

MINUTES OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 19.30 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2006.

Present

Brian Archer
Bruce Batting (Chairman)
John Dodd
Ivan Gosden
Sandy Johnston
Tracy Lander-Sims
Percy Sims
Lorraine Smith

In attendance

Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4618 Apologies for absence were received from Ken Clark, Richard Gaiger, Cllr Marilyn Tucker, WPC Jewell and Chris Horton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4619 Ivan Gosden declared a personal interest in agenda item 18. Tracy Lander-Sims declared a personal interest in agenda item 5(e).

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2006

4620 The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

4621 The Neighbourhood Watch report for February had been circulated, together with results of a speed check carried out by the police along old Reading Road during February. Several verbal warnings had been given to speeding drivers and fixed penalty notices had been issued.

Sandy Johnston advised of the introduction of the Respect Forum, and the inaugural meeting held at the Borough Council, attended by a representative from the Home Office.

The Chairman and the Clerk had attended a Parish Liaison Committee meeting on Wednesday 1 March at which the police and Highway Authority representatives had discussed traffic issues within the Borough. The Chairman updated the Council with news that the Community Speedwatch scheme is being conducted as a trial in Hampshire, in the villages of Lyndhurst, Crondall, Hambledon and Stockbridge.

OPEN FORUM

The meeting was temporarily adjourned.

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Planning Committee

4622 The minutes of the meeting held on 16 February had been circulated. Details of discussion were noted as follows:

Application No: BDB/62717 Location: 1 West View, Bramley Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Erection of a part two storey, part first floor side extension and front porch.

PC Decision: The previous application for extensions and alterations to this property had recently been rejected by both Parish and Borough Councils on the grounds that the resulting building would be too bulky and would overshadow the neighbouring property. Councillors noted that the

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only amendment to the plan was to shorten the two-storey extension to the rear of the property by 4ft at first floor level. It was noted also that the accompanying mapping was inaccurate, showing as it did an exaggerated gap between the neighbouring property and the boundary line. Councillors were in agreement that their objections to the previous application applied also to the current application; it was understood that the occupant of the neighbouring property had written a letter of objection and the application would be reviewed by the Development Control Committee at the Borough Council.

Application No: BDB/62695 / BDB/62696 Bow Bridge Cottage, Bramley Road, Sherfield

Proposal: Erection of a triple garage block and family room/bedroom following demolition of two existing barns.

PC Decision: It was agreed that the proposed building would be an improvement on the existing outbuildings. No objection.

Proposed radio base station, A33 Reading Rd, opp Taylors Lane, and to the north of the access track to Park Cottage, Sherfield, ref HAM0464 – Pre-application letter from AWA Ltd on behalf of Orange PCS Ltd.

PC Decision: It was noted that the proposed mast would be sited alongside the recently erected Vodafone mast. The letter stated that Orange would not be able to share with the other provider, as the mast would need to be much taller. Councillors agreed that although masts were unwelcome they were necessary and therefore there would be no objection to the application.

APPROVALS BY BOROUGH COUNCIL, FOR REPORT:

Application No: BDB/62234 **Location:** Summerfield, Sherfield Green, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Conversion of loft to living accommodation involving raising of the roof. Alterations to bay windows and erection of new porch. Erection of first floor to detached garage.

Application No: BDB/62288 **Location:** Redlands, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Erection of a five bedroom detached dwelling with detached garage and swimming pool buildings and ancillary landscaping following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings.

Application No: BDB/62382 **Location:** 24 Thyme Close, Chineham, RG24 8XG

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension.

Application No: BDB/62452 **Location:** Wildmoor Farm House, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield

Proposal: Erection of a two storey rear extension involving the construction of two dormers in side elevation and one to the rear elevation and construction of chimney to the side elevation (amendment to planning permission BDB/61410).

NOTICE OF INTENT:

NOI TCA 2033 to remove 3 fir at the Laurels, Greenway. **PC Decision:** No objection.

NOI TCA 2019 to fell 1 conifer at the Old School House, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon – **to report, no objection** by BDBC.

(b) Leisure Facilities Committee

4623 The next meeting would be held in the Garden Room on Tuesday 21 March, 19.30 hours.

(c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

4624 The next meeting would be held in the Garden Room on Tuesday 21 March, 20.30 hours.

(d) Village Green Committee

4625 The next meeting will be held in the Garden Room on Tuesday 14 March, 19.30 hours.

Volunteers had cleared the corner of the War Memorial area, adjacent to Pound Meadow and this

area would be kept under control by the contractor.

It was noted that Horse Pond wall is deteriorating and it was agreed that an inspection to ascertain the extent of the problem would be carried out.

