

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

**Present**

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

**In attendance**

Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**4923** Apologies for absence were received from WPC Jewell and Chris Horton. The Chairman welcomed Sandy Johnston back following his recent absence through injury.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**4924** Ivan Gosden declared a personal interest in item 20. Richard Gaiger declared a personal interest in item 9.

**3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2006**

**4925** 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**

**4926** The Neighbourhood Watch report for October had been tabled. A number of thefts from vehicles near to Mill Close were noted, although these had been reported at the last meeting.

Update on travellers, bus turnaround, Reading Road: The Gypsy Liaison Officer at Hampshire County Council had been contacted by both Chairman and Clerk. A date for the court hearing was still awaited. It was likely that the travellers would move on shortly before the hearing date. The Liaison Officer had advised that, unless the turnaround is used regularly by travellers, it is very unlikely that the Highway Authority would introduce measures to prevent access. The travellers have been lighting a fire on the tarmac every night and it was reported that the fire brigade had been called recently when the fire appeared to have got out of control. Councillors agreed that the presence of the travellers' vehicles prevented the area from functioning as a bus turnaround.

**OPEN FORUM**

The meeting temporarily adjourned, then reconvened.

**5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**(a) Planning Committee**

**4927** The minutes of the meetings held on 24 October had been circulated. Details of discussions were noted as follows:

**ACTION**

**Application No: BDB/64566** **Location:** Wildmoor Place, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield, RG27 0HF  
**Proposal:** Erection of detached outbuilding forming ancillary accommodation to front of dwelling.

LATER RECEIVED LETTER WITH DUPLICATE NUMBER FROM BDBC WITH NOTE:  
"Amendment to planning permission BDB/54120 repositioning building to front of property."

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/64568** **Location:** Wildmoor Place, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield, RG27 0HF  
**Proposal:** Change of use of the land from agriculture to the keeping of horses.

Erection of a building for stables/tractor and hay store.

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/64596** **Location:** The Apple House, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield, RG27 0HB

**Proposal:** Erection of single storey front extension.

**PC Decision:** No objection.

### **APPROVALS BY BDBC FOR REPORT**

**Application No: BDB/63866** **Location:** The Loddon School, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield  
**Proposal:** Erection of stable, tack room and store together with an all weather riding track, erection of post and rail fencing and general improvements to the existing paddocks to include the retention of a trap room, pig arc, allotment garden and field shelter.

**Application No: BDB/64314** **Location:** 6 Mill Close, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0AQ

**Proposal:** Erection of a single storey side & rear extension.

**Application No: BDB/64218** **Location:** 7 Longbridge Close, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0DQ

**Proposal:** Erection of a rear conservatory.

### **NOTICE OF INTENT**

NoI TCA 2172 to fell 2 Leylandii Cypress at Gravelmead, Sherfield Green. No objection.

### **APPEALS**

**Application No: BDB/64044** **Location:** Former MoD Land at German Road, Bramley.

**Proposal:** Erection of 271 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.

It was noted that the Inquiry would be held in the Council Chamber for 6 days from 21 November. The Parish Council's letter of objection would automatically be reviewed by the Inspector and therefore no-one from the Parish council would be attending to speak at the Inquiry.

#### **(b) Leisure Facilities Committee**

**4928** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 November, Garden Room.

#### **(c) Finance and General Purposes Committee**

**4929** The minutes of the meeting held on 24 October had been circulated.

**4930** **To consider second draft, precept calculation document:** A second draft had been circulated to Parish Councillors. It was noted that figures were still awaited from contractors and a final document would be put forward for approval next month.

**4931** **To receive update on stump grinding:** The horse chestnut stump had been removed but unfortunately the contractor had discovered a tree guard embedded at the very base of the stump which had damaged his machinery. Soil had been replaced but the contractor recommended re-planting to the side of the area.

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**4932 Update on advice regarding horse chestnut avenue, Bramley Road**

The Clerk agreed to write to Sparsholt College for advice. The Chairman reported that the Sherfield WI had been given a £100 bursary for "Trees for Life" which they wished to put towards replacing trees along the avenue. The Parish Council thanked the WI for their offer.

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**(d) Village Green Committee**

**4933** The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday 14 November, Garden Room.

**(e) Allotments**

**4934 Proposal to hire a skip** It was proposed that a skip is hired for the allotments, £138 + vat, unanimously agreed.

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**4935 Proposal to amend allotment agreement with regard to the keeping of hens**

Further to the meeting of the allotment holders in October, the clerk had circulated suggested re-wording of the agreement with regard to limiting the number of plots with chickens and where runs may not be placed. After discussion, however, it was agreed that advice with regard to the keeping of chickens, stock density and type of accommodation, would be sought from DEFRA before amending the agreement.

