

MINUTES OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL ON WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2004.

Present

Brian Archer
Bruce Batting (Chairman)
Ken Clark
John Dodd (Vice Chairman)
Richard Gaiger
Ivan Gosden (Vice Chairman)
Sandy Johnston
Tracy Lander-Sims
Lorraine Smith

In attendance

Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)

One member of the public was also in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4154 Apologies for absence were received from Calleva Ward Councillor Marilyn Tucker and Chris Horton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4155 There was none.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

4156 Minute 4135 was incorrect as Brian Archer had not requested to join the Finance and General Purposes Committee but to attend the meetings. With this amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September were approved as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

4. STANDING ORDER 17, TO CONSIDER REVIEW OF EMPLOYEES PAY AND CONDITIONS

4157 The Litter Warden had indicated to the Clerk that he is content with the arrangement of 6 hours per week, and with the rate of pay currently set by the Borough Council. The Clerk is currently paid for 16 hours per week, although she agreed to record her hours during the next month as it was thought that her workload had increased since April.

5. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

4158 The Chairman read aloud a Neighbourhood Watch report on a burglary in Pound Meadow. It was agreed that WPC Jewell would be asked if a regular, closer liaison between the Police, Neighbourhood Watch and the Parish Council could be established.

The Chairman had discussed the recent recording of speeding traffic through the village with WPC Jewell who had confirmed that the police will not prosecute if people are driving within the tolerances set for the equipment being used.

Sherfield FC's football pavilion had been vandalised two weeks ago. The door and frame had been badly damaged, and these had since been repaired.

Sandy Johnston reported that he had attended the Borough Council's Community Safety Forum Meeting on behalf of the Basinstoke and District Association of Parish and Town Councils. He would need to review several lengthy documents which had been tabled at

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the meeting and would then produce a formal report for BDAPTC in December. He agreed to circulate copies of his report to the Parish Council.

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OPEN FORUM

The meeting was adjourned to allow comments and questions from the general public.

6. REPORTS

(a) Planning Committee

4159 The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 27 September had been circulated. An amendment to the minutes would be made with regard to “Declarations of Interest”, at the Committee’s next meeting.

Application No: BDB 59308

Location: Land at Broadlands, Old Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook

Proposal: Erection of 1 no. 4 bedroom dwelling with integral garage.

PC Decision: No objection.

Application No: BDB 59141

Location: Globe House, Goddards Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook

Proposal: Erection of two storey side and rear extensions and erection of a detached double garage.

PC Decision: No objection.

Application No: BDB 59261

AND: BDB 59262

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act and Regulations 1990

Location: White Hart, Old Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook.

Proposal: Construction of sandstone slab patio and planters to the front area. Various internal alterations and change of external wall colours.

PC Decision: The proposed patio and planters at the front of the building would be out of keeping and would detract from the character of the building. The area taken up by the patio would cause the loss of several badly needed parking spaces. Because of the proximity of the patio to the road, concern has been expressed about the possibility of children and dogs running into the path of passing traffic and about the increase in noise, from which the flats at Weston House and the houses in Mill Close would suffer. The internal alterations and change of external wall colours would be detrimental to this attractive Listed Building to the extent that it would lose its character and become the same as so many other public houses owned by large companies. An alternative is to be suggested.

The Chairman reported that he had also written to the Planning Officer suggesting that the applicants should focus on developing the south side of the building, adjacent to Breach Lane slip road. This was fully endorsed by the Parish Council.

Application No: BDB 59205

AND: BDB 59206

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act and Regulations 1990

Location: The Walled Garden, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook.

Proposal: Demolition of outbuilding and erection of 3 bedroom wing and double garage.

PC Decision: This proposal was discussed at the meeting held on 3 September when it was agreed that a site visit should be arranged, as it was not possible to fully appreciate what was proposed. Those who were able to view the site felt that the proposal was a modern interpretation of the Victorian theme and raised no objection.

The following three applications were received after the agenda had been written, but it was considered to be appropriate to give them consideration at the meeting because of the non-contentious nature of the proposals.

Application No: BDB 59243

Location: White Hart, Old Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook

Proposal: Display of 5 no. static externally illuminated fascia, post and freestanding signs (to replace existing)

PC Decision: No objection

Application No: BDB 59371

Location: Land to rear of 6-9 Bramley Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook.

Proposal: Amended siting of dwelling (by approx 2 metres) approved under Planning Permission BDB 52769.

PC Decision: No objection.

