

**MINUTES OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 19.30 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL 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 Marilyn Tucker  
Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)

One member of the general public was in attendance.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**5119** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Roger Gardiner, WPC Jewell and Chris Horton. The Chairman welcomed Borough Councillor Tucker to the meeting.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

**5120** No declarations were given.

**3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2007**

**5121** 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**

**5122** The Neighbourhood Watch report for March had been tabled. In addition, a disturbance in Reading Road had been reported to the police during the night of Saturday 7 April and broken glass bottles had been found in the play area on Sunday.

A road sign had been bent, corner of Goddards Close.

**OPEN FORUM**

The meeting was temporarily adjourned.

**5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**(a) Planning Committee**

**5123** The minutes of a meeting held on 27 March had been circulated and a further meeting had taken place earlier this evening.

Details of discussions were noted as follows:

***Application No: BDB/65532 Location: Old School Cottage, Sherfield Green, Sherfield***  
***Proposal: Erection of a first floor extension with mansard roof to form link between existing roofs, construction of dormer window to side elevation and roof light to front elevation***  
***PC Decision: No objection.***

**ACTION**

**Application No: BDB/65618** **Location:** Rose Cottage, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon

**Proposal:** Erection of a replacement detached garage with room above.

**PC Decision:** No objection, although it was agreed that the garage would have an improved appearance if the dormer windows were placed at the front of the garage, as well as at the rear.

**AMENDMENT:**

**Application No: BDB/64730** **Location:** Land at Taylors Farm, east of Pettys Copse, Sherfield

**Proposal:** Erection of 56 no. two, three four and five bedroom dwellings with associated garages and new access.

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/65723** **Location:** Lilly Mill Farm, Mill Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon

**Proposal:** Conversion of cattle barns into stables, formation of outdoor exercise area and erection of circular horse walker.

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**NOI**

**TCA 2261 to 20% crown reduce 1 pear, reduce in height by approx 1/3 1 conifer, fell 1 apple, reduce by 20% 1 birch, reduce by 10% 1 Norway spruce, thin by 10% 1 cherry and reduce 6-8 ft 1 bay. At Hazel House, Sherfield-on-Loddon**

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**BDBC APPROVALS FOR REPORT**

**Application No: BDB/65155** **Location:** Sherfield Court and land adjacent, Reading Road, Church End, Sherfield.

**Proposal:** Erection of stables, construction of manege and change of use of land for the keeping of horses.

**Application No: BDB/64912** **Location:** Bowlings, Goddards Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon

**Proposal:** Erection of single storey extensions to the south east and north east elevations and construction of a bay window to the north west elevation.

**Application No: BDB/65189** **Location:** Highway verge (east side) north of roundabout, A33, Reading Rd, Sherfield-on-Loddon

**Proposal:** Erection of a radio equipment cabinet and a diplexor cabinet to existing telecommunications installation.

**Application No: BDB/65105** **Location:** Old Timbers, Greenway, Sherfield-on-Loddon

**Proposal:** Erection of a replacement garage and log store with first floor over for storage use.

The Compliance Team at BDBC had written to advise that following investigation, they considered that the current low volume of business activity being run from premises in Reading Road does not constitute a change of use requiring planning permission. Additionally, the owner had extended the porchway without seeking pp but, again, the compliance team considered this to be within permitted development.

**To report outcome of Inquiry, German Road development - planning permission to be granted by Secretary of State, subject to further period for comment by appellants**

After lengthy investigation, the Inspector had supported the Borough's rejection of Wimpey/Woodrow's appeal. However, the Parish Council was concerned by the news that the Secretary of State wished to overrule the Inspector's decision. The Borough Council would be considering whether to seek a judicial review of this action. The Basingstoke MP had been asked for her support. Cllr Tucker reported that she had asked the Head of Planning to keep the parishes of Bramley and Sherfield apprised of the situation.

**(b) Leisure Facilities Committee**

**5124** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27 March had been circulated. The committee had discussed the need for surfacing beneath the cableway. A sample of No Mow surfacing was available at the meeting, and a plan showing the area to be covered had been circulated. The Clerk reported that the No Mow Safe 1.0 consisted of a membrane layer, synthetic grass surfacing on top with rubber crumbs brushed into the pile. The Parish Council asked for clarification with regard to the need for a further layer beneath, for improved impact absorbency. The Clerk would arrange to meet on site with a representative from No Mow.

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

**5125** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27 March had been circulated. There was nothing further to report.

**(d) Village Green Committee**

**5126** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20 March had been circulated. There was nothing further to report.

**(e) Allotments**

**5127 To receive letter of complaint regarding access and safety**

A letter from an allotment holder had been received, following the Clerk's request that they refrain from parking on the allotment path. It had transpired that the tenant has a disability badge. The tenant raised a number of issues including access and safety on the allotments. It was agreed that the points raised should be looked at in detail by the Leisure Facilities Committee. In the meantime, the Chairman would try to meet with the tenant.

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BB

**5128 To receive letter requesting installation of shed, plot 30**

A tenant had written to ask permission to install a metal shed, measuring 6 x 5 ft. This was unanimously approved.

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

**5129 To receive PlayDale diagram, No Mow surfacing below cableway**

This had been discussed under minute 5124.

**5130 BMX track improvements**

Richard Gaiger agreed to contact Dave Miller to discuss the plans.

RG

**5131 To discuss annual inspection report and comparison with 2006 report**

The full report had been distributed together with a summary and comparison with last year's report. A comment that the barriers to the front of the swings are too close had not been made in last year's report. It was noted that none of the equipment has been classified as "high risk".

