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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 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.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Julie Collins (Clerk); Borough Councillors Rhydian Vaughan and Ranil Jayawardena; one member of the public.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from: David Leivesley; 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 March 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 March was tabled and noted. In the absence of WPC Jewell, a written report was tabled.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Jayawardena and Councillor Vaughan updated members on current Borough Council issues.

6 PRESENTATION BY BASINGTOKE PLAY LIMITED

Representatives of Basingstoke Play Limited gave a short presentation to explain issues concerning the future funding of the play schemes in the area. Although funding is in place for this year's play schemes, it is likely that it will be either greatly reduced or withdrawn in future years. This will leave parish councils with the option of either funding schemes themselves using a volunteer workforce or buying in the services of the Play Council. Approximate costs for each option were tabled. It was agreed that further discussion should be deferred until the budget meeting when the cost of funding both options should be considered.

7 BUS SHELTER

It was agreed that replacement of the damaged bus shelter in Bramley Road cannot be justified as it is no longer on a scheduled bus route and it was, therefore, **resolved** that it should be demolished at a cost of £210 but that the concrete base should be left in situ.

8 INACCURATE PRESS REPORTING

It was **resolved** that no further action should be taken concerning an inaccurate press report of the last ordinary council meeting which had described it as "specially convened and held behind closed doors". A correction had been printed in the following week's edition.

9 COMPLAINT RE BDB/7349 - HOMELANDS

A copy of the Borough Council's response to the council's complaint concerning the officer's report in the above application had been circulated to all members. It was **resolved** to take no further action on this.

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10 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The draft annual report was approved for publication. Clerk advised members that Peter Bedford from CPRE has agreed to attend as guest speaker.

11 PROVISION OF RECYCLING FACILITIES

Members considered a request from the Borough Council for parishes to provide a recycling point for the collection of used low energy light bulbs. The nature of the facility means that it must be sited indoors and a volunteer will be required to take the full container to a central recycling point in Basingstoke. Members were unable to identify a suitable site and, therefore, could not offer assistance.

12 HIGHWAY ISSUES

- 12.1 Members considered a request from Old Basing Parish Council to form a joint Speedwatch initiative with other parishes. Feedback had been provided on a scheme run by Hook Parish Council in 2006 and, after this was considered along with other points concerning costing and practical administration, it was **resolved** not to join the initiative.
- 12.2 Members agreed to support a survey on pedestrian/cyclist use of the A33 between Sherfield village and Sherfield Park proposed by a local resident, Kristi Thorne. The questions contained in the survey were agreed and it was suggested that the best means of distributing the survey would be by hard copy distributed via the Loddon Link with local collection points and an on-line survey.

13 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT MEETING

Alan Ball agreed to attend the Community Transport meeting on 12 May at the Village Hall

14 LODDON LINK

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

- Request for motorists not to park on pavements
- Management of compost bins
- Details of deadline for funding applications from fete proceeds
- Parish meeting agenda

15 SAFETY REPORT

No items were raised for attention.

16 FINANCE REPORT

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

Sherfield-on-Loddon Bank Accounts Summary at 31 March 2011

Financial year ending 31 March 2011	Petty Cash £	HSBC Current A/C £	HSBC Deposit A/C £	Total £
Balance b/f from Feb	45.86	8432.63	24050.28	32528.77
Income – credits received	Nil	3013.00	0.98	3013.98
Expenditure – cheques presented, bank transfers & petty cash payments	34.49	3106.94	3000.00	6141.43
Balance c/f to April	11.37	8338.69	21051.26	29401.32

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Approval for Payments due in April

