

MINUTES OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 19.30 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2006.

Present

Brian Archer
Ken Clark
Richard Gaiger
Sandy Johnston (In the Chair)
Tracy Lander-Sims
Percy Sims
Lorraine Smith

In attendance

Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)

One member of the public present, during part of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4718 Apologies for absence were received from Bruce Batting, Ivan Gosden, John Dodd, Chris Horton and WPC Jewell.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Sandy Johnston was proposed as Chairman for the meeting, unanimously agreed.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4719 None.

3. TO INSPECT ANY DEEDS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE COUNCIL

4720 The deeds of land held by the Parish Council were available to Councillors for inspection: allotments, footpath between Northfield Road and Reading Road and area of land south of telephone exchange.

4. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MAY 2006

4721 The minutes of the AGM were approved as a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

5. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

4722 The Neighbourhood Watch report for May had been circulated. It was reported that there had been a recent burglary in Wildmoor and jewellery had been stolen. Brian Archer agreed to advise residents to be vigilant, via the Loddon Valley Link.

OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present at the time and the meeting continued.

6. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Planning Committee

4723 The minutes of meetings held on 11 May and 5 June had been circulated, and a further planning meeting had taken place on 13 June. The decisions taken at those meetings were as follows:

Application No: BDB/63321 Land east of A33 Reading Road, opposite Taylors Lane
Proposal: Installation of a 11.5m high monopole, three antennae within shroud and associated equipment cabinets. **PC Decision:** No objection.

Application No: BDB/62880 AMENDMENT: 3 Devonshire Cottages, Greenway, Sherfield
Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and conservatory. Erection of a single storey side extension to form porch and garage.
PC Decision: No objection; this application has now been approved by the Borough Council.

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Application No: BDB/63369 18 Northfield Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Conversion of existing garage to form study and store. Erection of attached side/front garage. **PC Decision:** No objection.

Application No: BDB/63490 Goddards Farm House, Goddards Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Erection of a detached triple garage. **PC Decision:** No objection. NB: I Gosden not in attendance during discussion.

Application No: BDB/63619 6 Mill Close, Sherfield-on-Loddon

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

PC Decision: Members agreed that the proposal would reduce the parking space available at the property, which would almost certainly cause parking congestion within the Close. It was felt that the proposal was overdevelopment of the site but because of current planning guidance, no objection would be raised.

Application No: BDB/63506 Milkwood, Sherfield Green, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Erection of single-storey summerhouse in the rear garden. **PC Decision:** No objection, with proviso that the structure cannot be converted to a dwelling/granny annexe at a later date.

Application No: BDB/63702 Meadow Cottage, Taylors Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Erection of 5 no. three bed houses with associated access and parking following demolition of existing dwelling. **PC Decision:** No objection.

Application No: BDB/63669 Taylors Farm, Taylors Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Reserved matters application for the siting, design, external appearance, means of access and landscaping for the erection of 60 no. one, two, three and four bedroom houses with associated roads and parking, pursuant to outline planning permission BDB/55134.

PC Decision: No objection.

Approvals by BDBC for report:

Application No: BDB/62918 Pavilion, Bramley Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension to form store.

Application No: BDB/62880 3 Devonshire Cottages, Greenway, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and conservatory. Erection of a single storey side extension to form porch and garage.

Application No: BDB/63014 Southlands, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Creation of new vehicular access.

It was noted that the alteration made access easier for the occupants, due to the position of traffic calming units in Reading Road.

Application No: BDB/63321 Land east of A33 Reading Road, opposite Taylors Lane **Proposal:**

Installation of an 11.5m high telecommunications monopole, three antennae within shroud and associated equipment cabinets.

Application No: BDB/62992 The White Hart, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Removal of existing brick wall and replacement with timber stud partition.

Repairs/strengthening works to existing beam.

Refusals by BDBC for report:

Application No: BDB/63031 The Longbridge Mill, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Display of two promotional signs.

NB: Parish Council had registered no objection.

Notice of Intent

TCA 2096 to fell and grind out roots 1 Rowan at Star-Ceda, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon.

PC Decision: No objection.

