

**MINUTES OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 19.30 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2006.**

**Present**

Bruce Batting (Chairman)  
Ken Clark  
John Dodd  
Ivan Gosden  
Tracy Lander-Sims  
Percy Sims

**In attendance**

Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**4850** Apologies for absence were received from Brian Archer, Richard Gaiger, Sandy Johnston, Loraine Smith, WPC Jewell, Chris Horton, Cllr M Tucker and Cllr R Gardiner.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**4851** Ivan Gosden declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 13.

**3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 AUGUST 2006**

**4852** 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**

**4853** The Neighbourhood Watch report for August had been circulated.

Additionally, it was reported that a walker had been intimidated by dogs along a footpath in Wildmoor. Several incidents had now been reported and WPC Jewell had agreed to visit the owner. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact WPC Jewell and then would write to the Rights of Way Officer in Winchester to advise him of the situation.

**OPEN FORUM**

There were no members of the public present.

**5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**(a) Planning Committee**

**4854** The minutes of the meetings held on 21 August and 8 September had been circulated. Details of discussion were noted as follows:

**Application No: BDB/64146**

**Location:** Meadow Cottage, Taylors Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0JF

**Proposal:** Erection of 3 No. three bedroom dwellings and 2 No. two bedroom dwellings with garages, parking and associated access

(Replaces BDB/63702, 5 x 3 bed, withdrawn July)

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/51998**

**Location:** The Rectory, Breach Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon

**Proposal:** Outline permission to demolish The Rectory and erect 10 no. dwellings and associated parking.

(Accepted by Local Planning Authority as a minor amendment to the approved plans BDB/55429 and approved before notice was received)

**PC Decision:** Members were surprised to have received this amendment, as the Planning

**ACTION**

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Department had only recently confirmed that no new approach had been made by developers. The proposed amendment is to utilise a parking space next to the Chapel boundary for bin storage, and also to create a new parking space in front of the housing. No objection.

**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.

**PC Decision:** It was reported that villagers were most concerned by this latest application, and letters of objection were being collected for delivery to the Planning Department. The Case Officer had advised a resident that the closing date for comments had been extended. It was noted that the previous application, which included a proposal for 277 dwellings, is to be the subject of a week-long public inquiry, commencing 21 November. It was also noted that during the Local Plan Inquiry, the site had been recommended for deletion as the Inspector considered it to be an unsustainable location which could lead to an increased amount of car based commuting.

It was suggested that the views of Bramley Parish Council should be sought. The committee unanimously agreed to object to the application and the Chairman offered to draft a letter of objection.

**Application No: BDB/64218**

**Location:** 7 Longbridge Close, Sherfield-on-Loddon

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

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/63948**

**Location:** The Paddocks, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon

**Proposal:** Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the continued use of land for keeping and grazing horses.

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/64314**

**Location:** 6 Mill Close, Sherfield-on-Loddon

**Proposal:** Proposed single storey side & rear extension.

**PC Decision:** As with the previous application for this property, concern was expressed over the loss of parking. However, no objection would be raised.

**Application No: BDB/63866**

**Location:** The Loddon School, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon

**Proposal:** Erection of stables and improvements to existing paddocks.

Notified of change of application type from minor to major (enclosed)

Duplicate plans to be forwarded by BDBC.

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**APPROVALS**

**Application No: BDB/63506**

**Location:** Milkwood, Sherfield Green, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0EN

**Proposal:** Erection of single storey summerhouse in the rear garden

**Application No: BDB/63779 AND BDB/63780 (Listed Building Consent)**

**Location:** Four Winds, Greenway, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0EE

**Proposal:** Erection of a new single garage to replace existing asbestos garage.

**Application No: BDB/63875**

**Location:** 5 Pound Meadow, Sherfield-on-Loddon

**Proposal:** Conversion of garage roof space to living accommodation involving the construction of dormers in front elevation and roof lights in rear elevation.

