

MINUTES OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 19.30 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2006.

Present

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

In attendance

Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)
WPC Jewell

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4557 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2006 and reported apologies for absence from John Dodd, Ken Clark, Chris Horton and Cllr Marilyn Tucker.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4558 Ivan Gosden declared a personal interest in agenda item 17.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2005

4559 The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

4560 The Neighbourhood Watch report for December had been circulated. In addition, WPC Jewell reported the recent theft of a handbag which had been left in a car parked outside Scats Garden Centre, and there had been an attempted break-in in Goddards Lane. It was noted that money had been taken from the telephone box in Reading Road again, and it was agreed that BT should empty to box more frequently. A list of NW Co-ordinators in Sherfield would be included in the next issue of the Loddon Valley Link.

Sandy Johnston reported that he had attended the Community Safety Forum meeting on Monday 9 January. There is no further news on the possibility of Hampshire Police merging with a neighbouring Force. However, WPC Jewell advised that Basingstoke is amalgamating with Aldershot Police.

OPEN FORUM

As there were no members of the public present, the meeting continued.

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Planning Committee

4561 The minutes of 20 December had been circulated. A document showing current applications and decisions made by the Borough Council had been circulated at that meeting:

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.

PC Decision: The Committee agreed to object to this application as it would result in the demolition of a building of local interest.

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

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension

PC Decision: No objection.

Application No: BDB/62452 Location: Wildmoor Farm House, Sherfield-on-Loddon

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)

PC Decision: No objection.

Notice of Intent

To fell 1 conifer at the Old School House, Reading Road. **PC Decision:** No objection.

(b) Leisure Facilities Committee

4562 Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 24 January. There had been a recent disagreement between the junior and senior football clubs over the matter of ground fees and this would be an agenda item for discussion at the Committee Meeting, when it was hoped that the club representatives would be present.

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(c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

4563 Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 24 January.

(d) Village Green Committee

4564 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20 December had been circulated. With regard item 8 on page 2 of the minutes, Percy Sims said that the parking area created by the clearance of land behind Goddards Close had been very necessary, as the road is becoming more congested with parked cars. He also advised that the Housing Association would be returning to make improvements to the parking surface and they intend to plant replacement trees.

(e) Allotments

4565 There was nothing to report.

(f) Play Area

4566 Playdale had forwarded an invoice requesting a 50% deposit for installation of the basketball/goal units. However, this had since been waived as Section 106 money for the project cannot be paid to the Parish until work has been completed. Installation is expected in early March.

(g) Tennis Courts

4567 Fees of £5 were passed to the Clerk.

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(h) Schools

4568 A report from a Governor of Bramley School had been circulated for information. Sandy Johnston reported that Sherfield School would be placing a notice in the Loddon Valley Link, offering an opportunity for the establishment of a riding centre within the grounds of the School. Percy Sims reported that he would be letting Sherfield School copy some of his photographs taken years ago of North Foreland Lodge and the village.

(i) Village Hall

4569 The work to the roof and porch had been completed.

The next meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee would be held on 18 January. A conservancy group would be staying at the Liddell Hall, at a charge of £10 per person. Tickets for the Aesop's Fables production and the Barn Dance were on sale.

6. TO RECEIVE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT PROFORMA

4570 A document had been circulated and there were no amendments suggested. It was reported that the Litter Warden had been asked whether he would be prepared to carry out the monthly inspection but no reply had been received and the Clerk would contact him. If he is not able to do so, a rota for Clerk and Councillors would be agreed.

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7. TO CONSIDER QUOTATION OF £160 TO REPLACE ALL WOOD & BOLTS ON TWO BROKEN BENCHES, VILLAGE GREEN

4571 Ben Stoopman had provided a verbal quotation for the repair of two broken benches, one behind the village hall and the other along the central concrete path. As emergency funds are available it was agreed that the repairs should go ahead, proposed Ivan Gosden, seconded Sandy Johnston, unanimously agreed.

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8. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON "MANSERS LAND"

4572 The Chairman reported that George White of BDBC legal services is awaiting the result of the local search and further enquiries from the vendor's solicitor. There had been some delay, but Mr White hoped to complete the purchase next month.

9. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CENTENARY PAVILION

4573 The Chairman reported that building control had been consulted and a response was awaited. The Chairman would be meeting with the project's mechanical and electrical engineer this month. An additional cost would be incurred due to the need to remove a pole, by the electricity company, during construction work. The Chairman confirmed that a penalty clause would be written into any builders contract, in case there is an "over-run" on the cost of the project. However, he agreed to confirm the details of the project manager's charges should this occur. Councillors were reminded that Section 106 money for the project had to be spent by the end of March.

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10. TO RECEIVE NOMINATION REQUEST FOR PARISH REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY, STANDARDS COMMITTEE

4574 There were no nominations from the Parish Council.

11. TO RECEIVE INVITATION TO ATTEND ANNUAL TELECOMMUNICATION LIAISON MEETING: ROLL OUT PLANS, BDBC, WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2006

4575 Brian Archer offered to attend the meeting if possible.

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12. TO RECEIVE VERBAL REPORT FROM BDAPTC MEETING HELD 12 DECEMBER 2005

4576 Sandy Johnston was awaiting the formal report from the meeting he attended; however, the main item for report was the introduction of an experimental project "Community Speed Watch" which permits volunteers to carry out road traffic speed checks. Further information would be given to the Parish Council when the minutes of the BDAPTC meeting had been received.

13. TO CONSIDER GOVERNMENT DISCUSSION PAPER "STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN ENGLISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT: THE FUTURE"

4577 The discussion paper was in circulation.

14. TO CONSIDER INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN CALOR VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 10TH ANNIVERSARY COMPETITION

4578 It was reported that Sherfield-on-Loddon has been invited to take part in a special 10th anniversary competition, open to all regional winners of the Calor Village of the Year competition over the last 9 years. The prize money is £20,000. Judging will take place in April/May but further details are awaited. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that the village should take part in the competition.

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15. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS

4579 The Highways Engineer had advised that the installation of a footway between the church and Sherfield Park would begin in March and would last for approximately 4 weeks.

It was noted that the Highway Authority need to cut back vegetation along one side of the A33.

16. TO RECEIVE FINANCE REPORT

4580 A report on income and expenditure for the last quarter had been tabled. The balances of all accounts at 31st December 2005 are shown in the table below:

2005/2006	HSBC A/C	General Investment A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Consols	Grand Total
Bal B/F from Q2, 2005/6	19,304.22	22,743.69	0.00	24.17	42,072.08
Income Oct/Nov/Dec	36,140.36	10,832.50	20,000.00	0.00	66,972.86
Outgoing Oct/Nov/Dec	39,413.65	33,576.19	0.00	0.00	72,989.84
Balance C/F	16,030.93	0.00	20,000.00	24.17	36,055.10

Uncleared cheques: £1,236.46

HSBC Bank Statement at 31st December 2005: £17,267.39

Budget report, third quarter

A budget report was tabled for information.

Approval of Payments

£732.36	Clerk salary
£113.18	Litter Warden
£233.38	Inland Revenue

Payments approved, proposed by Ivan Gosden, seconded by Tracy Lander-Sims, agreed.

Amendment to Annual Return

4581 The Audit Commission had requested an amendment to the annual return, as the Litter Warden's salary had been treated differently from the previous year. The Parish Council was requested to endorse an amendment in Section 1.8 to show a balance of £26,452 for the year ending March 2004. This was proposed by Ivan Gosden, seconded by Loraine Smith, agreed.

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17. TO DISCUSS FORMATION OF A WORKING PARTY TO CONSIDER BURIAL GROUND EXTENSION

4582 Ivan Gosden declared a personal interest in this matter, and was excluded from discussion. It was agreed that Working Party members and other interested members would visit the churchyard on 18 January at 12.30pm, or at another time prior to a formal meeting of the Group on Wednesday 1 February at 7.30pm (venue to be confirmed).

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18. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

4583 Councillors were asked to advise the Clerk of any items for discussion at the next meeting.

- **Report from Burial Ground Extension Working Party meeting**
- **Safety Inspection Report**
- **Car park wall, Mill Close**

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19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4584 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Liddell Hall on Wednesday 8 February, 7.30 pm. Meeting closed 20.50 hours.