

CONFIRMED MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 14th October 2009.

Present

Bruce Batting
Ken Clark
Ivan Gosden (Chairman)
Sally Hennessey
David Leivesley
Lucy Marshall
Lorraine Smith

In attendance

Jayne Hawkins (Parish Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5942 Apologies were received and accepted from Bruce Jones, Sandy Johnston, Mandy Jewell, Rhydian Vaughn and Ranil Jayawardena.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5943 None

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9th SEPTEMBER

5944 Approved and signed as a true reflection of Meeting.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

5945 The neighbourhood watch report was reviewed.

OPEN FORUM: The meeting was temporarily adjourned

5. TO REVIEW PAY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF CLERK AND LITTER WARDEN

5946 It was agreed to review the clerk's salary in line with national pay scales at the end of the six month probationary period to be back dated to April 09. Proposed by Sally Hennessey and seconded by Bruce Batting. Clerk to check with the Borough Council with regard to the litter warden salary recommendations.

Clerk

6. TO DISCUSS VILLAGE GREEN COMMITTEE

5947 It was agreed that the clerk would book the Garden room for a Village Green Committee meeting to take place on 3rd November at 7.30. Clerk to place a notice inviting interested parties to attend in the Loddon Valley Link.

Clerk

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING SURVEY ON BRAMLEY ROAD AND OLD READING ROAD

5948 Ivan Gosden reported that the survey was set up on 9th October and that the results should be available in 2 weeks.

8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATION FOR ENTRANCE AND PLOTTING AT THE BURIAL GROUND

5949 Bruce Batting reported that he had discussed the access to the burial ground with Paul Bailey of Frank Bailey & Partners, Chartered Surveyors, who will be sending him a quote for the cost of preparing a planning application. Bruce has discussed concerns with Hampshire Highways and spoken with Owen Pocock at the Borough about lorry turning patterns. Bruce is still waiting exact data for size of turning circles. At the moment the plans allow for a

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20m area of hard standing at the road end of the burial ground. Clerk to check with Julie Dunk if ¼ of the burial ground could be plotted starting at the back while waiting for the entrance to be planned and constructed.

Clerk

9. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DITCH CLEARING PROGRAMME FOR 2009/2010 TO INCLUDE CENTRE DITCH

5950 Ivan Gosden reported that the Bulpitt Brothers have started the next phase of the ditch clearance programme. The ditches in this phase are 1,3,7,8,13,14, approximately 25-28 chains. Bruce Batting will discuss that area behind the pavilion with Barry Bulpitt.

No objections had been received on the planning application to clear approx 38 Willow from the East side of Centre Ditch. This is a major project to improve drainage in the ditch running across the centre of the Green behind the Cricket Pitch. Quotes for this work were reviewed and Bruce Batting proposed that the quote from Mr Matt Philips was accepted, this was seconded by Lucy Marshall and unanimously accepted.

The Clerk was asked to put a notice in the Loddon Valley Link to inform residents about the work that will be carried out on Centre Ditch.

Clerk

10. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON LODDON VALLEY LINK WEBSITE

5951 The Chairman reported that the Loddon Valley Link will have their own website from the end of September. A link will be established from the Parish Council Website.

11. TO DISCUSS A REQUEST TO PLANT A BLUE CEDAR ON THE GREEN

5952 A request from a resident to plant a Blue Cedar on the Green was reviewed. Ivan Gosden explained that the request has already been agreed in 2007 by the Parish Council and the Village Green Committee but the gentleman had been away and was now in a position to purchase and plant the tree. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Sandy Johnston to meet with the resident to agree the most suitable site for the planting of the tree.

Clerk

12. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

5953 The Chairman reported that the Remembrance Sunday Service will be held at the War Memorial at 10.45a.m. on Sunday 8th November. Ivan Gosden agreed to ask John Dodd if he would like to lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council

13. TO DISCUSS PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE VILLAGE PLANTERS

5954 Ivan Gosden reported that the Clerk had asked Peter Elliot to provide a quote for maintaining and watering the wooden planters on the Old Reading Road. It was agreed that the Clerk and Brian Archer would meet with Peter Elliot to discuss requirements.

Clerk

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Difficulty seeing traffic approaching the main roundabout was discussed. The shrubs have grown quite large. Bruce Batting agreed to talk to Daniel Beasant at HCC Highways to see if they can be cut back.