Payee/description	Cheque no	Amount £
Ben Stoopman – notice board repair (retrospective)	101337	48.00
Clerk’s salary	101338	1073.48
Litter Warden’s salary	101339	139.29
HM Revenue & Customs - tax & NI	101340	316.33
Hampshire Pension Fund – pension contributions	101341	253.35
J Collins – mileage claim	101342	38.00
J L Bryce – mole treatment	101343	339.56
South East Water – allotment charges	101344	5.93
Society of Local Council Clerks - membership renewal	101345	151.00
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council – TENS licence for fete	101346	21.00
Hampshire Association of Local Councils – annual affiliation fee and NALC levy	101347	447.00
Time 2 Display UK – fete banners	101348	264.00
Total		3096.94

The following tenders were tabled:

For removal and disposal of waste from compost bins:

Dave Miller Plant Hire £1180

R Knight Pant Hire £510

It was **resolved** to accept the quote from R Knight

For felling of one dead willow tree on the Green, opposite Globe House:

Elliotts Landscaping £460

Cedardale £960

It was **resolved** to accept the quote from Elliotts Landscaping

17 REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Members considered a request from Tadley and District Citizens Advice Bureau for a contribution towards funding. It was **resolved** to donate the same as last year i.e £100 under S.137 powers

18 BANKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS YEAR’S VILLAGE FETE

The chairman advised members that contributors and exhibitors to this year’s fete had been advised to make cheques payable to “Sherfield Village Fete” instead of to the parish council and a large number of incorrectly addressed cheques had already been received. It would be a costly exercise in terms of time and money to return all of these and, in view of this, it was **resolved** that the old Village Fete account operated by the previous committee should be used to process them with the following conditions to minimise risk:

- The old fete account will be used solely for the purpose of paying in cheques with the incorrect payee
- All other receipts and payments relating to the fete will be made directly to/from the parish council bank accounts
- A cheque for the amounts paid into the old account will be passed to the parish council as soon as the cheques have cleared.

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19 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

It was agreed not to submit a parish council response to the document entitled “Basingstoke Local Bus Services” but that individual responses should be made, if appropriate.

20 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

(a) Planning Committee: The following application was considered:

Application No:	BDB/73768
Proposal:	Erection of 16 no two, three and four bedroom dwellings, associated garaging, parking and landscaping
Location:	Land at Taylors Farm Norris Site, Rockbourne Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon
Decision:	No objections

Members also noted that an appeal has been lodged in respect of the refusal notice for BDB/73497 – Homelands, Wildmoor Lane and **resolved** not to submit any further comments;

(b) Leisure Committee – minutes of the meeting held on 16 March tabled and ratified.

It was agreed that the clerk should get tenders for the following work:

- (i) Cutting back of a willow opposite Winton Cottage to allow clearance for electricity cables and cutting back of a willow near the pond on the approach to The Plantation which is hit by high vehicles;
- (ii) Replacement of both football nets on the multi-use area
Replacement cradle swing seat chains
Replacement chain on cableway and greasing of bearings

With regard to (ii) it was **resolved** that the clerk in consultation with the chairman should be authorised to accept the quote that gives best value.

In response to a verbal request from Loddon Sports, it was **resolved** that both football pitches should be rolled and spiked. Clerk to write to Loddon Sports to thank them for offering to mark out the ground for the fete this year. Clerk to also request Sherfield Football Club to take action to remove graffiti from the pavilion;

(c) Finance and General Purposes Committee – minutes of the meeting held on 16 March tabled and ratified;

(d) Village Fete Committee – minutes of the meeting held on 5 April were tabled and ratified.

(e) Village Hall Management Committee – no matters to report;

(f) Village Green – Bruce Batting reported that a request had been received from a local resident to hold an informal celebration on the Green on the Royal Wedding Day and no objections were raised to this;

(g) Allotments – nothing to report;

(h) Play area, BMX track and tennis courts – Sandy Johnson reported that repairs to the BMX track are now complete;

(i) Football and cricket grounds – nothing to report;

(j) Sherfield Park Community Association – nothing to report;

(k) Schools – nothing to report.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 May 2011 at 7.30pm in the Liddell Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.17 pm.