

**MINUTES OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 11 MAY 2004.**

**Present**

Bruce Batting (Chairman)  
John Dodd (Vice Chairman)  
Richard Gaiger  
Ivan Gosden (Vice Chairman)  
Sandy Johnston  
Tracy Lander-Sims  
Harry Moore

**In attendance**

Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)

Three members of the public were present during the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**4013** Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tucker and Chris Horton.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**4014** There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 APRIL 2004**

**4015** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

**4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER**

**4016** It appeared that drug abuse was still of concern in the village. A recent theft of money from a resident's flat had been reported to the police. For information, Sandy Johnston reported that CCTV cameras had been introduced along Stockbridge high street.

**5. UPDATE ON PARISH COUNCIL LOGO**

**4017** The Breach Lane sign designers had rejected the offer of an acknowledgement and advertisement on the website in lieu of their suggested fee of £150. The Clerk had written asking them to clarify the extent to which the design could be used if the Parish Council chooses to approve the payment. A reply is awaited.

**6. UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CALMING**

**4018** The Chairman had contacted Peter Eade, Assistant Chief Engineer, who had suggested that rounded kerbs should replace the granite blocks which are currently in place along the Bramley Road, and which are frequently hit by motorists. It was hoped that rounded kerbs were more likely to deflect vehicles, thus causing less damage.

DSO had been consulted over the proposed planters and they had recommended increasing the depth from 0.3 to 0.6 m to prevent drying out. Planters this size were acceptable to Peter Eade, although he stated that should there be an injury from collision, any claim would be directed to the Parish Council for payment from public liability insurance. Also, the cost of the manufacture of the five planters would increase from £385 to £580.

40 mph signs at the end of the Plantation were still to be removed. Metal fixings for the priority signs along Reading Road would be tightened, to prevent them from being turned around. Cobbled imprints are still awaited.

**ACTIONS**

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## **7. UPDATE ON CALOR VILLAGE OF THE YEAR**

**4019** An application had been submitted.

## **8. UPDATE ON BRAMLEY TA CAMP EXERCISES**

**4020** Ivan Gosden would submit information in due course. There had been no further serious disturbances.

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## **9. UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGENERATION GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**4021** Two applications were being submitted for grants to cover 90% costs, by 14 May: clay lining golden pond to prevent drying out in summer; picnic area on southern triangle. Regarding the picnic area, three village groups had been consulted for views. One group did not wish to see permanent enclosure or a picnic table in case of vandalism, the other two groups fully supported the project. Vanessa Attwood was thanked for putting together the application for clay lining the pond. It was agreed that the application would be submitted, although a study should be conducted as there had been a suggestion that the drying out of the pond provided the ideal environment for certain flora/fauna.

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## **10. UPDATE ON QUESTIONNAIRE FOR YOUNG VILLAGERS**

**4022** The Clerk had tabled a draft questionnaire for consideration, with a suggestion that the forms are distributed at the Summer Fete and responses gathered at a special youth club session on the same evening. There was some concern that there would not be enough time or manpower to manage an extra event in the evening. However, as the caretakers had indicated that they were prepared to open the hall for two hours, the idea would be given further consideration by Dick Gaiger, Tracy Lander-Sims and Lucy Marshall.

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Paul Hayes of BDBC had offered to come to a Parish Council meeting to discuss the pros and cons of teen shelters. This was welcomed but it was agreed that as the next meeting in June is the AGM, he would be invited at a later date.

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It was reported that Test Valley District Council have a "roving skate ramp" which local Parish Council's can borrow. The Clerk had been trying to find out whether Basingstoke and Deane will be introducing such a scheme and a reply is awaited. A reply is also awaited from Paul Green regarding grants available for youth group fees.

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## **OPEN FORUM**

The meeting was temporarily adjourned for the discussion of items not appearing on the agenda.