Application No: BDB 59336

Location: 13 Northfield Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook.

Proposal: Erection of attached single garage to side elevation.

PC Decision: No objection.

Notice of Intent

TCA 1734 – To carry out works to several trees, including felling, at the Apple House, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook

PC Decision: No objection.

TCA 1745 – To re-pollard five limes at The Old Rectory, Old Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook

PC Decision: No objection.

Approvals by Borough Council for report:

Application No: BDB 58937

Location: The Well House, Old Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook

Proposal: Erection of two storey and single storey rear extension and single storey side extension.

The Chairman reported that he had written to the Borough, on behalf of the Parish Council, registering an objection to the proposed development at German Road, Bramley, as it is considered to be over-development of the site. He had also stated that it should be a condition that the developer will fund highway improvement works to restrict the flow of traffic along the C32 in Sherfield-on-Loddon, if the Inspector approves the inclusion of the site in the Local Plan. This was fully supported by the Parish Council.

(b) Finance and General Purposes Committee:

4160 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee should moved and would now be held on Tuesday 2 November, to allow its chairman, Ivan Gosden, to be present. Proposed Tracy Lander-Sims, seconded Ken Clark, agreed by all.

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(c) Village Green Committee:

4161 A letter had been circulated, in which the Council was asked if a notice could be placed in the Loddon Valley Link, seeking Village Green volunteers. This was given full support by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Village Green Committee could co-ordinate what needs to be done on the Green by volunteers, although any major works would need approval by the Parish Council.

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The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the owner of Kings Barn, explaining that he could no longer cut the ditch between his property and the Cricket Pavilion. The Chairman had asked Barry Bulpitt to provide a quotation for the Parish Council.

(d) Football Pavilion Steering Group:

4162 The application to DEFRA had been delayed, as more information had been required.

Since installing barriers along the edge of the car park, there had been fewer reports of cars parking on the Green. However, a car had been reported parked opposite Dursley Cottages during a Saturday match and it was agreed that the registration details would be passed to WPC Jewell who would be asked to speak to the driver.

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A letter from Loddon Sports had been circulated, in which the Parish Council had been asked to support the club's plans for an extension to their pavilion. After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would welcome an opportunity to see a sketch before the Club submits detailed plans to the Borough. Formal consideration would then be made by the Parish Council in the usual way. It was noted that Loddon Sports would also need to seek Secretary of State approval for the work. If the plans are approved, the Parish Council would be pleased to give support to any Borough Grant application made by the Club.

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(e) Cricket Pavilion:

4163 Work to the pavilion is now complete and the Borough Grant is awaited.

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(f) Allotments:

4164 It was reported that new roofing felt is needed on the toilet shed. The Parish Council had also been asked to remove the tree branch and tree stump from behind Mr and Mrs Henderson's plot. The Clerk would contact Joe Bate and Barry Bulpitt for quotations.

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(g) Tennis Courts:

4165 There was nothing to report.

(h) Children's Play Area:

4166 Costings for new play equipment had been received from Ian Harris of the Borough Council and these were passed to Sandy Johnston. It was agreed that the Leisure Facilities Committee should meet to discuss the proposals on Tuesday 26 October at 7.30pm in the Cricket Pavilion, so that the village's requirements could be confirmed with Ian Harris as quickly as possible.

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With regard to the safety of the Scootabout in the play area, the Clerk reported that the annual safety report contains conflicting advice and she is awaiting clarification from the Safety Officer at the Borough Council.

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(i) Bramley School:

4167 Nothing to report.

(j) Sherfield School:

4168 It was noted that cars are still turning right out of the southern exit. The suggestion of a one-way system would be raised with the Borough Council.

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(k) Village Hall:

4169 In the absence of Sandy Johnston, Ivan Gosden had attended the Village Hall

Management Committee meeting on Thursday 30 September. He had needed to leave after one hour, but was informed later that the meeting had lasted over 3 hours.

Cllr Gosden was concerned about the conduct of the committee and believed that the rules of its constitution were not being adhered to. The AGM of the committee would be held on 17 November. After much discussion, it was agreed that the outcome of the AGM would be awaited before deciding whether to review Parish Council representation on the committee.

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7. TO DISCUSS CALOR VILLAGE OF THE YEAR REGIONAL VISIT AND RECEIPT OF £250 PRIZE MONEY

4170 The Clerk had tabled an itinerary for the judges visit on Friday, which was approved by the Parish Council.

The Hampshire Village of the Year prize money of £250 had been received and the Council agreed to consider at a later date how this might be spent.

