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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM IN THE LIDDELL HALL

#### **PRESENT:**

Ivan Gosden (Chairman)  
Alan Ball  
Bruce Batting  
Ken Clark  
Sally Hennessey  
Sandy Johnston  
Bruce Jones  
Lorraine Smith

#### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Julie Collins (Clerk)  
Two police officers representing WPC Mandy Jewell  
Borough Councillors Rhydian Vaughan and Ranil Jayawardena

Before the meeting commenced, the chairman advised members that Lucy Marshall has resigned from the Parish Council.

#### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from: David Leivesley.

#### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

#### **3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2010 were confirmed as a true record of the business that took place and were signed by the chairman.

#### **4 MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER**

The Neighbourhood Watch reports for July and August were tabled and noted.

#### **5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Sandy Johnston asked the police officers in attendance for their comments concerning recent crime figures that have been published and they responded that the perception of crime is actually higher than the real risk and the crime rate is going down.

Councillor Jayawardena apologised for missing meetings and updated members on Borough Council issues including the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and road improvements from German Road.

Councillor Vaughan confirmed that the planning application for Willowbank in Bramley Road will be the subject of a site visit on 10 September.

#### **6 VILLAGE GREEN DEFENCES**

Members were advised that the Village Green defences are nearly completed but that more dragon's teeth will be required at the top end of the track leading to Hafod and Summerfield and further ditching will be needed along the left-hand side of the track across the Village Green from Goddards Lane to Greenway.

#### **7 TRIM TRAIL**

The clerk reported that, whilst planning permission will not be required for the apparatus itself, advertising consent will be needed for the information signs. The chairman advised members that the cost of maintaining the surrounding grassed areas will be in the region

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of £3000 pa which members felt to be prohibitive. It was **resolved** that the scheme should not be progressed any further and that the grant application should be cancelled. The Leisure Committee will look at alternative schemes.

### 8 APPLICATION FOR WOODLAND TRUST COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING PACK

The clerk reported that the application for a tree planting pack had been successful and a delivery address was required by the organisation. The chairman agreed to take delivery.

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### 9 DEVELOPMENT OF LAND IDENTIFIED IN THE SHLAA – SOL006

A letter from a developer, Balmoral Land (UK) Ltd was tabled inviting the views of the parish on the possibility of a small scale development on the above site. It was **resolved** not to accept the invitation.

### 10 DITCH CLEARING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

It was **resolved** that Bulpitt Bros should be asked to carry out the annual ditch clearing along the Bramley Road boundary and tidying up of the hedge and beds in the car park.

### 11 LODDON LINK

The following items were approved for inclusion in the next Loddon Link article;

- Update on fences and ditches to the green
- Details of the parish councillor vacancy
- Details of the new clerk

### 12 POLICY REVIEWS AND QUESTIONNAIRES

It was **resolved** not to submit a response to the following consultation documents:

- Proposed Local Transport Plan 3 strategy for the County
- National Highways and Transport public satisfaction survey

### 13 INVITATION TO RAF ODIHAM

It was agreed that Alan Ball should attend the above presentation on 6 October with either Sally Hennessey or Ken Clark.

### 14 SAFETY REPORT

The monthly safety report was tabled – no action required.

### 15 FINANCE REPORT

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

<b><u>Sherfield on Loddon Parish Bank Accounts Summary as at 31st August 2010</u></b>				
<b>Financial Year ending 31/3/2011</b>	<b>Petty Cash</b>	<b>HSBC Current A/C</b>	<b>HSBC Deposit account</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Closing balance per June Statement</b>		£ 9,651.88	£ 44,036.22	£ 53,688.10
<b>Income - Credits received at bankJul</b>		£ 12,336.17	£ 2.05	£ 12,338.22
<b>Expenditure - Cheques presented Jul</b>		£ 15,411.84	£ 10,000.00	£ 25,411.84
<b>Petty Cash at hand</b>	£ 50.00			£ 50.00