BB

14. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

5955 The report for September was accepted. The clerk agreed to contact the Bulpitt Brothers and ask them if the bench by the playground can be repaired, if not then it should be removed

Clerk

15. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AND ANY QUOTATIONS

5956 The following payments were unanimously approved.

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Sherfield on Loddon Parish Bank Accounts Summary as at 30th September 2009				
Financial Year ending 31/3/10	Petty Cash	HSBC Current A/C	HSBC Deposit account	Grand Total
Closing balance per Aug Statement		£ 5,899.04	£ 45,007.93	£ 50,906.97
Income - Credits received at bank in Sept		£ 22,674.70	£ 2.58	£ 22,677.28
Expenditure - Cheques presented in Sept		£ 2,383.31	£ -	£ 2,383.31
Petty Cash at hand	£ 50.00			£ 50.00
Closing balance per Sept. Statement (cash at bank and in hand)	£ 50.00	£ 26,190.43	£ 45,010.51	£ 71,250.94
Approval for payments due in October				
Employment Costs: Clerks Salary	October			£ 660.56
Litter Warden Salary	October			£ 138.00
PAYE/NI	October			£ 307.07
Emma Rea - return of allotment deposit				£ 10.00
South East Water Ltd				£ 196.66
S.O.L PCC (Church and Loddon Link)				£ 800.00
Society of local clerks - Cemetery mgt and admin CD				£ 29.00
J. Hawkins (expenses: Ink Cartridges(£75.61), keys (£15.96), stamps(£18.00), float and ball valve(£4.39)				£ 113.96
Working with your council course				£ 90.00
Bulpitt Brothers (Annual green cut, Pavilion hedge, Allotment plot 51, Cricket Pitches)				£ 3,014.00
Acorn Garden Services - Grass cutting and maintenance to rear VH and tennis courts				£ 300.35
Acorn Garden Services - Grass cutting and maintenance to memorial area				£ 160.00
Transfer from Bank of Ireland to close account				£ 11.88
Transfer from current account to deposit account				£ 15,000.00
B&DBC SLR payment Jul, Aug, Sept				£ 825.00
Total Payments for October				£ 21,656.48
For your information and retrospective approval				
Basingstoke Skip Hire (raised and paid on delivery of skip 25/09/09)				£ 189.75

New quotes were reviewed. It was agreed to proceed with the work on Centre Ditch as already discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Sandy Johnston to inspect the Tennis Courts and report at the next Leisure Committee on whether a moss treatment was necessary this year.

Clerk

After reviewing quotes for the external decoration of the Village hall, Bruce Batting proposed that Musson and Welch would be asked to do the work this was seconded by Loraine Smith. If Musson & Welch were able to start the work in the Autumn the Clerk will write to Happy Faces requesting that the children be kept indoors when the painters are working outside of the Liddell Hall.

Clerk

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It was agreed that quotation for replacement windows for the Liddell Hall would be reviewed at the Village Hall committee Meeting on the 19th October.

16. TO RECEIVE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Planning

5957 No planning meetings have taken place this month.

(b) Allotments

5958 Bruce Batting reported that the allotment AGM would be taking place on Tuesday 20th October. The Grant for the building of a compost and waste area and new water troughs had been approved. Funding should be available by the end of October.

(c) Play area & BMX track

5959 The Chairman reported an accident on the Zip wire in the playground where a young girl was thrown off and to hospital. The Clerk reported the accident to Noel Preece at the Borough Council and to Wicksteed the supplier of the Zip Wire. Wicksteed had carried out an inspection. Recommendations from the inspection report will be reviewed by the Leisure committee

(d) Village Green

5960 A parishioner living close to the Village Green wishing to have mains gas connected had received a quote from Southern Gas Networks for connecting the supply and a separate quote for the grant of an easement over part of the Village Green, which SGN is not entitled to grant. Bruce Batting is to investigate.

BB

(e) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

5961 Sandy Johnston was unable to find anyone from the Cricket Club who was qualified to carry out the electrical survey, It was agreed to ask GJC to carry out an electrical survey on the cricket pavilion. Loraine agreed to contact GJC and provide access to the pavilion

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(f) Tennis courts

5962 It was reported that the income for the tennis courts was £98.20 in September.

(g) Schools

5963 Lucy Marshall reported that Bramley school celebrated their Golden Jubilee.

(h) Sherfield Park Community Association

5964 David Leivesley reported that the 5 mile ramble had been a success. Craudace had agreed to a start date of February 2010 for the building of the community centre. The association were trying to get agreement for a completion date at the end of 2010. The community association would be holding meetings with Basingstoke and Deane to discuss the running of the sporting facilities.

(i) Village Hall

5965 Lucy Marshall reported that a production called Seven Ages of Man would be taking place on the 17th October in the Village Hall, Ivan Gosden reported that the Beer Festival had been a great success.

16. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5966 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th November 2009.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.