8. TO RECEIVE UPDATE REPORT ON LAND FOR LEASE BY MANSERS

4171 Some members of the Council had visited the site and were of the view that the land should be taken on by the Parish Council for use by villagers. The suggestion of using the site for a teen shelter was again suggested but it was pointed out that the area might be considered too remote for children to use and too dangerous due to the close proximity of the Reading Road.

After discussion it was agreed that if the only financial cost to the Parish Council is legal fees, then the land should be taken on for a 5 year term, and would be reviewed annually after that time. Proposer, Ivan Gosden, seconded Richard Gaiger, agreed by all.

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It was agreed that the Borough Council would be contacted regarding the replacement of broken fencing between the site and the A33.

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9. TO RECEIVE UPDATE REPORT ON ASSESSMENT OF HORSE CHESTNUT TREES, BRAMLEY ROAD

4172 The Borough Council's Tree Officer had met with the Chairman and the Tree Warden to discuss a replacement programme for the avenue of trees along the Bramley Road. It is understood that the trees are over 100 years old, having been planted to commemorate Edward VII's Coronation. However, the Tree Officer said that the trees looked very much younger and his recommendation was that no immediate action needs to be taken. This was agreed by the Parish Council.

10. TO DISCUSS METHODS FOR PREVENTING TRAVELLERS FROM GAINING ACCESS TO THE GREEN

4173 It was reported that the Borough Council is currently reviewing how to prevent travellers from gaining access to open spaces. The Parish Council discussed whether work should be carried out to widen the ditches surrounding the Green. However, it was recognised that open access points will always be needed for residents living along the edge of the Green and so the Council agreed that no action should be taken.

It was agreed that a "keep clear" sign is required for the barrier at the entrance to the football field. This would be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

11. TO DISCUSS SPECIFICATION OF GOLDEN POND

4174 Richard Gaiger had obtained original plans of the pond and confirmed that it had not been clay lined when installed some years ago. It was his view that it should not be clay lined, but left to dry out and refill from season to season, providing a different ecology

from the other larger ponds. It was suggested that golden pond acted as a natural drain for the area, and flow could be improved by opening the supplying ditches. The Council unanimously agreed that the pond should not be clay lined, but that work would be carried out to improve the supplying ditches.

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12. TO CONSIDER SANDBLASTING OF BUS SHELTER

4175 Brian Archer had requested that consideration is given to sandblasting graffiti from the bus shelter in Goddards Lane. The Clerk reported that she had asked the Borough Council to look at the problem and they had agreed to attempt chemical removal of the graffiti.

13. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PRESENTATION ON THE LODDON AND EVERSLEY HERITAGE AREA PROJECT

4176 It was reported that Alison Cross would be coming to the December meeting to make a 15-20 minute presentation on the project.

14. TO RECEIVE REPORT ON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING TO REVIEW GLASS RECYCLING

4177 The Chairman had attended a meeting at the Borough Council on 30 September. The pilot scheme for kerbside collection of glass in Hart and Rushmoor Districts had been successful. If such a scheme is to be introduced within BDBC, the north east parishes would almost certainly be included. However, no firm decision had yet been made, and further discussions would be taking place.

15. TO RECEIVE UPDATE REPORT ON PARKING PROBLEMS IN BOW DRIVE

4178 It was reported that no replies had been received from either the Borough Council or the County Council regarding parking restrictions and permits in the vicinity of 22-40 Bow Drive. Residents had been advised to report their concerns to Sentinel, and had also been made aware that some garages are available to let.

16. TO DISCUSS PARKING PROBLEMS IN THE VILLAGE DURING NADFAS MEETINGS

4179 Members reported parking and traffic flow problems through the village when NADFAS meet at the village hall. It was thought that NADFAS members had, in the past, been given a map of the village showing recommended areas for parking. The Chairman agreed to speak to a contact within NADFAS to ask if the map could be re-circulated.

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17. TO RECEIVE UPDATE REPORT ON NEW FOOTPATH MAP

4180 Sandy Johnston reported that risk assessments had been carried out on all routes and one route is to be revised as a result. The paths would be inspected once more and Cllr Johnston hoped that a draft map would be presented to the Parish Council soon afterwards.

18. TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC CALMING SIGNS & TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONAL SIGN FOR OVERFLOW CAR PARK

4181 The Chairman was in correspondence with Richard Hague of Hampshire County Council over the need for overridable imprints close to the crossroads. He also reported that some warning signs in Reading Road had still not been relocated and this would be pursued.