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(e) Allotments

4626 To receive revised estimate for concrete base: It was reported that the estimate approved at the last meeting had been inaccurate and the contractor had recalculated the cost; £3,165.89, for either wood or concrete sleepers. Consequently, it appeared that the Bulpitt Brothers had provided the cheapest quotation of £2,164 and they would be asked whether they were still prepared to carry out the task. A grant would be required for the work to be carried out this year and the Clerk would contact the Allotments Officer at BDBC.

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4627 To consider necessity of installing WC: Further information is awaited from the Borough Allotments Officer.

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4628 To discuss electrified fencing, allotment plot 3: It was reported that the Parish Clerk had been advised to seek legal clarification from NALC. A reply had been received but further information had been requested by the Association.

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4629 Transfer of agreement, Mr & Mrs Jesney A letter from Mr & Mrs Jesney had been received asking whether their tenancy agreements on plots 1, 2, 34a and 34b could be transferred to their son. This was agreed.

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(f) Play Area

4630 Weekly written inspection of play area: Tracy Lander-Sims was thanked for carrying out the playground inspections during the month. The written records must be held on file by the Clerk.

Sandy Johnston reported that Harry Moore had kindly adjusted the playground fence so that the gate now closes properly.

The tarmac for the new goal mouths would be laid next week, and Councillors were invited to meet at the site on Sunday at 10am to confirm the final position of the basket/goal units. The recommendation of having the court/pitch running parallel to the concrete path was supported.

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Richard Gaiger had asked to report that he had been contacted by someone with experience of BMX tracks and would be arranging to meet with them on site to discuss ideas for improvements.

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(g) Tennis Courts

4631 Nothing to report.

(h) Schools

4632 It was noted that the Rector would be visiting Sherfield School at the weekend. Representatives from the Highway Authority had visited the school to discuss better access and traffic flow problems at the school. It would be possible for Highways to widen the entrance but the School would need to contribute to the cost.

It was noted that traffic leaving Sherfield Oaks Golf Course should turn right only into Wildmoor Lane.

(i) Village Hall

4633 The Parish Council was grateful to receive a cheque for £384 from the Village Hall Management Committee, this being half the net profit from the Barn Dance in January. The money had been given for the Centenary Pavilion fund.

Tracy Lander-Sims wished to bring to the attention of the Village Hall representative, Sandy

Johnston, comments made to her by a contractor carrying out work at the Village Hall and Sandy Johnston agreed to confirm progress with the installation of the new access arrangements.

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Ivan Gosden suggested that a signpost for the Village Hall should be installed along the highway. The Chairman offered to make enquiries with the Borough Council.

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Ivan Gosden also suggested that the Parish Council could contribute to the cost of updating the village hall sound system. This would be given consideration by the Finance and General Purposes Committee in the first instance.

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6. TO RECEIVE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

4634 Tabled. The Clerk confirmed that the benches referred to in the report were due to be repaired next week. The Clerk had inspected the crack within the concrete base of a bench and recommended that this does not pose a hazard. The missing bin liners had been reported to the Borough for action.

It was noted that the pathway behind the Village Hall had become overgrown and needed to be cut back once again.

7. TO DISCUSS PAYMENT FOR PROVISION OF MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTION OF THE GREEN

4635 The Chairman recommended increasing the Litter Warden's wages to reflect the extra work involved with submitting a report each month. This would be given consideration by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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8. TO RECEIVE BDBC DRAFT TREE POLICY CONSULTATION PAPER

4636 The consultative document had been circulated. It was noted that under Policy 03, "The Council will not normally support the removal of any tree ... that is interfering with television reception, dropping leaves or shading". It was thought that this did not apply to conifer trees.

9. TO RECEIVE REPORT ON BDBC TELECOM ROLL OUT LIAISON MEETING

4637 The latest plans for mobile phone installations had been circulated and were noted by members.

10. TO REPORT PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO BDBC LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

4638 The proposed modifications had been received and would be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of Country Watch, which would be attended by the Chairman. It was unanimously agreed that the recommendations of Country Watch should be sought.

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11. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTENANCE OF GREENWAY

4639 The Clerk had contacted the Borough Council and was awaiting confirmation of the legal responsibility of the upkeep of Greenway. In the meantime, the Chairman was making enquiries about a temporary repair, and Richard Gaiger had also been in contact with a colleague who could help to make improvements if necessary.

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12. TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO APPLY TO LAND REGISTRY FOR VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION OF ALL PARISH COUNCIL LANDHOLDINGS

4640 The Chairman proposed applying to land registry, on behalf of the Parish Council, for voluntary registration of all Parish Council landholdings. This was seconded and unanimously agreed.

