

## MINUTES

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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7.30 PM IN THE LIDDELL HALL

**PRESENT:** Ivan Gosden (Chairman); Alan Ball; Bruce Batting; John Darker; Sally Hennessey; Sandy Johnston; Bruce Jones; David Leivesley

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Julie Collins (Clerk); also WPC Mandy Jewell (to item 4).

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from: Ken Clark; Loraine Smith.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 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 October was tabled and noted. WPC Jewell reported that she had now completed her training on the use of speed guns.

**5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**6 VILLAGE POST OFFICE**

Following a meeting between parish councillors and Peter Wilkinson, the Field Change Advisor for the Post Office, a confidential report prepared by John Darker was circulated to all members. This contained a summary of the current position and options for retaining a post office facility in the village. It was agreed that a request should be placed in the Loddon Link for volunteers to come forward to man a Post Office Local in the event that the Post Office will be unable to continue on its current site and will need to move to another location in the village.

**7 VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT (VDS)**

Clerk confirmed that no response had been received from the Loddon Link article asking for volunteers to take part in the preparation of a VDS. Ivan Gosden agreed to speak further with Councillor Rhydian Vaughan and John Darker agreed to investigate the preparation of a VDS further .

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**8 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

In response to a request from Bramley Parish Council, members discussed entering into a Community Speedwatch Initiative with other parishes in order to share the cost. Before considering this further, it was agreed that the clerk should obtain feedback from neighbouring parishes on their experiences.

**9 CHANGE TO STANDING ORDERS**

Members **resolved** to change Standing Order number 6 to permit an ordinary meeting to take place in August.

**10 FEEDBACK ON TRAINING SEMINARS**

Sally Hennessey and Alan Ball reported on their attendance at a recent seminar dealing with funding. Alan Ball also reported on his attendance at a training event dealing with Local Government Finance.

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### 11 INVITATION FROM SAVE OUR LODDON VALLEY ENVIRONMENT (SOLVE)

It was agreed that John Darker should attend the meeting being arranged by SOLVE on 26 November to discuss the site selection procedure of the Local Development Framework and its implications for the east of Basingstoke.

### 12 INVITATION TO THE MAYOR'S RECEPTION FOR PARISHES

It was agreed that David Leivesley and John Darker should attend this event on 28 November. Sandy Johnston confirmed that he would be attending as a member of BDAPTC.

### 13 LODDON LINK

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

- Update on the post office closure
- Details of how to get help for the Digital Switchover
- Details of change of venue for next meeting

### 14 MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

There were no items raised for attention on the safety report.

### 15 FINANCE REPORT

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

#### **Sherfield-on-Loddon Bank Accounts Summary at 31 October 2011**

<b>Financial year ending 31 March 2012</b>	<b>Petty Cash £</b>	<b>HSBC Current A/C £</b>	<b>HSBC Deposit A/C £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Balance b/f from September	11.24	2540.12	77532.26	80083.62
Income – credits received	Nil	5386.08	487.54	5873.62
Expenditure – cheques presented, bank transfers & petty cash payments	7.25	3062.57	4000.00	7069.82
Balance c/f to November	3.99	4863.63	74019.80	78887.42

#### **Approval for Payments due in November**

<b>Payee/description</b>	<b>Cheque no</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Bulpitt Brothers – cutting pitches and miscellaneous grounds maintenance works (i)	101449	584.00
Sherfield Village Hall – hiring fee plus arrears for previous hirings (i)	101450	178.00
Clerk's salary – November	101451	1073.48
Litter Warden's salary – November	101452	139.29
HM Revenue & Customs - tax & NI	101453	316.33
Hampshire Pension Fund – pension contributions	101455	330.92
J Collins – mileage claim , reimbursements for stationery, phone charges & office equipment	101454	112.15
Hampshire Association of Local Councils – councillor course fees	101456	60.00
Oliver Bird – refund of allotment deposit	101457	30.00
Sandhurst Marquees – hire of marquee for fete	101458	300.00
Acorn Garden Services – annual grounds maintenance	101459	808.75

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charge for memorial area, tennis courts, village hall and play area		
Bulpitt Brothers – grounds maintenance	101460	3326.00
P Elliott – tree work	101461	420.00

(i) – retrospective approval

It was **resolved** that payments of £20 each to J Eckton and R Butler should be approved retrospectively under S.137 powers.

### 16 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

- (a) Village Hall Management Committee – no matters to report;
- (b) Village Green – Bruce Batting reported on the last meeting at which several areas requiring work were identified. Bruce Batting to give the clerk a list;
- (c) Allotments – no matters to report;
- (d) Play area, BMX track and tennis courts – Sandy Johnston reported that he had visited another play area to view a piece of play equipment which will be discussed at the Leisure Committee;
- (e) Football and cricket grounds – no matters to report;
- (f) Sherfield Park Community Association – David Leivesley reported as follows:
  - There has been a good uptake for bookings of the Community Centre
  - Contractors are in the process of being agreed for cleaning and grounds maintenance
  - The playschool is now up and running
  - The football pitches have now been scarified and re-seeded
  - A working party has been formed for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations
- (g) Diamond Jubilee Working Party – Ivan Gosden presented the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October which were tabled and ratified.

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### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 December 2011 at 7.30pm in the Sherfield Park Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.