

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

**Present**

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

**In attendance**

Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)  
WPC Mandy Jewell

ACTIONS

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**5359** Cllr Ken Clark. Also, Chris Horton.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

**5360** Ivan Gosden, item 16.

**3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2007**

**5361** The minutes were approved as a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

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

**5362** The Chairman welcomed Mandy Jewell to the meeting. The Neighbourhood Watch report for October had been circulated. Travellers had been moved on from Silchester into Berkshire.

Following an approach by Sandy Johnston, Chief Inspector Weston had referred the matter of reviewing the problem of speeding traffic along the C32 to his traffic management officer. The Parish Council agreed that PC Griffiths should be invited to visit the Bramley Road to discuss measures for tackling the problem of speeding traffic. WPC Jewell said she would be pleased to attend.

LM

Sandy Johnston had received a Cabinet Office questionnaire on Community Safety. It was agreed that Sandy could complete the questionnaire and he agreed to give a summary of his comments at the next PC meeting.

SJ

Members congratulated Mandy Jewell on her award nomination for her service to the community.

**OPEN FORUM**

As no members of the public were present, the meeting continued.

**5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**(a) Planning Committee**

**5363** The minutes of the meeting held on 23 October had been circulated. In addition, three applications had been considered earlier in the evening. The following decisions were reported:

**O2 PROPOSALS FOR MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS BASE STATION IN SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON, NORTH OF A33 ROUNDABOUT.** Members agreed that mobile phone masts are a necessity and had no objection to the site proposed.

**Application No: BDB/67137** **Location:** 15 Northfield Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0DR  
**Proposal:** Erection of a front porch, installation of 2 no. bow windows to front elevation and erection of pitched canopy roof on brick piers.  
**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/66950** **Location:** Taylors Farm, Taylors Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon  
**Proposal:** Reserved matters application (Phase 7) for the siting, design, external appearance, access and landscaping of 80 no. houses and flats pursuant to outline pp BDB/55134  
**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/67245** **Location:** Hillacre, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0JG  
**Proposal:** Erection of 6 no. two bedroom dwellings, 3 no. three bedroom dwellings and 5 no. four bedroom dwellings following demolition of Hilltop and garages.  
**PC Decision:** Due to personal interest, Bruce Batting excluded himself from discussion. It was noted that the PC had had no objection to the previous application (BDB 66314) although the Borough had refused it. No objection again.

**Application No: BDB/67292** **Location:** Poplar House, Poplar Close, Sherfield-on-Loddon  
**Proposal:** Erection of a single storey side and rear extension. Erection of a single storey front extension to existing garage. Construction of pitched roof over existing flat roofed garage and store. Demolition of side chimney.  
**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/66932** **Location:** Grid ref: 466780 157556, adj MoD maintenance building, Campbell Rd, Bramley  
**Proposal:** Use of MoD land for television scrap yard set.  
**PC Decision:** The scrap yard set had been in situ for at least two years and had previously been reported to the enforcement team, who had decided to take no action. Members wished to object to the planning application due to the set's close proximity to the neighbouring, working farm. The address should be given as "Dixon Road" rather than "Campbell Road".

**NOTICE OF INTENT: NoI TCA 2395 to fell 1 Leylandii at Winton Cottage, Sherfield Green**  
**PC Decision:** No objection.

#### **APPROVALS BY BDBC FOR REPORT**

**BDB/66868 AND /66869** **Location:** Court Farm House, Goddards Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon  
**Proposal:** Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing

**BDB/66870** **Location:** 2 West View, Bramley Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0DD  
**Proposal:** Erection of single storey front, two storey side and single storey rear extension. Construction of new vehicular access. Demolition of existing outbuilding.

**BDB/66714** **Location:** 35 Otterbourne Walk, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0SE  
**Proposal:** Erection of a rear conservatory.

**BDB/66708** **Location:** Hafod, Sherfield Green, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0EN  
**Proposal:** Erection of single storey rear extensions to kitchen and garage. Erection of a rear conservatory.

