

## MINUTES

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2011 AT 7.30 PM IN THE LIDDELL HALL

**PRESENT:** Ivan Gosden (Chairman); Alan Ball; Sally Hennessey; Sandy Johnston; David Leivesley.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Julie Collins (Clerk); Borough Councillor Rhydian Vaughan; one member of the public.

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from: Bruce Batting; Ken Clark; John Darker; Bruce Jones; Loraine Smith; also Councillor Chapman.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The following amendments were agreed to the minutes of 8 June:

19 (j) First bullet point: delete "will not be available" and insert "may not be available"

Last bullet point: "delete "standing in for him at" and insert "attending"

The minutes were then 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 June was tabled and noted. PCSO Geoff Fermor-Dunman attended in place of WPC Mandy Jewell and advised members that he would be replacing WPC Jewell regularly at council meetings as beat police officers will be concentrating on crime issues. He reported on recent thefts in the village and also advised that six beat officers have been trained in the use of laser speed enforcement equipment although WPC Jewell was not one of them. He explained the Speedwatch initiative to members.

**5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

One member of the public was in attendance and requested action to address the following issues:

- (i) Flooding in Goddards Lane probably caused by blocked drains;
- (ii) Removal of graffiti to the bus shelter in Goddards Lane;
- (iii) Broken kerb at the Reading Road/Bramley Road junction. Traffic cones have been in place for some time and are now a hazard in themselves.

Councillor Vaughan reported that he had been informed by Councillor Chapman that a section of the Reading Road is likely to be closed in September for some time to permit carriageway re-surfacing.

**6 QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELDS CHALLENGE**

Following the presentation last month, members further considered submitting an application for the Green to be registered under the above scheme. As an application would not be able to proceed without the consent of the landlord, it was **resolved** that the clerk should ask Alison Gwynn-Moore of the Trust to investigate this before members give the scheme further consideration.

**7 QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENT**

The chairman asked members to consider staging a community event next year i.e a street party, to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This would be for Sherfield residents only and would replace the village fete. It was **resolved** to progress this by forming a working

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party of the parish council consisting of councillors, representatives of local groups and/or volunteers. Further discussion to take place at the Fete Committee meeting.

### 8 SHERFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

Members considered a response from the football club to the council's request for a progress report on the repairs to the pavilion. A further meeting was requested by the club and it was agreed that the chairman should arrange this with Bruce Jones and/or Bruce Batting. The club also confirmed that it does not wish to take ownership of the pavilion and, should the proposed transfer to the pitch at Sherfield Park not take place from 2012/13, would like to continue renting the pitch on the Green on a match for match basis. It was agreed that this would not be possible as the parish council does not have the resources to maintain the pitch and pavilion to the required standard.

### 9 LODDON LINK

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

- Recipients of fete donations
- Winners of allotment competition
- Decision on next year's Diamond Jubilee celebrations
- Update on play area improvements (space permitting)
- Details of A33 closure (space permitting)

### 10 SAFETY REPORT

The following items were identified for action:

- Bench opposite the play area – clerk to ask Ben Stoopman to repair although it may be beyond this
- Overgrown hedge on the path from Bow Grove to the Green – clerk to check responsibility for this with Bruce Batting.

### 11 FINANCE REPORT

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

#### Sherfield-on-Loddon Bank Accounts Summary at 30 June 2011

Financial year ending 31 March 2012	Petty Cash £	HSBC Current A/C £	HSBC Deposit A/C £	Total £
Balance b/f from May	35.17	48559.33	18052.91	66647.41
Income – credits received	Nil	12463.57	485.36	12948.93
Expenditure – cheques presented, bank transfers & petty cash payments	10.97	5612.56	Nil	5623.53
Balance c/f to July	24.20	55410.34	18538.27	73972.81

#### Approval for Payments due in July

Payee/description	Cheque no	Amount £
Amethyst Roadshow – Fete sound system (i)	101382	40.00
West Rosettes – Fete expenses (i)	101383	42.59
Minuteman Press – Fete programmes (i)	101384	717.00
Hazel Ball - reimbursement of Fete expenses (i)	101385	117.25
Southern Bar Services – supply of drinks for Fete (i)	101386	1790.46
N Robinson - reimbursement of Fete expenses (i)	101387	148.21
N Larner - reimbursement of Fete expenses (i)	101388	83.82

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B Batting - reimbursement of Fete expenses (i)	101389	69.99
Clerk's salary	101391	1073.48
Litter Warden's salary	101392	144.30
HM Revenue & Customs - tax & NI	101393	317.53
Hampshire Pension Fund – pension contributions	101394	253.36
J Collins – mileage claim & reimbursements	101395	55.05
C Smith - reimbursement of Fete expenses	101396	307.50
St Leonard's PCC – donation towards upkeep of churchyard and parish magazine (ii)	101397	700.00
Hampshire Playing Fields Association – membership renewal	101398	40.00
Public Works Loan Board – loan repayment	D/D	964.99
Bulpitt Brothers – grass cutting, additional defences (£102)	101401	257.00
Hampshire Association of Local Councils – course fee	101402	30.00
Park Leisure Ltd – repair to safety surfacing	101403	420.00
Tiny Toes & Sticky Fingers – refund of Fete advertising charge	101404	60.00
The Shop – Barbecue food & coconuts for Fete	101405	765.49
St John Ambulance – Fete cover	101406	180.00

- (i) Retrospective approval  
(ii) £200 approved under S.137

It was agreed that the two allotment judges should be paid £20 each for their expenses.

### 12 NEW NOTICE BOARD

Members noted the award of a grant of £1000 from Councillor Chapman for the purchase of a new notice board. Quotes for replacement boards were tabled and it was **resolved** to accept a quote in the sum of £1360.74 plus VAT from Greenbarnes for a two bay 6 x A4 landscape notice board.

### 13 FETE DONATIONS

It was **resolved** that the Finance and General Purposes Committee should be authorised to approve donations from the Village Fete proceeds following recommendations from the Fete Committee.

### 14 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

- (a) Planning Committee – minutes of the meeting held on 8 and 28 June had been circulated and were noted;
- (b) Village Fete Committee – no matters to report;
- (c) Village Hall Management Committee – no matters to report;
- (d) Village Green – no matters to report;
- (e) Allotments – no matters to report;
- (f) Play area, BMX track and tennis courts – Sandy Johnston reported that he had met with a contractor, E J Services, to discuss faults identified in the weekly play inspection and replacement of the safety surfacing. A verbal quote was given which will be put in writing for referral to the Leisure Committee;
- (g) Football and cricket grounds – the chairman asked the clerk to investigate the possibility of reimbursement of sums paid to the utility companies some time ago for the provision of services which are no longer required for a new football pavilion;
- (h) Sherfield Park Community Association – David Leivesley reported as follows:
- A job description is currently being compiled for an assistant to the Community Centre manager
  - A response has been received from the Borough Council concerning the problems with the football pitch. There are four issues to be addressed which could mean

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the pitch being playable by the end of the year subject to favourable weather conditions in the intervening period. The Community Association will not take title to the facility until it is fit for purpose

- Discussion for a company to undertake management of the crèche are in the final stages

The chairman suggested that it may be a good idea to have one or two parish council meetings a year in the Community Centre and asked members to consider this.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 September 2011 at 7.30pm in the Liddell Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.53 pm.