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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH AT 7.30 PM IN THE LIDDELL HALL

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Julie Collins (Clerk); Borough Councillor Rhydian Vaughan; six members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from: Borough Councillor Ranil Jayawardena; WPC Mandy Jewell.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2011 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 February was tabled and noted.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- (i) A resident of Wildmoor Lane expressed her concern at the alleged inaccuracies in the officer's report in connection with the planning application for Homelands (see item 8) and requested that the parish council considers supporting the complaint made by another resident;
- (ii) Kristi Thorne advised members that she is conducting a survey on pedestrian/cyclist use on the A33 between Sherfield village and Sherfield Park and requested that the parish council considers supporting this. The chairman advised her that this matter will be placed on the next agenda for full discussion;
- (iii) Councillor Vaughan reported that he supports the resident of Wildmoor Lane who has complained at the planning officer's report in respect of Homelands and cited areas of concern in the report and, in particular, the delay in issuing the enforcement notice.

6 SHERFIELD PARK RETAIL UNITS

Members noted a response from James Arbuthnot, MP, to the council's request for early provision of the retail units at Sherfield Park by Croudace Homes. Whilst Mr Arbuthnot was agreeable to submitting further arguments put forward by the parish council to Croudace, it was agreed that little would be achieved by this and that the matter should be closed. David Leivesley reported that the residents' association is exploring the possibility of installing a community shop in the community centre.

7 BUS SHELTER

Members noted that the parish owned bus shelter in Bramley Road has been damaged beyond repair, probably due to vehicle action although there is insufficient information to enable a compensation claim to be made. The shelter is not on a scheduled bus route and is used mainly by parents meeting the school bus. It was agreed that the clerk should obtain costs for demolition of the shelter and making good the site and also for a replacement shelter to enable members to decide on the best option.

8 PLANNING APPLICATION BDB73497 – HOMELANDS, WILDMOOR LANE

Members considered supporting the complaint made by a resident of Wildmoor Lane concerning the planning officer's report in respect of the above application. The

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complaint alleges that the report is inaccurate in its interpretation of planning policies and does not clearly represent a complaint made to Environmental Health in 2008. It was **resolved** that the clerk should write a letter to the Head of Planning expressing the parish council's concern that the officer's report did not appear to fully cover the environmental case and was not as objective as it might have been and that there is also concern at the length of time being taken to issue the enforcement notice.

9 SPEAKER FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that a representative from CPRE should be invited to speak at the annual parish meeting.

10 INVITATION TO ROYAL AIR FORCE ODIHAM

It was agreed that David Leivesley, John Darker, Ken Clark and Loraine Smith should attend the presentation at RAF Odiham on 28 April.

11 LODDON LINK

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

- An update on the bus shelter
- Completion of the defences on the village green
- Details of the annual parish meeting

12 SAFETY REPORT

The monthly safety report for February was unavailable – clerk to chase up.

13 FINANCE REPORT

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

Sherfield-on-Loddon Bank Accounts Summary at 28 February 2011

Financial year ending 31 March 2011	Petty Cash £	HSBC Current A/C £	HSBC Deposit A/C £	Total £
Balance b/f from Jan	10.78	8935.18	35049.16	43995.12
Income – credits received	40.00	11547.87	1.12	11588.99
Expenditure – cheques presented, bank transfers & petty cash payments	4.92	12050.42	11000.00	23055.34
Balance c/f to March	45.86	8432.63	24050.28	32528.77

Approval for Payments due in March

Payee/description	Cheque no	Amount £
Pro – repairs to water troughs on allotments (retrospective)	101327	350.00
Clerk's salary	101328	1050.80
Litter Warden's salary	101329	139.29
HM Revenue & Customs - tax & NI	101330	344.94
Hampshire Pension Fund – pension contributions	101331	330.92
J Collins – reimbursement for stationery & ink cartridges & mileage claim	101332	98.58
Bulpitt Brothers - Cemetery tree planting (£100) & additional dragon's teeth to Green	101333	933.00
JPL Associates Ltd – annual payroll processing fee	101334	314.40
P Iles - reimbursement for Fete expenses	101335	34.30
Total		3596.23

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14 REQUEST FROM COUNTRY WATCH FOR FUNDING

Members considered a request from Country Watch for the release of earmarked funds to assist in its representation at the Public Enquiry in relation to the Local Development Framework. It was **resolved** to donate £6,000 under S.137 powers

15 TO CONSIDER SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FOLLOWING SCHEMES:

- Neighbourhood Improvement Schemes: it was **resolved** to submit a request for removal of the surplus signs along the Old Reading Road together with the narrowing of the road and creation of bends and passing places although it was felt that the highway works may not fall within the criteria of the scheme. Bruce Batting agreed to speak to traffic engineer, Simon Found, on this.
- Small Grant Scheme: it was agreed not to submit an application to this scheme.

16 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON ATTENDANCE AT OUTSIDE EVENTS

- Bruce Jones and Alan Ball reported on a meeting of the Basingstoke and Deane Passenger Transport Forum
- Sandy Johnston reported on a meeting of Basingstoke District Association of Parish Councils

17 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

- (a) Planning Committee – minutes of the meeting of 9 February had been circulated and were noted;
- (b) Burial Ground Committee – minutes of the meeting held on 16 January tabled and ratified. Ivan Gosden advised members that he and Sandy Johnston had spoken with the neighbouring resident concerning alternative vehicular access and this would be placed on the next agenda for full discussion;
- (c) Village Fete Committee – minutes of the meeting held on 1 March were tabled and ratified following agreement to the revised total price for the banners of £320;
- (d) Village Hall Management Committee – Bruce Batting reported that agreement has been reached on the settlement for the claim for damages although this will not be for the full amount;
- (e) Village Green – nothing to report;
- (f) Allotments – nothing to report;
- (g) Play area, BMX track and tennis courts – Sandy Johnson reported that repairs to the BMX track are still outstanding and, if these are not completed soon, members may need to consider other options;
- (h) Football and cricket grounds – Sandy Johnston reported on the AGM of the cricket club; Sally Hennessey reported that the old football pavilion had been subject to a graffiti attack – to be discussed at the Leisure Committee meeting;
- (i) Sherfield Park Community Association – David Leivesley reported as follows:
 - Community Centre - there has been a delay on the completion date by Croudace and the landscaping is behind owing to the bad winter so the official opening will now be later;
 - There has been a good response to the advertisement for a centre manager and interviews will take place shortly;
 - Letters have been sent to potential hirers;
- (j) Schools – nothing to report.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13 April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Liddell Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.03 pm.