#### **(b) Leisure Facilities Committee**

**5364** The next meeting of committee will be held on Tuesday 27 November.

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

**5365** The next meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday 27 November.

#### **(d) Village Green Committee**

**5366** The next meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday 20 November.

**(e) Allotments**

**5367** Further to discussion at the last meeting, the tenant with fruit trees adjacent to a pathway had advised that they were being grown as cordons.

**5368 Update on advice, disability access**

Advice had been sought from the Access Officer at the Borough and her comments were considered by the Parish Council. All members were agreed that the comments had been very positive and helpful and Tracy Lander-Sims and Loraine Smith would review the suggestions in more detail.

TL-S /  
LS

**(f) Play area & BMX track**

**5369** It was reported that Dave Miller is hoping to start work on the BMX track this week. Richard Gaiger suggested asking Mr Miller to roll scalplings into the track between Goddards Lane and Greenway, where it has been badly damaged, and this was agreed. It was confirmed that there is no intention to close this track permanently, but members were reminded that under byelaws the Parish Council is able to arrange temporary closure, to allow repair of the ground.

RG

**(g) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions**

**5370** The steering group had met on 30 October and would meet again on 29 November, at which it was hoped that Brian Woodham of Thurston would attend. The Chairman would contact Brian Woodham to feedback comments on the specification received to date. It was currently not detailed enough. Loraine Smith had identified four other manufacturers of modular buildings who were willing to tender.

BB

It was agreed that Brian Archer should invite Don Campbell to contribute an item for the Loddon Valley Link.

BA

**5371** A letter from Fred Berntsen regarding mole hills had been circulated. It was felt that the Parish Council was doing all it could to deal with the problem and deworming of the pitches had been carried out this morning. The senior and junior football clubs had agreed to share the cost, which would be £100. Sandy Johnston would speak with Fred Berntsen.

SJ

The Clerk would ask Pro Pest services to provide a quotation for mole control for next year's budget.

LM

**(h) Tennis courts**

**5372** Loraine Smith would produce laminated posters. It was reported that tennis fees of £22 had been collected from The Shop on 9 November.

LS

**(i) Schools**

**5373** The school bus route would be affected by the forthcoming roadworks in Bramley. This would be discussed under item 13.

**(j) Sherfield Park/Taylor's Farm**

**5374** The Chairman had attended a meeting on 31 October. There remained concern and uncertainty about the position of the community building and the northern relief road, and information is still awaited from the Head of Planning.

**(k) Village Hall**

**5375 Update on Charity Commission/legal view of change in trustees**

The Charity Commission had replied to the Chairman, with confirmation that the Parish Council is now corporate trustee of the Village Hall charity. Village Hall and Parish Council meetings would need to be kept separate and care taken with the amount of funds given to the charity from the Parish Council's budget. A meeting will be held on 21 November to update members of the public. Honorary Officers appointments would need to be ratified by the Parish Council as a whole. It was agreed that Bruce Batting, Ivan Gosden, Sandy Johnston, Tracy Lander-Sims and Loraine Smith would form the Village Hall Committee. Ivan Gosden would be Chairman of the Committee and he agreed to arrange a meeting next Monday evening.

IG

Sandy Johnston reported that 70% of the profit from next year's village fete would be given to the Village Hall. The rest of the profit would be split between a charity for Alzheimers disease and another local charity.

**6. TO AGREE INTERVIEW ARRANGEMENTS, APPOINTMENT OF CLERK**

**5376** The Chairman had arranged to interview two candidates tomorrow evening. It was agreed that the Vice Chairman and the Clerk would also attend.

**7. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTS**

**5377** The damaged bins referred to in the monthly report had since been replaced. The hedges around the car park were encroaching. John Dodd reported that some drain covers in pavements close to the Post Office were a hazard. He agreed to make a note of these, for report to the appropriate authority.

JD

It was confirmed that line painting is still to be carried out along Bramley Road, at the end of Court Farm track, and in the football club car park.

**8. TO RECEIVE SUGGESTION OF SEEKING BEST FUNDS TO REPLACE WOODEN BUS SHELTER**

**5378** The Clerk had made enquiries at BDBC about possible funding to provide a replacement shelter along Bramley Road. Richard Wareham had suggested that an approach could be made for funding via BEST (Basingstoke Environmental Strategy for Transport) for a one-off replacement. The Parish Council agreed that a letter of application should be sent to Mr Wareham.