The Tree Warden had written expressing concern that two trees had been removed from a property within the Conservation Area. The trees had been removed to allow an approved extension to go ahead. The trees had not been referred to on the planning application, although it was noted that the form had been completed by the applicant's agent. No notice of intent had been made. The Clerk had made enquiries and it was apparent that the resident had contacted the Council to ask whether a Notice of Intent would be needed, but he had been informed that it would not be necessary as the building works had been approved by the case officer and it was therefore necessary to remove the trees for works to commence. The Clerk had sent a letter of reply to the Tree Warden.

RECTORY DEVELOPMENT: It was reported that local residents had been advised of a new application by Antler Homes to develop the Rectory land, comments to be submitted by 30 June. The Parish Council had received no notification. Bruce Batting agreed to contact the Borough for up-to-date information, as the Committee agreed that the Parish Council should be involved with the consultation process.

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GERMAN ROAD DEVELOPMENT: Ref: **BDB/57915** **Appeal by:** George Wimpey UK Ltd, and Taylor Woodrow Developments Ltd

Concerning: Erection of 277 no. dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and open space, erection of a 70 no. bedroom nursing home and 6 no. commercial units with associated parking.

Location: Former MOD land at German Road, Bramley Tadley RG26

Inspectorate ref: APP/H1705/A/06/2009204.

It was reported that the Appeal had been referred for Public Inquiry, commencing November 2006.

(b) Leisure Facilities Committee

4724 The minutes of the Leisure Facilities Committee meeting held on 23 May had been circulated.

Brian Archer had noted that ground around the Astroturf pads by the new basket/goalmouths had worn down. He also reported a dip in the centre of the "pitch" which needs to be filled.

Quotations are awaited for installing surfacing beneath the cableway.

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(c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

4725 The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 23 May had been circulated.

(d) Village Green Committee

4726 The minutes of the Village Green Committee meeting held on 16 May had been circulated.

Members of the Village Green Committee are drafting a suggested re-planting programme for the horse chestnut avenue. Also, the Clerk is seeking advice from national organisations including information about grant-aid for the project.

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It was confirmed that the planting of trees on the Village Green has to be approved by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed that the dead horse chestnut tree along Bramley Road should now be felled.

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(e) Burial Ground Working Party

4727 A meeting was held last week, at which it was agreed that further advice should be sought from the District Valuer regarding a best offer for the land adjacent to St Leonard's Church.

(f) Allotments

4728 Inspection of allotments, 13 June:

Members of the Parish Council had visited the allotments on 13 June. No safety issues had been identified.

Members were able to inspect the overgrown plots for which quotations had been received, and had seen the rat bait boxes recently installed on behalf of the Parish Council. It appeared that there are no cockerels on the allotments at present. It had been agreed that a skip is required for the allotments.

4729 To consider quotation of £380 for annual agreement, pest control:

It was agreed that a second quotation, from the Borough Council, should be awaited.

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4730 To consider quotations for allotment clearance:

Quotations had been circulated. Councillors agreed that Butlers Lands should be asked to spray the overgrown areas at a charge of £120 and that the Bulpitt Brothers should be asked to then strim and rotovate, at a cost of £170.

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4731 To receive update on grant application for waste collection area and request for skip:

The Clerk reported that the Allotments Officer was confident that the Parish Council will receive a full grant, although this would not be available until later in the year. In the meantime, it was agreed that a skip should be hired.

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4732 To approve notice regarding sale of produce:

A draft notice regarding the sale of allotment produce had been circulated. It was agreed that it should be posted on the noticeboard within the allotments.

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(g) Play area and BMX track

4733 The Parish Council's insurers had advised that only contractors with experience of installing BMX tracks should be considered for carrying out improvements, and that the track should be included in the annual safety review. The Clerk had contacted the Borough Council and had spoken with Noel Preece regarding the safety inspection and with Ian Harris for details of contractors. Mr Harris had kindly offered to draw up a scheme in consultation with the Parish Council. Richard Gaiger would continue to obtain advice and ideas for track improvements.