**Application No: BDB/63669**

**Location:** 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

**Application No: BDB/63183**

**Location:** Little Bowlings Farm, Goddards Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0EL

**Proposal:** Creation of new agricultural access (Retrospective)

*There was concern that the Case Officer's summary included reference to Little Bowlings Farmhouse, when in fact the access is to a farm outbuilding. The Officer had also incorrectly recorded that the Parish Council wished space to be provided for a parking bay when in fact the comment had been that a section of fencing is preventing use of the existing passing place, which is very necessary due to the number of agricultural vehicles travelling regularly along the lane. The Chairman will contact the Development Control Manager to clarify the matter and to ask for modifications to be made to the access, as a condition of the consent.*

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

*NoI TCA 2134 to fell and remove root structure where possible 1 silver birch at the Old School Cottage, The Green. PC Decision: No objection.*

**(b) Leisure Facilities Committee**

**4855** The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 26 September.

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

**4856** The next meeting will be held on 26 September.

**(d) Village Green Committee**

**4857** The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September had been tabled. The committee had presented a suggested tasks list for the volunteers, together with recommendations on village green projects to be included in next year's budget. The volunteers list was unanimously approved. The recommendations for future projects would be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee in the first instance.

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It was noted that Sherfield Oaks Golf Club had approached the Borough seeking to sponsor the village roundabout on the A33. It was confirmed that the Parish Council will be consulted if a firm proposal is put forward.

**(e) Allotments**

**4858 Update on pest control measures**

The Clerk had received no reply from Brian Saunders regarding Borough assistance with replenishing bait in the Parish Council's rat boxes on a regular basis. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the quotation from Joe Bate of £380 per annum should be accepted.

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**4859 Update on post numbering**

Tracy reported that the posts were ready to be installed. The Clerk would contact those Councillors who had indicated their willingness to assist, and arrange a date for installation.

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**4860 To consider increasing allotment deposit, new tenants**

It was unanimously agreed that the deposit for an allotment would be increased from £10 to £25 for all new tenants with immediate effect.

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**4861 To report date of Annual Meeting of Allotment Holders**

The annual meeting of allotment holders will be held in the Liddell Hall at 8pm on Monday 9 October.

**4862 Request for permission to install portable hen house and run, plot 4&5**

The Parish Council approved the request, with the proviso that the tenant also purchases and installs a rat bait box.

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

**4863 Update on BMX track improvements**

Richard Gaiger had indicated that a new proposal and quotation would be presented at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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**4864 To receive details of Big Lottery Fund Play Programme, BDBC**

Details of the Big Lottery Fund Children's Play Programme and the Borough Council's proposals for seeking allocation had been circulated. The Clerk agreed to attend a workshop being organised by the Borough on 28 September.

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**(g) Football and cricket grounds**

**4865** Work on the cricket outfield would probably be carried out next autumn.

Metal poles set in concrete had recently been discovered protruding from the football pitch, resulting in the cancellation of matches on the green. It was thought that these had marked out the cricket square many years ago. Tracy Lander-Sims offered to arrange for someone to use a metal detector to ensure all hazards are identified. Barry Bulpitt had been asked to quote for removal of the posts and ground repair.

**(h) Tennis courts**

**4866** Fees: The sum of £71.80 had been collected from the Shop.

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

**4867** All residents were encouraged to come to the Public Meeting at 11am on Saturday 30 September at which the Constitution of the Community Association will be formally adopted. It will be proposed that the area of benefit (ie; eligibility to manage the facilities, as full members of the Association) shall be Taylor's Farm development. The community facilities, when completed, will be available to anyone for hire.

**(j) Schools**

**4868** No report.

**(k) Village Hall**

**4869 Public meeting, Recycling**

It was noted that the Borough Council will be holding a public meeting to present the new recycling arrangements on Thursday 14 September, 7.30pm, Liddell Hall.

**4870 Request for funding, Village Hall**

A letter from the Village Hall Finance Committee seeking funding for projects in 2007 had been received. This would be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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**4871 Request to advertise PoSH**

A letter had been received asking whether A4 advertisements for PoSH (Patrons of Sherfield Village Hall) could be posted up in the bus shelters in the village. It was unanimously agreed that although it is a worthy cause, permission could not be granted.

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**6. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND TO ARRANGE INSPECTION OF THE GREEN BY COUNCILLORS**

**4872** The report for August was tabled. The posts protruding from the football ground had been highlighted, and this matter had been discussed under item 4865. Arrangements for an inspection of the Green were not discussed.