LM

**9. TO CONSIDER BDBC RECOMMENDATION FOR PROPERTIES TO INCLUDE ON LOCAL LIST**

**5379** The following properties had been put forward for inclusion on the local list by the conservation officer at BDBC, and the proposal was supported by the Parish Council:

Guards office and pill box, south gate to Bramley Training Camp, Dixon Road (at junction with Taylors Lane),

The Laurels, Wildmoor Lane

Sanguillo Cottage, Wildmoor Lane

1 & 2 Buckfield Cottages, Wildmoor Lane

Rose Cottage, Wildmoore Lane

LM

**10. TO RECEIVE INVITATION TO B&D LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP EVENT**

**5380** Members to let the Clerk know if they wish to attend this event, to be held 3 December.

**11. TO CONSIDER BDBC DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2008-2011**

**5381** A summary of the contents would be circulated to members. Comments by 20 December.

**12. TO REPORT PUBLICATION OF BOUNDARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

**5382** A summary of the report was tabled for information.

**13. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS**

**5383** Speed indicators/Speedwatch Trial: It was reported that mobile speed indicators would be coming to Sherfield shortly. However, it was noted that their effectiveness is not long-lasting and results have shown increased average speeds once the units have been removed. It was hoped that the units to be installed in Sherfield will be the type that flash a "slow down" message, rather than those which display actual speeds, as this has led to "competition" amongst some drivers. Regarding the speedwatch trial, it was reported that the County Council appear to be reluctant to install fixed cameras.

**5384** The roadworks and alterations to parking arrangements along Bow Drive were proving to be very effective.

**5385** The Clerk would ask Highways to cut gullies from Goddards Lane into the ditch which runs adjacent to the cricket field.

**5386** The Chairman said that the re-naming Breach Gardens to Rectory Gardens is being considered.

**5387** Following the Parish Council's reporting of the ineffectiveness of the traffic calming unit next to The Shop, Richard Hague of Hampshire CC had said that he would ask the Borough to make further investigations into what can be done.

**5388** Road closure at Strawberry Fields, Bramley

Many parents of children attending Bramley School are concerned that the bus route will be severely affected by the closure of Sherfield Road in Bramley. Notification of the alternative route to be used during the closure was awaited.

**14. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**5389** A report for October had been circulated:

<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>HSBC A/C</b>	<b>Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C</b>	<b>Consols</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>Uncleared cheques (HSBC)</b>	<b>Uncleared receipts (HSBC)</b>
Bal B/F from Sep	26,548.77	39,753.80	24.17	66,326.74	915.53	
Credits Oct	3,262.74	197.71	0.00	3,460.45		
Debits Oct	11,476.87	0.00	0.00	11,476.87		
<b>Balance C/F</b>	<b>18,334.64</b>	<b>39,951.51</b>	<b>24.17</b>	<b>58,310.32</b>	<b>19,250.17</b>	

**HSBC Bank Statement at 31 October 2007: £19,250.17**

It was reported that a BACS payment of £9,863 had been received from the Borough Council on 1 November, this being the Leisure Grant for hard surfacing between the basketgoals. It was agreed, therefore, to transfer the sum of £20,000 to the Bank of Ireland account.

The following payments were approved:

£746.48	Clerk salary
£131.32	Litter Warden salary
£233.02	Tax and NIC
£15.48	Petty Cash – stamps and 4 x keys cut for allotments

Members were reminded that the precept would need to be agreed at the PC meeting in December and were asked to comment on the draft budget document circulated at last month's meeting in advance of the Finance Committee meeting on 27 November.

**15. TO AGREE ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**5390** Village Charities. Approval of 2008 Budget/precept. Other items to be received at least five days before the next meeting.

**16. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BURIAL GROUND**

**5391** The Chairman reported that the legal paperwork is almost complete.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**5392** Next meeting to be held Wednesday 12 December, 19.30 hours, Liddell Hall.