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(h) Football and Cricket Grounds

4734 To report on damage caused by portaloos collection lorry

The football ground had been badly damaged when two lorries got stuck whilst removing the portaloos, following the Loddon Sports Tournament. It was reported that the Parish Council had asked Kestrel Contractors Ltd to make initial improvements to the ground, which had been carried out at no cost. The Chairman confirmed that if further work is necessary, any charge would be presented to Loddon Sports who may then choose to claim from the transport companies.

The Cricket Club is doing well this season. Further work to the drainage of the pitch will be considered this autumn. The Chairman agreed to ask the Club to provide an article for the Loddon Valley Link.

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(i) Tennis Courts

4735 The lock had broken again, and it appeared that the bolt had been forced. Basingstoke Locksmiths had given a verbal quotation of £60. It was agreed that a chain and padlock should be purchased instead.

LM/SJ

Tennis fees of £90 had recently been collected. No further information had been received regarding tennis lessons on Wednesday mornings.

(j) Sherfield Park/Taylor's Farm Development

4736 It was reported that draft plans for the Community Centre will be on display on Saturday at 10am and in the Garden Room, Village Hall on Wednesday 21 June from 7.30 pm.

(k) Schools

4737 The Loddon Players next production will be staged at Sherfield School, as the Village Hall will not be able to accommodate the group.

(l) Village Hall

4738 To consider request for grant funding:

A letter from the Chairman had been received, requesting financial assistance with roof maintenance and electrical works. It was agreed that the request should be considered by the Finance and General Purposes

Committee in the first instance. A new sound system is to be ordered and Percy Sims agreed to ask Gill Fearon to purchase remote microphones.

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Percy Sims suggested that the survey report which accompanied the Chairman's letter was inaccurate and he disagreed with the surveyor's assumption that the floor had suffered from rot in the past. He also suggested that the floor simply needed to be washed with hot soapy water, rather than re-surfaced, and he was asked to put forward his views to the Village Hall Management Committee as he is a member of that committee.

4739 Report from Village Fete:

The Chairman reported a successful day, in spite of the extremely hot weather and the England World Cup football match. A profit of £4,000 had been raised. The Chairman was thanked for co-ordinating the event for the village once again.

7. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

4740 There were no new issues raised within the monthly report. The Clerk advised that the pathway between Cheshunt Lodge and Bramley Road is uneven. It was agreed that a quotation should be obtained for its repair.

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8. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTENANCE OF GREENWAY

4741 No further information had been received from the Borough Council, and the Clerk would enquire as to the status of the review.

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9. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CENTENARY PAVILION

4742 Just one tender had been received, from JK Build, for £225,600. The project manager would be meeting with the builder this month to discuss a reduction in costs. Bruce Batting had previously agreed to find out why other builders had decided not to tender for the project.

10. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CALOR COMPETITION ENTRY

4743 Unfortunately, the village would not be going through to the final round. A letter of thanks to all involved in the competition would be published in the Loddon Valley Link.

11. TO DISCUSS DOCUMENTS RECENTLY RECEIVED

4744 The following documents had been circulated:

- BDBC Draft Statement of Community Involvement
- BDBC Local List of Buildings of Historic Interest: It was noted that briefing meetings would be held on 3 and 19 July.
- BDBC Draft Corporate Equalities Consultation Pack
- HCC Rights of Way Priority Cutting List: Comments by 19 June. Sandy Johnston agreed to identify paths in need of urgent attention, in conjunction with the Parish Path Poll exercise. Tracy Lander-Sims and Percy Sims offered to assist with the Poll.
- HCC Consultation "What is our Future", Draft SE Plan
- HCC Minerals and Waste Development Framework

12. TO RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING BRAMLEY HOLIDAY CLUB

4745 Details of expenses had been received from the Club's organiser. It was noted that the two week period co-incided with the proposed one-week playscheme in Sherfield. It was agreed that on this occasion the Parish Council could not provide funding for the Club.

