/63948

Location: The Paddocks, Reading Rd, Church End, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the continued use of land for keeping and grazing horses. (Cert of Lawful Development – existing use / condition)

Application No: BDB/65075

Location: 19 Goddards Close, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Erection of rear conservatory

Application No: BDB/64703

Location: Sherfield Hill Farm, Reading Rd, Church End, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Erection of a replacement garage with office above (retrospective)

Retention of Development (Section 73A)

BDBC REFUSALS FOR REPORT

Amendments to Master Plan, Taylor's Farm

BDBC will not accept proposed amendments to the Master Plan, with respect to deletion of the northern distributor road. Developer has been advised of this decision and also told to withdraw the application for the community building as this would block the route of the northern road.

(b) Leisure Facilities Committee

5087 Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 March, 7.30pm.

(c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

5088 Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 March, 8.15 pm.

5089 To consider quotation for play ground grass cutting

A quotation from M Stewart had been circulated and it was unanimously agreed that he should be asked to take on the task of cutting the grass within the play area for the forthcoming year. In addition, he would continue to maintain the planted area behind the War Memorial.

(d) Village Green Committee

5090 The next meeting of the Village Green Committee will be held on Tuesday 20 March.

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(e) Allotments

5091 To receive letter of complaint regarding rats, allotment gardens

A resident had written to report rats within his property, which he attributed to the keeping of hens on the allotments, adjacent to his garden. He proposed that the Parish Council should reimburse costs for future pest control services. The Parish Council has in place an annual agreement with a local pest control provider, who had visited the allotments on receipt of the resident's letter. The Parish Council agreed that tenants with chickens should be reminded to regularly fill their own rat bait boxes.

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5092 With regard to the request, in the same letter, to repair a broken fencing post attributed to tenants placing items against the fence, it was agreed that the tenants would be asked to pay for the damage.

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5093 It was reported that a car had been parked on the central path of the allotments and the tenant would be asked to use the car park instead.

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(f) Play area and BMX track

5094 To report meeting with Borough Council's H&S Adviser and to consider proposals for BMX track improvements

The BDBC's health and safety adviser had visited the BMX track and had provided two schemes for consideration. Councillors favoured Scheme B, but the Clerk would seek an updated quotation for both options from the contractor. The possibility of a second, smaller start ramp for younger riders would also be discussed with the contractor.

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5095 Sandy Johnston reported that work to the ground beneath the cableway would commence as soon as possible. He and Tracy Lander-Sims had attended a workshop and would make further enquiries regarding a modular system for pavilions. Also, he wished the Leisure Facilities Committee to consider future installation of high fencing, at the ends of the basket/goal court.

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(g) Football and cricket grounds

5096 Mole hills continued to present a problem for the football ground. The cricket ground appeared to be in good repair.

(h) Tennis courts

5097 Fees of £53 had been collected and paid into the bank.

(i) Sherfield Park/Taylor's Farm development

5098 The Chairman tabled a letter from Croudace addressed to residents of the new development appealing for support for proposed changes to the Master Plan. There was a suggestion in the letter, that if the proposed changes to the Master Plan were not adopted, including the removal of the northern link road, then the Community Building would be delayed to 2009 and the development might not get its shops. The Chairman found it hard to believe why this change should create such a delay, which would, in fact, bring the development back to its original target. It was noted that the Planning Department had just recently rejected the developer's proposed changes.

(j) Schools

5099 Nothing to report.

(k) Village Hall

5100 No meetings had been held since the last PC meeting. Percy Sims reported that the committee would be reviewing internal lighting, and improving the step outside the Liddell Hall.

6. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

5101 There was nothing to report, other than a very waterlogged village green. Brian Archer

requested that the village stables are asked to remind riders not to ride along the natural pathways, as deep ruts had been formed by horses hooves in recent wet weather. This was agreed and Ivan Gosden and Richard Gaiger agreed to report this to the two stable yards.	IG/RG
Barry Bulpitt had provided a verbal quote of £100 for the removal of a broken tree trunk, close to the play area, plus the removal of metal posts protruding from the sleepers, BMX track. He had also reported a metal spike within Manser's Woodland, which he believed was a pin from the original iron railings from the Sherfield estate. Barry had suggested that there might be others in the vicinity. Tracy Lander-Sims agreed to contact her aunt and arrange to visit the woodland with metal detectors.	LM / TL-S
The Clerk would investigate the condition of the pathway behind the cricket pavilion.	LM
<u>7. TO CONSIDER INVITATION TO COMMENT ON BDBC CENTRAL BASINGSTOKE VISION</u>	
5102 Cllr Gardiner invited individuals to respond with suggestions of possible projects and features to improve central Basingstoke.	All
<u>8. TO CONSIDER BDBC QUESTIONNAIRE, FUTURE CARNIVAL FOR BASINGSTOKE</u>	
5103 There was general support to the suggestion to the return of a Basingstoke Carnival. Members were asked to respond to the questionnaire.	All
<u>9. TO CONSIDER BDBC REQUEST FOR STREET NAMING SUGGESTIONS, DEVELOPMENT AT BREACH LANE</u>	
5104 It was unanimously agreed to put forward the suggestion of "1-10 Rectory Gardens, Breach Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon" as the postal address for the new development.	LM
<u>10. TO CONSIDER DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS, ELECTORAL REVIEW OF BASINGSTOKE & DEANE</u>	
5105 Cllr Gardiner gave a copy of the document to the chairman for circulation to members.	All April PC
<u>11. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR DONATION, CAB TADLEY</u>	
5106 Thirty-five pounds remained in budget this year for donation to the Citizens Advice Bureaux and it was agreed that this should be forwarded to the Tadley branch.	LM
<u>12. TO CONSIDER A RESIDENT'S REQUEST TO PLACE A SKIP ON THE VILLAGE GREEN</u>	
5107 This item had been discussed earlier in the meeting (Minute 5085).	
<u>13. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BDBC REQUEST TO INSTALL GLASS BOTTLE BANKS</u>	
5108 The Recycling Officer had carried out his survey of residents in the vicinity of the bus turnaround and proposed instead to site the bins in the pavilion car park, on completion of the building work.	
The Parish Council agreed to suggest siting the banks in the bus turnaround for a trial period, with collection times to be between 11 am and 3 pm.	LM
<u>14. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON WORKS TO GREENWAY</u>	
5109 Ivan Gosden would contact Dave Miller to discuss improvements.	IG
<u>15. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CENTENARY PAVILION</u>	
5110 The Project Manager had presented a report on the tenders received. It was agreed that no decision would be taken until further information on modular construction had been obtained.	SJ April PC

16. TO DISCUSS SUGGESTION OF AN INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCILLORS IN AUGUST, FOR EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

5111 After discussion, it was agreed that there would be no formal meeting of the Parish Council in August, but arrangements would be made for an informal gathering for exchange of ideas.

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17. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS

5112 Report SW Trains planned rail service disruptions, between 6 and 15 April

Information was noted.

5113 To discuss concern for the future of the 44 bus route

Two letters had been circulated, one from a resident concerned by the recent cut in service to Sherfield village and the other being a copy of Hampshire County Council's response to a resident's complaint. The HCC letter indicated that there is no guarantee for the future of the 44 bus route. It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to Hampshire County Council in support of the bus users from Sherfield village.

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5114 To report meeting with Hampshire CC to discuss Breach Lane roadworks

The notes from an on-site meeting between Councillors and Hampshire Highways had been circulated. The problems identified are being considered and an action plan is awaited.

18. TO RECEIVE FINANCE REPORT

5115 A document showing the bank reconciliation and payments for the month was tabled:

2006/2007	HSBC A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Consols	Grand Total
Bal B/F from January	1,134.01	21,653.07	24.17	22,811.25
Credits Feb *	12,873.04	86.31	0.00	12,959.35
Debits Feb	1,588.24	3,000.00	0.00	4,588.24
Balance C/F	12,418.81	18,739.38	24.17	31,182.36

O/S cheques: £990.39 HSBC Bank Statement at 28 February 2007: £13,409.20

Approval of payments

£9.08	Petty cash
£744.24	Clerk salary
£126.36	Litter Warden
£235.64	Inland Revenue
£100.00	B Bulpitt, emergency work to tree/metal posts

It was recommended that the sum of £6,000 is transferred to the deposit account. Payments and transfer approved unanimously.

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19. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BURIAL GROUND

5116 Awaiting outcome of planning application.

20. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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- Traffic calming unit by the Shop
- Traffic calming along Bramley Road

Other items to the Clerk by Thursday 5 April.

Members were reminded that the APM will be held on Friday 18 May; it was agreed to invite Richard Hague of Hampshire Highways to make a presentation on Breach Lane improvements.

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21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5118 Liddell Hall, Wednesday 11 April 2007, 19.30 hrs. Meeting closed 21.10 hrs.