**7. TO CONSIDER BDBC CONSULTATION DOCUMENT “A CLEANER, GREENER BOROUGH?”**

**4873** The Borough’s proposals had been circulated. The Chairman offered to draft a letter of reply on behalf of the Parish Council.

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**8. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON NEW BYELAWS, BDBC**

**4874** It was confirmed that the existing Byelaws for Sherfield-on-Loddon were not going to be superseded by the Byelaws being put forward by the Borough. However, the Borough’s document included Byelaws to exclude children over the age of 12 from using play equipment and to prohibit their entry to the playground enclosure unless accompanying younger children. The Chairman asked Councillors whether they wished these rules to be added to the existing Byelaws for Sherfield. However, Parish Councillors were of the opinion that the cableway should be available to children older than 12 years. The Chairman would discuss the matter further with Jenny Dawe, BDBC.

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**9. TO RECEIVE SEERA CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT: PARTIAL REVIEW OF SOUTH EAST PLAN – PROVISION FOR GYPSY AND TRAVELLER CARAVAN SITES**

**4875** No action. The document was passed to John Dodd.

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

**4876** The Chairman reported that he would be meeting John Barnwell and representatives from the Football League, Sherfield FC and Loddon Sports FC at the pavilion on Monday 25 September at 4.30pm.

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**11. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS**

**4877** Legal Event Order for Basingstoke Borough (Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way)  
Nothing to report.

**4878** Update on review of traffic calming within the parish

Following a meeting between the Chairman and representatives from the Borough and County Councils, suggested measures for further traffic calming along old Reading Road had been put to the Assistant Area Manager, Traffic Management Group. Unfortunately, these had been rejected with the exception of visual narrowing of the carriageway, although this could not be funded by the County until next year. It was agreed that the resident who had written to the Parish Council with his concerns should be sent a copy of the correspondence.

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**4879** Update on Bow Drive Pilot Scheme

Recent correspondence was tabled. Residents’ responses to the recent questionnaire were being analysed and a second mailshot would be arranged by the Borough in the near future.

**4880** Overgrown pavement, St Leonard’s Church to village

The Chairman reported that the Highway Authority would be using machinery to clear the pathway. Any potholes would need to be repaired.

**4881** Update on “no cycling” signage and posts

The Chairman reported that the cost of the 450mm signs from the Borough would be £52.13 each to include installation, 3 m posts would cost £85. It was suggested that there are redundant signage posts within the village which might be used. The matter would be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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**12. TO RECEIVE FINANCE REPORT**

**4882** The Clerk had tabled a 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 July	<b>9,934.05</b>	11,278.19	24.17	21,236.41
Income Aug *	3,835.61	5,041.01	0.00	8,876.62
Outgoing Aug *	9,139.71	0.00	0.00	9,139.71
<b>Balance C/F</b>	<b>4,629.95</b>	<b>16,319.20</b>	<b>24.17</b>	<b>20,973.32</b>

Uncleared cheques = £1,256.18

Cleared Balance = £5,886.13

HSBC Bank statement at 31/8/06 = £5,886.13

£744.46	Clerk salary
£126.36	Litter Warden
£235.42	Inland Revenue
£29.30	Petty Cash ( prize vouchers, stamps, allotment keys)
£35.00	Information Commissioner
£12.31	Basingstoke Trophies
£50.00	Country Watch Sub
£102.68	Bulpitt Brothers - pitch cutting

The second half of the precept will be received in September.

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

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At this point, the agenda was taken out of sequence.

#### **14. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**4883**

- Byelaws
- Inspection of Green
- SO 17

Ivan Gosden requested that at its next meeting the Finance and General Purposes Committee should discuss improvements to Greenway and arrangements for meeting with Greenway residents to discuss proposals.

FGPC

#### **13. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BURIAL GROUND AND TO CONSIDER SUGGESTION OF A PUBLIC MEETING**

**4884** Ivan Gosden left the meeting. The Chairman reported that he is expecting a response from the District Valuer within the next few days. It was agreed that when her comments are received, the purchase offer previously recommended will be made to the Land Agent. It was agreed that there would be little point in arranging a public meeting until it is known whether the offer is acceptable.

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#### **15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**4885** The next meeting will be held in the Liddell Hall on Wednesday 11 October, 19.30 pm. Meeting closed, 21.15 hours.

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