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It was believed that an area of land behind Wessex Grange should have been signed over to the Parish Council as part of the Berkley Homes (Pound Meadow) developers' contribution and the Chairman agreed to investigate this.

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With regard to an area of land behind Wheelers Court, Percy Sims advised that a wall adjoining

the area had been granted a preservation order, and he felt it was important to record this in case of future attempts to develop the land.

13. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CALOR COMPETITION

4641 The judges would be visiting on the afternoon of 19 April. This would affect the pre-booked NADFAS meeting. Following a committee meeting, NADFAS had agreed to re-schedule its April meeting, but requested recompense for the speaker's fee and for the expense of informing its 260 members of the postponement. It was confirmed that the budget for the Calor village recipe book would be underspent this year by at least £220, and it was agreed therefore that the requested fee of £100 should be paid to NADFAS. In addition, the Parish Council agreed to the purchase of a banner for the competition from the village recipe book budget. These would be Section 137 payments.

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A suggested schedule for the day had been tabled and some amendments were made.

14. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON "MANSERS LAND"

4642 George White had forwarded a report and he expected to complete the purchase by the end of March. It was hoped that this would allow time for works to be carried out and paid for by the end of the month, in order to reclaim the Section 106 money for open spaces.

15. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CENTENARY PAVILION

4643 The Chairman reported some delay in obtaining final details about the micropiles but this was being followed up by the Project Manager. It was thought that the tender package would be sent out within the next few weeks.

16. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS

4644 To receive update on correspondence with Highway Authority regarding pinch-points: It was reported that the Assistant Chief Engineer had measured the distances of the posts within the Sherfield pinchpoints. As suspected, they are further from the kerb edge than those within the Bramley units and the Highway authority is therefore prepared to move the posts.

The issue of overhanging trees adjacent to Goddards Lane still has to be resolved and the hole in the corner of the road by Plantation is to be repaired.

With regard to the Parish boundary sign and car park sign, the orders are being chased.

The Chairman had discussed the possibility of a pedestrian central island point on Bramley Road with the Highway authority. However, such a project would cost in excess of £50,000 and so it would be unlikely that the installation would take place in the immediate future. Similarly, traffic lights for pedestrians crossing the A33 from the village at Wildmoor Lane would cost too much to be given consideration by the County Council at the present time.

The installation of the new footway along the A33 will begin next week.

4645 To discuss the suggestion of installing a new footbridge across the River Loddon: The Chairman reported that the broken bridge to the north of the Golf Club had been raised once again by parishioners. It seemed that the Gresham Angling Society and Hartley Wespall Parish would be prepared to contribute to any replacement and the Chairman sought views from the Parish Council as to whether to revisit the suggestion of contributing to a replacement bridge. However, there was no strong support to the suggestion at the present time.

At this point in the proceedings, it was agreed to extend the meeting by half an hour.

17. TO RECEIVE FINANCE REPORT

4646 The balances of all accounts at 28 February 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 Q3, 2005/6	16,030.93	20,000.00	24.17	36,055.10
Income Jan/Feb	1,638.24	84.20	0.00	1,722.44
Outgoing Jan/Feb	10,563.52	0.00	0.00	10,563.52
Balance C/F	7,105.65	20,084.20	24.17	27,214.02

Uncleared cheques: £3,476.77

HSBC Bank Statement at 28 February 2006: £10,582.42

Approval of Payments

£732.36	Clerk salary	£732.36
£113.18	Litter Warden	£113.18
£233.38	Inland Revenue	£233.38
£21.85	Petty Cash	
£100.00	NADFAS	

It was agreed that the sum of £17,000 be transferred from the Bank of Ireland account to the HSBC cheque account to cover costs for the remainder of this month.

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Approval of transfer and payments, proposed by Ivan Gosden, seconded by Tracy Lander-Sims, agreed.

The Agenda was taken out of sequence, so that item 18 would be the last item for discussion.

19. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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- Annual Report
- Draft Annual Accounts
- Final plans for Calor Visit
- Bollards at corner of Goddards Lane/The Shop

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Other Items to Clerk by Thursday 6 April.

20. TO AGREE DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

4648 Tuesday 9 May, 20.00 hours, Village Hall.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4649 Wednesday 12 April, 19.30 hours.

Agenda Item 18, To receive update on land valuation, land adjacent to burial ground

4650 Ivan Gosden withdrew from the meeting and the deferred item was raised. It was reported that the District Valuer had received instructions from the Parish Council to carry out a valuation of the piece of land abutting the burial ground. Once the valuation had been received, a meeting of the Burial Ground Working Party would be arranged.

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Meeting closed 21.50 hours.