## **11. REPORTS**

### **(a) Planning Committee**

**4023** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 May 2004 had been circulated:

**BDB /58234** 25 Thyme Close, Chineham, Basingstoke, RG24 8XG

**Proposal:** Erection of rear conservatory. **PC decision:** No objection.

**BDB /58292** 31 Northfield road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, RG27

**Proposal:** Erection of a front porch and replace flat roof to garage with a pitched roof.

**PC decision:** No objection.

**BDB /58311** 18 Longbridge Close, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, RG27

**Proposal:** Erection of a rear conservatory. **PC decision:** No objection.

**BDB /58122** Football pavilion, Bramley Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook.

**Proposal:** Demolition of football pavilion. **PC decision:** No objection.

**BDB /58123** Land adjacent to Football Club car park, Bramley Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, RG27.

**Proposal:** Erection of a single storey building to form sports pavilion with disabled access, meeting room and police office. **PC decision:** No objection.

**BDB /57776** 7 Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, Hants.

**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension and conversion of garage into living accommodation and installation of bay window. **PC decision:** No objection.

**Notice of Intent TCA 1636 to fell 1 Rowan at Star-Ceda, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon. PC decision: No objection.**

It was noted that three buildings within Sherfield House School environs had received Grade II listing.

**(b) Finance & General Purposes Committee**

**4024** The minutes of the meeting held on 27 April had previously been circulated.

- **Extra funding for Sherfield FC** The Parish Council supported the FGPC recommendation that the Club should be advised that no further funding is available for the maintenance of the pitch and goal mouths. It was noted that the other two sports clubs carry out and fund maintenance tasks independently.

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- **Commemorative Bench** It was suggested that the bench which Mr Mathews wishes to donate to the village in memory of his parents should replace one close to the Cricket Pavilion. Proposed by Bruce Batting, seconded by Tracy Lander-Sims, agreed by all.

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- **Planters for traffic calming units** Also discussed under item 6, minute 4018. It would be possible to meet the extra costs involved for providing bigger planters using S.106 funds. Groups in the village would be asked to “adopt” a planter and take responsibility for weeding, watering and replanting. This would be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting next week.

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**(c) Village Green Committee**

**4025** The minutes of the meeting held on 20 April had been previously circulated. It was agreed that the heap of soil next to the new headwall, ditch 1, need not be moved, as it would be used to fill the planters. It was confirmed that careful thought would go into the layout of the football club car park, in order to provide a safe area around the Jubilee Tree and the suggested tree seat.

The Chairman reminded members that Harry Moore would not be standing at the next election and would also be standing down as Chairman of the Village Green Committee. Members joined the Chairman in thanking Harry for all of his hard work and dedication over many years.

**(d) Football Pavilion Steering Group**

**4026** No further meetings since the last Parish Council meeting. The Chairman reported that Alan Rutter, Secretary of the North Hampshire FA, had written in support of the planning application, which is currently under consideration by the Borough Council.

**(e) Cricket Pavilion**

4027 No further action until grant approval awarded.

**(f) Allotments**

4028 DSO have quoted £40 for rotovating two half plots 6&7. It was agreed that the allotment holder would be asked whether she wishes to go ahead with the rotovation of both plots. The skip had been removed but not replaced. DSO had quoted £100 plus VAT for the collection of rubbish from the site.

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**(g) Tennis Courts**

4029 The courts have yet to be repainted. Tennis court fees of £123 had been received and were passed to the Clerk at the meeting.

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**(h) Children's Play Area**

4030 Nothing to report.

**(i) Bramley School**

4031 Nothing to report.

**(j) Sherfield School**

4032 The school will be represented at the Village Fete and will contribute to the event.

**(k) Village Hall**

4033 It appeared unlikely that the new car park surface would be laid before the local elections on 10 June, but would be completed before the October deadline of Phase IV of the Disability Discrimination Act.

**12. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS**

4034 Sandy Johnston reported that a draft footpath guide is almost ready for consideration. Regarding the path between Sherfield Park and St Leonards Church, Steve Raw of BDBC had advised that support for this project was very unlikely as it was too expensive for the Grant funding available for pathways. Contact would be made with Dominic McGrath re; funding for a cycle path.

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**13. TO DISCUSS REMOVAL/REDUCTION OF CLUMP OF TREES BY GREENWAY**

4035 Complaints had been received about the size of the group of trees, including Holm Oaks, along Greenway next to the firebreak. The clump obscured much of the view of the Green from nearby properties. This would be referred to the Village Green Committee for consideration.