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13. TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF LAND BEHIND WHEELERS COURT

4746 It was reported that the wall surrounding a piece of land behind Wheelers Court is no longer Listed, according to the Conservation Team at the Borough Council. It was also reported that the application to have the North Lodge wall listed, at the entrance to the BT exchange building, had been turned down by English Heritage. The Parish Council agreed that these might be brought forward for consideration under the Borough's new Local List of Buildings of Historic Interest project (see minute 11 above). The Clerk agreed to make further enquiries at the Borough Council regarding the development of Pound Meadow and consideration at that time of the parcel of land behind Wheelers Court.

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14. TO DISCUSS THE NEED TO REVIEW GLASS RECYCLING FACILITIES WITHIN THE PARISH

4747 The Parish Council was reminded of Cllr Chapman's suggestion that kerbside collection of glass might now be considered by the Borough Council. It was agreed that a letter should be sent, asking if a pilot scheme could be introduced within Sherfield village.

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15. TO CONSIDER PATH WIDENING BEHIND VILLAGE HALL

4748 The Clerk had contacted the Disability Rights Commission for advice. From December there will be a duty on Parish Councils to make paths accessible, within reason, to disabled people who should also be consulted. It was agreed that the Clerk would try to obtain quotations for widening the pathway. A document from the Disability Rights Commission entitled "Doing the Duty: an Overview of the Disability Equality Duty for the Public Sector" would be circulated for Councillors to read.

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16. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS

4749 To discuss review of traffic calming within the parish:

The Parish Council Chairman would be asked for an update at the next meeting.

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4750 To receive complaint from resident regarding cycling along new path between Northfield Road and Reading Road:

The pathway had been completed by Rocon. The Chairman read aloud a letter from a resident, in which it was pointed out that cycling used to be prohibited along the pathway, but that the signs had been removed. The Parish Council agreed that cycling should not be permitted along the pathway and the Clerk would obtain quotations for a new sign.

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4751 To receive pro-forma questionnaire for pilot scheme, Bow Drive

The Parish Council had no amendments or suggestions to make to the questionnaire. It was noted that completed forms should be returned to the Borough Council by the end of June, so that a pilot scheme can be devised for improving parking/traffic flow within this area of the village.

4752 Flooding along footpath, Loddon School:

It was reported that the footpath is almost impassible due to a steady leak of water. South East Water had been asked to investigate the source of the flood and the Rights of Way Officer had also been notified. A resident had reported that quad bikes are regularly ridden along the path and WPC Jewell had been notified.

4753 Closed footpath:

Maps recently received as part of the poll and maintenance exercises still include the footpath across MoD land from Goddards Farm, which had been closed in 1923. The Chairman had reported this error to the County Council.

17. TO RECEIVE FINANCE REPORT

4754 The balances of all accounts at 31 May 2006 are shown in the table below:

2005/2006	HSBC A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Consols	Grand Total
Bal B/F from Q4, 2005/6	25,752.16	3,145.82	24.17	28,922.15
Income Apr/May *	16,122.97	17,039.96	0.00	33,162.93
Outgoing Apr/May *	36,466.75	0.00	0.00	36,466.75
Balance C/F	5,408.38	20,185.78	24.17	25,618.33

* Includes transfers

Uncleared cheques

£303.82	BDBC
£743.87	L Marshall
£126.36	P Cole
£18.00	Sherfield Village Hall
£12.36	South East Water Ltd
£464.13	Merryhill Asbestos Testing
<u>£1,668.54</u>	

Uncleared balance = £7,076.92

Bank bal @ 31/5/06 = £7,076.92

Approval of Payments

£745.66	Clerk salary
£126.36	Litter Warden
£234.22	Inland Revenue
£120.02	Bulpitt Brothers - cutting of pitches
£9,002.26	Rocon Contractors Ltd - new pathway, Reading/Northfield Road
£102.00	Pro Pest Services - necessary works carried out - rat traps on allotments
£39.54	Petty Cash

NB: A temporary transfer of £9,000 has been made from BoI a/c this month.

The sum of £90 has been received from tennis court fees.

Payments approved unanimously.

18. TO AGREE ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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- Village signage
- Restoration of gunning stations
- Plot numbering, allotments

Other items to Clerk by Thursday 6 July.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4756 Wednesday 12 July, 19.30 hours. Meeting closed 21.15 hours.

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