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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY AT 7.30 PM IN THE LIDDELL HALL

PRESENT: Ivan Gosden (Chairman); Alan Ball; Bruce Batting; Ken Clark; Sally Hennessey; Sandy Johnston; Bruce Jones; David Leivesley.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Julie Collins (Clerk); Borough Councillors Ranil Jayawardena and Rhydian Vaughan; WPC Mandy Jewell; three members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from: Lorraine Smith.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Bruce Batting declared a personal interest in item 15(c).

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2010 were confirmed as a true record of the business that took place and signed by the chairman.

4 MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

The Neighbourhood Watch report for December was tabled and noted. WPC Jewell gave a verbal update on police matters. Sandy Johnston reported on a meeting of the Community Safety Forum.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Vaughan thanked the chairman for allowing the presentation to take place at the last meeting.

Councillor Jayawardena reported as follows:

- the bid for Local Enterprise Partnership funding has been re-submitted to enable improvements to the infrastructure at Basing View.
- Councillor Sanders is campaigning to maintain travel tokens for the rural areas.

6 CO-OPTION OF A NEW MEMBER FOR THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON WARD

Meeting adjourned at 7.42pm and re-opened at 7.47pm. During the adjournment, the chairman explained the work involved in being a parish councillor to the candidates for appointment.

John Darker and Oliver Bartrum were duly proposed and seconded and, after a secret ballot, John Darker was elected by six votes to two.

7 APPOINTMENT OF A NEW TREE WARDEN

It was **resolved** to appoint Jane Jordan as the new tree warden for the parish. The chairman welcomed her to the role.

8 RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

It was agreed to meet at 7pm on 19 January (prior to committee meetings) to discuss a response to the Design Quality Initiative and Residential Amenity Design Guidance (both Borough Council documents).

9 INVITATION TO EXTERNAL EVENTS

Alan Ball and Bruce Jones volunteered to attend the Basingstoke and Deane Passenger Transport Forum on 18 February and members approved this.

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10 LODDON LINK

The following items were agreed for inclusion in the next Loddon Link article:

- Details of new councillor
- Details of new tree warden
- Information on rates of council tax for 2011/12.

11 NEWSLETTER

It was agreed to aim for production of a newsletter in late summer when there will be more material for articles. Clerk to produce a draft.

12 FOOTBALL CLUB

The chairman reported that a meeting had taken place with Sherfield Football Club representatives who had agreed to carry out repairs to the pavilion as requested by the parish council. It is proposed that the work will be carried out from May to July with a completion date of 1 August. It was **resolved** to release the funding of £500 as agreed at the October meeting.

13 SAFETY REPORT

The monthly safety report for December was tabled. This identified a large number of molehills on the cricket pitch and the clerk advised that treatment to eradicate them had been arranged. It was agreed that the four snow shovels provided by Hampshire Highways should be stored in the village hall to be used when necessary.

14 FINANCE REPORT

It was **resolved** to accept the following report:

Sherfield-on-Loddon Bank Accounts Summary at 31 December 2010

Financial year ending 31 March 2011	Petty Cash £	HSBC Current A/C £	HSBC Deposit A/C £	Total £
Balance b/f from Nov	13.24	8121.77	45044.48	53179.49
Income – credits received	Nil	30.00	2.59	32.59
Expenditure – cheques presented, bank transfers & petty cash payments	Nil	2125.24	Nil	2125.24
Balance c/f to Jan	13.24	6026.53	45047.07	51086.84

Approval for Payments due in January

Payee/description	Cheque no	Amount £
Clerk's salary	101311	1050.80
Litter Warden's salary	101312	139.29
HM Revenue & Customs - tax & NI	101313	344.94
Hampshire Pension Fund – pension contributions	101314	330.92
Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council – speed limit reminder signs	101315	1330.00
Bulpitt Brothers- grounds maintenance work	101316	3529.00
Elliotts Landscaping – removal of willow limb touching power lines	101317	50.00
Sherfield Football Club	101318	500.00
Public Works Loans Board – loan repayment	D/D	964.99
Total		8239.94

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15 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

- (a) Planning Committee – minutes of the meeting of 8 December had been circulated and were noted;
- (b) Village Fete Committee – minutes of the meetings held on 7 December and 4 January were tabled and ratified;
- (c) Village Hall Management Committee – it was **resolved** that a sum of £300 per annum should be paid to the village hall for use of the storage space for parish council documents;
- (d) Village Green – nothing to report;
- (e) Allotments – nothing to report;
- (f) Play area, BMX track and tennis courts – Sandy Johnson reported that repairs to the BMX track will be undertaken soon;
- (g) Football and cricket grounds – nothing to report;
- (h) Sherfield Park Community Association – David Leivesley reported as follows:
 - The community centre is progressing on schedule and a completion date at the end of March is expected. Finance has been secured for a Community Development manager and the post will now be advertised ;
 - An opening ceremony is scheduled for 7 May and will involve representatives from Croudace and the Borough Council;
 - David Leivesley advised members that, as his workload at the community centre is increasing, he may not be able to attend all meetings of the council and/or committees.
- (i) Schools – nothing to report.

16 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9 February 2011 at 7.30pm in the Liddell Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.21pm.