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**14. TO CONSIDER INVITATION TO REPRESENT BDAPTC ON THE BDBC COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

4036 Parish Council's have been offered a place on the Borough Council's Community Safety Forum, via the Basingstoke District Association of Parish and Town Councils. It was agreed that this would be given consideration by the new Council, at the June meeting.

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**15. TO RECEIVE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PRE-ENQUIRY CHANGES**

4037 Changes suggested by Country Watch had been incorporated into the document. Comments on the Pre-Enquiry changes should be submitted by 4 June.

**16. TO RECEIVE REPORT ON TETRA MAST CAMPAIGN**

4038 A well-attended protest had taken place on Monday 3 May, and had received media

coverage. It had been made clear that Scats are not responsible for the decision to retain the mast, as the responsibility lies with the landowners, Grain Farmers Group Ltd. It was thought that the company is now seeking a new site for the mast.

## **17. FINANCE REPORT**

**4039** A report had been tabled:

### **Statement of Accounts**

The balances of all accounts at 30 April 2004 are shown in the table below:

<b>2004/2005</b>	<b>HSBC A/C</b>	<b>General Investment A/C</b>	<b>Consols</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Balance B/F from 03/04</b>	<b>8,303.50</b>	<b>18,074.43</b>	<b>24.17</b>	<b>26,402.10</b>
Income Apr	1,279.07	4,000.00	0.00	5,279.07
Outgoing Apr	7,101.76	0.00	0.00	7,101.76
<b>Q1 Balance</b>	<b>2,480.81</b>	<b>22,074.43</b>	<b>24.17</b>	<b>24,579.41</b>

<b>Uncleared (HSBC)</b>	<b>Uncleared (Gen Inv)</b>
0.00	4,000.00
4,420.00	0.00
<b>6,900.81</b>	<b>18,074.43</b>

HSBC Bank Statement at 30/4/04 = £6,900.81

### **Approval of Payments**

- £626.20 Clerk salary
- £79.40 Litter Warden
- £188.04 Inland Revenue
- £300.00 Justin McRae, architect's fee for drawings, football pavilion.
- £50.00 Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley, removal of broken brickwork, ditch
- £46.66 Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley, cutting of cricket and football pitches
- \*£931.86 Allianz Cornhill
- £8.00 Publications: "Quiet Lanes" and "Village Speedometer" produced by CPRE

In addition, and with reference to earlier discussion (minute 4022), a company such as Youth Options would charge £50 for a two hour youth club session.

Approval of payments was proposed by Ivan Gosden, seconded by Harry Moore and supported by those present.

### **Section 106 Agreements**

- Longbridge Close: £5,631 – play and recreation equipment
- £3,393 – for open spaces
- Wessex Grange: £7,050 – play and recreation equipment
- £3,642 – for open spaces

Total play and recreation: £12,681

Total open spaces: £7,035

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The new Council would need to consider how this money should be allocated. Bruce Batting would contact Ian Harris to ask whether funds have also been allocated for “community facilities”.

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\* **Insurance**

Allianz Cornhill have advised that £5million is the standard sum for public liability insurance (premium quoted above). If the Parish Council wishes to increase this, a letter must be sent explaining why it is deemed necessary. For information, an increase to £10m would cost an extra £46.78 per annum. In the light of the discussion regarding planters (minute 4018) it was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Insurers, asking for the cover to increase to £10 million, proposed Ivan Gosden, seconded John Dodd.

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**Draft audited accounts**

Draft accounts prepared by David Hitchins of Hitchins, Cryer and Co had been tabled. Parish Councillors were asked to consider the accounts over the next few weeks and to contact the Clerk with any queries. The accounts would be presented for formal approval at the PC meeting in June.

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**18. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING**

**4040** The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Additional items for discussion include:

- Parish Plan – “Awards for All” have indicated they will provide grant funding for Parish Plans.
- Land by sliproad available for lease.
- Parish Council Representation on Community Safety Forum.
- Formal approval of accounts for 2003/4.
- Allocation of Section 106 funding.
- Result of questionnaire/survey of young people.

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**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**4041** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Garden Room at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 15 June 2004.

Meeting closed 9.10 pm.