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It was noted that numbered posts have now been installed.

**(f) Play area and BMX track**

**4936 Update on BMX track improvements:** It was reported that Noel Preece of BDBC had advised seeking a second quotation and had provided the name of a contractor. The Clerk agreed to contact the contractor.

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**4937 Update on play area:** Wicksteed had repaired the combat cableway free of charge. Playdale would be replacing the clasps on the goalmouths with an alternative fitting. Swing barriers were due for installation in the near future.

**(g) Football and cricket grounds**

**4938** Mole hills were presenting a problem for Loddon Sports again. The pest control contractor had been asked to visit the ground.

**(h) Tennis courts**

**4939 To consider letter from video production company**

It was reported that a local video production company had been filming at the tennis courts. When questioned about the event, the company advised that they had been told by the key holder that they did not require permission. The Clerk had circulated correspondence in which the company apologised for not contacting the Parish Council for permission. Their offer to contribute £50 for the use of the courts for their film was accepted.

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**4940 Fees:** £11.30 had been collected from the Shop.

**(i) Sherfield Park/Taylor's Farm development**

**4941** The Chairman reported that he had been co-opted onto the committee of the new Community Association. The group will be visiting other new village halls/community centres and they will be carrying out a skills audit in due course. A welcome pack is being produced by the committee for new residents. A fund-raising event is to be held at Sherfield School in the new year. Also, some of the profit from next year's Sherfield Fete will be given to the Community Association for their new building and members of the Association have indicated they will be pleased to help out on the day of the Fete.

**(j) Schools**

4942 No report.

**(k) Village Hall**

4943 The recent Casino Night had raised £860 profit for the hall. The hall cottage is still vacant. It was reported that the James Christmas charity donation will be given to the Lunch Club, to cover their insurance costs for outside catering, Christmas lunch. The Village Hall AGM would be held shortly and it was unanimously agreed that Sandy Johnston would continue as Parish Council representative.

**6. TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL AND LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VILLAGE FETE, SATURDAY 16 JUNE 2007**

4944 Sandy Johnston reported that he had spoken with Peter Francis with regard to licence requirements for the Village Fete and it appeared that a Temporary Event Notice would continue to be sufficient for the annual Fete. However, he would obtain further information, as it was noted that, in August, the Parish Council had agreed to make arrangements for obtaining a permanent licence for future events.

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The Fete Committee had agreed to offer 70% of proceeds towards the new football pavilion, 15% would be given to Happy Faces Playgroup, which would be reaching its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, and the remaining 15% would be given to the Sherfield Park Community Association for their new community building. All groups had indicated they would be able to help on the day of the Fete.

The Fete Committee wished the Parish Council to pay for deposits this year, although members of the Fete Committee would continue to carry out the book-keeping. The Parish Council's internal auditor, David Hitchins, had been asked to advise whether this arrangement is acceptable. All were in favour of the proposal, but subject to receipt of professional advice.

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**7. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT**

4945 The litter warden had commented on the poor surface between the new basket/goalmouths. It was felt that this was to be expected at this time of year. Hard surfacing could not be considered until further funds were received. Councillors were reminded to meet at the football club car park at 10 am on Saturday 2 December, to carry out an inspection of the Green.

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**8. TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM RESIDENT REGARDING BROKEN BRIDGE**

4946 A resident had asked whether the Parish Council would contribute to the cost of repairing the dangerous footbridge across the Loddon, close to the Golf Club. The matter had been considered in the past but rejected. However, it was reported that Gresham Angling Club have decided to remove the bridge.

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**9. TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM RESIDENT REGARDING CONDITION OF TRACK ACROSS VILLAGE GREEN**

4947 A resident had written expressing concern about the poor condition of the track leading from Goddards Lane to Greenway. The letter referred to builders' vehicles using the track for access to Devonshire Cottage, where building work is being undertaken. It was reported that the builders have since been asked to use Greenway for access.

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It was suggested that clay soil had been used to backfill a ditch following installation of a drainage pipe some years ago, resulting in the ruts and mess at one end of the track, and John Dodd suggested that the area should be filled with hardcore. However, it was generally felt that improvements should not be made to the track as this would encourage its use. It was reported that the track is not registered on the Commons Registration Search and therefore people should be discouraged from using it.

The Chairman suggested that the idea of placing signs for “emergency use only” should be given consideration again. It was noted that some allotment holders use the track and they would be reminded that parking for allotment access is via Bow Gardens.

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**10. TO RECEIVE HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE DISABILITY EQUALITY SCHEME CONSULTATION**

**4948** Sandy Johnston asked to read the consultation paper.

**11. TO RECEIVE INVITATION TO APPLY FOR POPPI GRANTS, 2007/8**

**4949** Details of the 2007/8 POPPI Grant had been circulated. It was suggested that the village hall lighting works might qualify for grant aid and the Chairman agreed to discuss the suggestion with Carole Fry in the first instance.