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<b>Closing balance per Jul Statement (cash at bank and in hand)</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>50.00</b>	<b>6,576.21</b>	<b>34,038.27</b>	<b>40,664.48</b>
<b>Closing balance per July Statement</b>	£	£	£	£
	50.00	6,576.21	34,038.27	40,664.48
<b>Income</b> - Credits received at bank		£	£	£
Aug		663.38	1.54	664.92
<b>Expenditure</b> - Cheques presented		£		£
Aug		2,614.11		2,614.11
Petty Cash at hand	£			£
	50.00			50.00
<b>Closing balance per Aug Statement (cash at bank and in hand)</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>50.00</b>	<b>4,625.48</b>	<b>34,039.81</b>	<b>38,765.29</b>
<b><u>Approval for payments due in September</u></b>				
			cheque no.	
Employment Costs: Clerks Salary	September		101268	£ 1,050.60
Litter Warden Salary	September		101269	£ 139.29
PAYE/NI	September		101270	£ 345.14
Pension Contributions	September		101271	£ 330.92
J Collins (Reimbursement for PO Box no & new telephone)			101272	£ 185.74
Pro Pest Services (wasp nest at allotments)			101273	£ 60.00
HALC (Planning training 2 councillors)			101274	£ 58.75
Peter Elliot - Split Willow Limb on Green and branch over seat at pond			101275	£ 60.00
Peter Elliot - to remove hanging limb along Bramley Road			101275	£ 80.00
Peter Elliot - branches around pond and overhanging trees Goddards In			101275	£ 120.00
A. W. Burt & Co Ltd - Provide and fit shower & cubicle for Cricket Pav			101276	£ 1,286.62
Basingstoke Trophies - trophies and cup - allotment competition			101277	£ 22.31
Donna Harris - allotment deposit return			101278	£ 30.00
Bulpitts - Grass Cutting cricket and football pitches			101279	£ 100.00
Bulpitts - Defences, football pitch dip, rotovating allotment 16, Strim pond			101279	£ 2,904.00
Information Commissioners Office			101280	£ 35.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>£ 6,808.37</b>

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Note: The following cheques were raised and issued on 21st July at Finance Committee

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B&DBC - Clean up after Travellers vist	101265	1706.1
B&DBC - Legal Fees due to traveller eviction	101266	£705.00
Village Hall - Venue Hire	101267	£37.00

### 16 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

- (a) Planning Committee – minutes of the meeting of 11 August had been circulated and were noted;
- (b) Burial Ground Committee – no meeting;
- (c) Leisure Committee – minutes of the meeting of 21 July tabled and ratified;
- (d) Finance and General Purposes Committee – minutes of the meeting of 21 July tabled and ratified. Sally Hennessey and Bruce Jones were elected to this committee;
- (e) Village Fete Committee – minutes of the meeting of 3 August tabled and ratified. Paul O’Grady, Hazel Ball, Mark Scott, Ed Kisiel and Brian Jenkins were formally co-opted to this committee;
- (f) Village Hall Management Committee – Bruce Batting reported that negotiations with tenants are taking place concerning the rents;
- (g) Village Green – Bruce Batting reported that there are a number of small jobs to do which will be undertaken by volunteers;
- (h) Allotments – Bruce Batting reported that he had presented the cups to the award winners at the annual show;
- (i) Play areas and BMX track – a report would be made to the Leisure Service Committee on the replacement sleepers;
- (j) Football and cricket grounds/pavilion – the chairman requested that an item is placed on the next agenda to discuss the future of the football pavilion and urged all members to give this some thought before the next meeting;
- (k) Tennis courts – it was agreed that the clerk should write to Simon Dodd to thank him for the repair to the locks. Bruce Jones agreed to ask Peter Elliott why one tree had been omitted from the recent tree work;
- (l) Schools – no report;
- (m) Sherfield Park Community Association – Bruce Batting reported that discussions are still being undertaken with Chineham Parish Council concerning access to the sports facilities.

Clerk/  
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### 17 STAFF MATTERS

It was **resolved** that, owing to the nature of the business to be discussed viz matters relating to the pay and conditions of staff, the public and press should be excluded. Members approved the employment of the new clerk, Julie Collins, from 1 September 2010 to be paid on SCP 27, pro rata for 25 hours plus working from home allowance of £880 pa, and **resolved** that she should become a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme from this date. Clerk to provide a draft contract for members’ approval.

### 6 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13 October 2010 at 7.30pm in the Liddell Hall.

Meeting closed at 9pm.