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Brian Archer asked whether the traffic calming signage could be reduced, as there appeared to be far more than in other villages such as Rotherwick. The Chairman said that this had been put to the Highway Authority in the past but they had insisted that the control of traffic priority required signage at each build-out.

The Council agreed that the Highway Authority should be asked to consider installing an additional sign for the overflow car park next to the White Hart public house, which would help to alleviate parking problems in the village.

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The County Council would be advised of parked cars on the grass verge opposite Mill Close.

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At this point in the proceedings, it was resolved that the meeting would continue beyond 9.30pm for no longer than 30 minutes, according to Standing Order 85.

19. TO DISCUSS CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENTS

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- Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees & Review of Restrictions on the political activities of LA employees & pay of political assistants (previously circulated)
- BDBC Consultation on Basingstoke Town Centre Car Parking Strategy
- BDBC Revision of byelaws on (1) parks and pleasure grounds and (2) dogs
- BDBC Annual Report 03/04 and 3 year plan and budget strategy
- BDBC Transport Strategy Priorities for Basingstoke and Deane
- DEFRA consultation "Clean Neighbourhoods."

With regard to the revision of byelaws, the Chairman reported that the document refers to Sherfield Common, which is incorrect, and he said that the Parish Council has its own byelaws which cover the Village Green. The Chairman agreed to advise the legal department at the Borough Council and would then circulate the document to Parish Councillors.

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20. TO CONSIDER INCLUSION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR DETAILS ON BDBC WEBSITE

4183 The Electoral Services Department at BDBC had requested permission to allow Parish Councillors' details to be included on the Borough's website. The proposal was to include councillors' full names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses. It was unanimously agreed that councillors' addresses should be excluded from the information held on the Borough Council's website. It was agreed that the Borough could provide an electronic link to the Parish Council's website.

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21. UPDATE ON LOCAL PLAN INQUIRY

4184 (See also minute 4159, final paragraph.) The Chairman reported that the Inquiry begins on 11 January and Country Watch will be contributing on behalf of several parishes, including Sherfield-on-Loddon.

22. TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION GRANT 2005-06

4185 It was reported that a request for details of projects requiring grant aid had been received from Paul Johnston. Closing date for proposals, 17 January. The request would be brought to the attention of the Village Green Committee for consideration.

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23. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS

4186 Pathways along the A33 had been cleared recently by the Borough Council.

24. FINANCE REPORT

4187 The Clerk had tabled a report for consideration:

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

2004/2005	HSBC A/C	General Investment A/C	Consols	Grand Total
Balance B/F from Q1	12,316.18	22,074.43	24.17	34,414.78
Income Jul/Aug/Sep	13,585.12	0.00	0.00	13,585.12
Outgoing Jul/Aug/Sep	10,663.64	0.00	0.00	10,663.64
Q2 Balance	15,237.66	22,074.43	24.17	37,336.26

Uncleared (HSBC)	Uncleared (Gen Inv)
3,656.18	0.00
Cleared Balance	
18,893.84	22,074.43

HSBC Bank Statement at 30/9/04 = £18,893.84

Approval of Payments

- £626.20 Clerk salary
- £110.20 Litter Warden
- £157.24 Inland Revenue
- £35.51 Petty Cash
- £30.00 SLCC Conference on Funding and Managing Community Projects, 9 November,
- £51.46 South East Water (allotments) PAID
- £638.00 Acorn Services (figure agreed - in precept)
- £1620.00 B Bulpitt; Cutting the green and ditches 3 times (figure agreed – in precept)
- £61.66 B Bulpitt; Cutting football pitches and cricket pitches in September.
- £50.00 B Bulpitt; Strimming pathway between Northfield and Reading Rd (emergency work)

Approval of payments was proposed by Ivan Gosden, seconded by Brian Archer, agreed by all.

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It was reported that June Balcombe of BDBC had confirmed that Section 106 money for community services, arising from the Millhouse development, Longbridge Close, had been paid to the Village Hall for work to the kitchen.

The Clerk had circulated a half year budget report for information. This would be taken forward for further consideration by the Finance and General Purposes Committee who would be calculating next year's precept within the next two months.

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23. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

4188 It was requested that the agenda should be shortened.

- Report from the Leisure Facilities Committee.
- Review of Clerks hours.
- Calor Village of the Year Competition

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24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4189 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the **Liddell Hall** at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday** 10 November 2004.

Meeting closed 9.50 pm.