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**12. TO RECEIVE INVITATION TO ANNUAL MEETING, PARISH TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVES, 18 NOVEMBER**

**4950** None of the members wished to attend.

**13. TO REPORT CHAIRMAN’S INVITATION TO RAF ODIHAM TO DISCUSS CHINOOK TRAINING, 7 NOVEMBER**

**4951** The Chairman had attended a meeting at RAF Odiham to which other parish council Chairmen had been invited. The Commander had wished to reassure those affected by the noise of the aircraft that the operations were very necessary and that every effort is made to alternate routes, avoiding villages if possible. The Chinooks may be moved to RAF Lineham after 2012 and the future of RAF Odiham is unknown at present. Flight paths are published by RAF Odiham each week in the Basingstoke Gazette along with a contact telephone number for queries and complaints.

**14. TO RECEIVE BDBC REVIEW OF COUNCIL’S HOUSING POINTS SCHEME AND ALLOCATIONS**

**4952** No comments, no action.

**15. TO RECEIVE INVITATION TO COMMENT ON BDBC DRAFT CORPORATE EQUALITY PLAN**

**4953** No comments, no action.

**16. TO RECEIVE INVITATION TO MAYOR’S RECEPTION, 4 DECEMBER, 7PM**

**4954** None of the members wished to attend.

**17. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CENTENARY PAVILION**

**4955** The Chairman reported that he would be meeting with the football clubs and project manager next week. The drawings would be going out to tender to P Johnson, Shores, J King and Hazelgrove.

The Chairman had contacted North Warnborough PC, as discussed at the last meeting. The pavilion there had been built 8 years ago, with a large proportion of funding from the Lottery. He agreed to contact the Sports Development Officer, BDBC for advice on Lottery funding.

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**18. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS**

**4956** The Highway Authority was making arrangements to review the recent road works at Breach Lane. The works had resulted in wider footways and consequently there had been a number of occasions when large vehicles had been forced to drive on the wrong side of the road in order to travel from Bramley Road to Breach Lane. The Chairman had asked for a hump to be installed to slow traffic as it enters Breach Lane from the A33 roundabout.

With regard to flooding close to Loddon School, the Rights of Way Officer is making enquiries.

The Chairman reported the abusive manner of a resident towards a walker who was attempting to access a pathway at Redlands Hill. The Rights of Way Officer had been asked to confirm the resident's claim that the right of way had been diverted.

**19. TO RECEIVE FINANCE REPORT**

**4957** The Clerk had circulated a document showing the bank reconciliation and payments for the month.

2006/2007	HSBC A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Consols	Grand Total
Bal B/F from September	<b>2,716.22</b>	16,364.98	24.17	19,105.37
Credits Oct *	13,036.11	5,057.16	0.00	18,093.27
Debits Oct *	7,114.02	0.00	0.00	7,114.02
<b>Balance C/F</b>	<b>8,638.31</b>	<b>21,422.14</b>	<b>24.17</b>	<b>30,084.62</b>

Uncleared cheques = £293.75

Cleared Balance = £8,932.06

HSBC Bank Statement at 31 October 2006: £8,932.06

\* Including transfers

**Approval of payments**

- £741.61 Clerk salary
- £126.36 Litter Warden
- £238.27 Inland Revenue
- £31.18 Petty Cash - incl. toner cartridges (£26.54 + vat)
- £41.50 Sherfield Village Hall - room bookings - paid
- £10.00 B Fellows – allotment deposit refund - paid
- £96.94 SE Water - allotments - paid
- £110.00 Valuation Office (plus vat) - paid
- £250.00 Mulberry Tree Services (plus vat) - paid
- £530.00 Bulpitt Brothers (remove concrete/posts, tree work, install allot. posts) - paid
- £34.34 Bulpitt Brothers (football/cricket ground cuts) - paid

Payments approved unanimously.

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**20. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BURIAL GROUND**

**4958** It was resolved to extend the meeting beyond 21.30 hours. Sandy Johnston and Ivan Gosden left the meeting. The report from the Working Party had been circulated. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should accept the proposal originally put forward via the Land Agent, ie; 170 x 10m strip of land to be cultivated, seeded, fenced, old fence removed, second plot of same size to be offered at the same price in the future when needed = £25,000. If the arrangement is acceptable, then the Parish Council would need to seek permission to borrow funds.

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**21. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**4959** **Final draft precept.** Other items to the Clerk by Thursday 7 December.

**22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**4960** Next meeting: Liddell Hall, Wednesday 13 December, 19.30 hrs. Meeting closed 21.45 hrs.