**(g) Football and cricket grounds**

**5132 To receive request for use of football ground in summer, practice matches**

The Parish Council had been approached by one of Ludwig Leisure Under 11s football teams, who were trying to find a venue for training matches on Saturday mornings during June, July and August. It was agreed that this would be acceptable, provided there is no clash with the Sherfield clubs' arrangements.

LM

**(h) Tennis courts**

**5133** It was agreed that a notice would be placed on the tennis court gates, advising that keys are available from The Shop.

**(i) Sherfield Park/Taylor's Farm development**

**5134 To discuss resident's request for provision of litter bins**

A resident had highlighted the problem of a lack of litter bins on the new development. This was now being addressed by the Borough.

**5135** The Chairman reported that the Community Association would be giving further consideration to the future problem of traffic using the estate as a cut-through between Chineham Business Park and the A33.

**(j) Schools**

**5136** Nothing to report.

**(k) Village Hall**

**5137** Nothing to report.

**6. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT**

**5138** The report for March had not been received.

**7. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BDBC PARKS & PLEASURE GROUNDS BYELAWS 2007**

**5139** The byelaws had been circulated. The Chairman confirmed that the reference to Sherfield "Common" would be altered to read "Village Green". Also, it was confirmed that these did not supersede the byelaws for Sherfield Village Green. With regard to an age limit for use of play equipment, members were reminded that any exceptions could be specified on a notice in the play area if required.

**8. TO RECEIVE VERBAL REPORT FROM BDAPTC MEETING HELD 29 MARCH**

**5140** Sandy Johnston had attended the meeting. New Parish Councils had been formed within the Borough. Parish grass cutting costs were being partially funded by the Borough in an attempt to address the issue of double taxation. A new arrangement of encouraging applicants to consult parish councils in advance of submitting planning applications was being tried in Chineham. Due to long-standing disagreements, the Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils was considering breaking its link with the National Association of Local Councils. The BDAPTC felt that further attempts should be made by both organisations to settle any issues without resorting to such drastic action.

**9. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON WORKS TO GREENWAY**

**5141** Ivan Gosden to contact Dave Miller.

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**10. TO DISCUSS CONDITION OF TRACK BY WHEELERS COURT, SHERFIELD VILLAGE GREEN**

**5142** The track is within the Village Green and therefore should be maintained by the Parish Council. The Chairman said that he would ask Highways North, again, whether spare road-surfacing material could be provided. Similarly, Richard Gaiger offered to ask John Rickwood if spare material might be available to repair the worn areas of the track.

BB  
RG

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

**5143** Sandy Johnston had obtained plans for a modular pavilion, which would be considerably cheaper than a traditional structure. The views of the Conservation Officer at the Borough Council are awaited.

BB

**12. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS**

**5144 To discuss problems caused by traffic calming unit, The Shop, and possible solutions**

It was agreed that the Highway Authority would be invited to visit the village again, to discuss the

problems which the unit causes and to consider improvements, including the idea of installing a traffic light. LM

With regard to the current temporary roadworks at Breach Lane, it was reported that the traffic light system is being left on unnecessarily overnight, and warning triangles are presenting a hazard for pedestrians. The Clerk would advise Peter Eade, Assistant Chief Engineer, of this complaint. LM

**5145 To discuss ineffective traffic calming, Bramley Road, and possible solutions**

There had been numerous reports of drivers puncturing their tyres on the kerb build-outs along Bramley Road. It was suggested that this would happen less frequently if the kerbs were painted. The Clerk would advise the Highways of this suggestion. LM

**5146 To discuss blocked right of way, Breach Lane**

The Chairman suggested that the developer is requested to open up the right of way again, but only after the scaffolding adjacent to the pathway has been removed from the site. This was agreed. LM

It was noted that there had been no feedback since the site meeting at Breach Lane with representatives from Hampshire County Council. LM

**5147 To receive invitation to attend Hampshire Rail Forum, 16 April**

Details of a meeting to be held in the Borough Council offices on the evening of 16 April had been circulated. Ken Clark agreed to attend the meeting. KC

**13. TO RECEIVE FINANCE REPORT**

**5148** 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 February	12,418.81	18,739.38	24.17	31,182.36
Credits Mar *	53.30	6,073.74	0.00	6,127.04
Debits Mar *	9,753.52	0.00	0.00	9,753.52
<b>Balance C/F</b>	<b>2,718.59</b>	<b>24,813.12</b>	<b>24.17</b>	<b>27,555.88</b>

O/S cheques: £1,514.44 HSBC Bank Statement at 31 March 2007: £4,233.03

\* Includes transfers

**Approval of payments**

Salaries, tax and NIC to be calculated on receipt of new tables.

Basingstoke skip hire - £144 plus vat

**Payments made – in budget/previously agreed:**

£35.00 Tadley CAB - S142

£95.00 Pro Pest Services - last quarter, allotments

£14.00 Village Hall room bookings, VG Ctte, FGP / LF Committees

£14.20 South East Water Ltd, allotments

£130.00 Bulpitt Brothers, emergency work, damaged tree/metal posts at BMX track/tree root on path

Payments unanimously approved. LM

**14. TO RECEIVE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR PRESENTATION AT APM**

**5149** A draft report had been tabled by the Clerk, and members were invited to put forward suggestions/corrections as soon as possible. All

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

**5150** The outcome of the planning application was still unknown. The Environment Agency had written suggesting that the Parish Council arranges for a risk assessment, re; possible pollution from silt deposits in Church End ditch.

**16. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**5151**

- Statutory Annual Meeting, therefore items and order of business as per Standing Orders
- To discuss progress with removal of Dom Esch road signs
- To propose no right turn into village slip road from A33
- To receive first draft, audited accounts 2006/7
- To finalise annual report to APM

LM

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**5152** Liddell Hall, Wednesday 9 May 2007, 19.30 hrs. Meeting closed 20.55 hrs.