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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 9th September 2009.

Present

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

In attendance

Jayne Hawkins (Parish Clerk)
PC Mandy Jewell

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5911 Apologies were received and accepted from Brian Archer, Rhydian Vaughn and Ranil Jayawardena.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5912 None

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th JULY

5913 Approved and signed as a true reflection of Meeting.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

5914 The neighbourhood watch report was reviewed.

OPEN FORUM: The meeting was temporarily adjourned

5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON GREENWAY REGISTRATION AND RESURFACING

5915 Ivan Gosden reported that it has now been established following communication with the Commons Registration Department the track known as Greenway does not form part of the Green. Greenway was not included in the original registration of the Green in the 1970's and it is not possible for it to be added at a later date.

The Borough Council has now agreed to progress and manage the resurfacing of Greenway using S106 money that is available to the Parish. This will provide members of the public with improved access to the allotments and the play areas on the village green.

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

5916 Ivan Gosden reported that Alfred Nortey who works for Andrew Kettlewell has ordered traffic surveys on Bramley road and Old Reading Road it is likely that they will take place during the week commencing 21st September. A total of 3 surveys are involved and will take place over 5 - 7 days:

- Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) survey
- Traffic volume by direction

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- Traffic speed classifier

A resident living in Taylors Farm has requested speed bumps on Gaiger Avenue. Although Gaiger Avenue is unadopted at present the survey team will include Gaiger Avenue in the survey which could help in getting a sensible speed limit set when the road is adopted.

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

5917 Bruce Batting reported that he was still awaiting information needed to complete the Planning application. This will be progressed as soon as possible. Clerk to look at progressing the plotting of the burial ground. Ivan Gosden reported that Bob Politt and Peter Gould have requested a meeting in October to take matters forward regarding the removal of the rest of the hedgerow between the churchyard and the new burial ground and gates.

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Clerk

8. TO UPDATE COUNCILLORS ON PAYMENT FOR PLANTER DAMAGED IN Q4 2008.

5918 The lady who owner the car involved in the accident with the planter has paid for the cost of the replacement planter in full.

9. TO DISCUSS SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO SOUTH EAST WATERS DRAFT WATER RESOUC E MANAGEMENT PLAN.

5919 Ivan Gosden reported that the clerk had received an information pack from the Whitewater Valley Preservation Society informing Parish Councils about a Public inquiry into South East Water's Draft Water Resource Management Plan – to 2035. The WVPS is encouraging all Parish Councils to write to the inquiry inspector to associate themselves with the inquiry and to support the WVPS response to the Plan.

Following a discussion the Parish Council agreed register their support. Clerk to prepare a response.

Clerk

10. TO DISCUSS A LETTER RECEIVED FROM A RESIDENT REGARDING ACCESS TO THE GREEN AND DITCH CLEARING.

5920 The letter was reviewed by the Parish Council and the following actions agreed.

Bruce Batting will remove orange fencing and from the Village Green and clear the area of the ditch containing grass cuttings.

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The Borough Council will be managing the resurfacing of Greenways and will deal directly with the contractors.

Bruce Batting agreed to talk to Peter Eade of Hampshire Highways North regarding Drainage issues in Goddards Lane. Bruce Batting explained that work had been scheduled to take place on this road in 2007 but changes in management and contractors at the Borough Council had resulted in a delay.

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11. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON FOOTBALL PAVILION PROJECT

5921 Ivan Gosden reported that a football Pavilion meeting took place on 27th August, attended by Sherfield FC, Loddon Sports, Parish Council members, Sasha Nichols (Hampshire FA) and Steve Welch (B&D). Sasha Nichols explained the process for applying for funding from the football foundation and said if the project met with their criteria they may fund up to 50% of project. Sasha Nichols took away latest plans to check them against criteria set by the Football Foundation.

Ivan reported that Sherfield FC had received a letter from the local football league about the poor internal decoration of the Pavilion. Sherfield FC have now painted the inside of the Pavilion and installed new cupboards.

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

5922 Bruce Batting reported that he was involved in discussions with Bulpitts about clearing the ditches behind Loddon Sports Pavilion. Bruce Batting reported that the planning application for Centre Ditch has been submitted.

Ivan Gosden reported that quotes had been received for removing willow and then either burning the wood or chipping and removing it.

Following a discussion it was agreed that the Willow should be chipped and removed from site. This was proposed by Bruce Jones and seconded by Bruce Batting and unanimously accepted.

The Clerk agreed to ask Thurley Plant Hire and Dave Millar Plant to provide quotes for chipping and removing

Clerk

13. TO DISCUSS PARISH COUNCILLOR AND CLERKS TRAINING

5923 A number of councillors were interested in attending the Core skill for new Councillors Course but would wait until one was available closer to Basingstoke. It was agreed that the Clerk would start the Working with Your Council training course costing £90.00.

14. TO DISCUSS DONATION FOR POPPY WREATHS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

5924 Ivan Gosden reported that the Poppy Wreathes for Remembrance Sunday had been ordered and delivered. The Royal British Legion ask for a donation to cover costs and postage. It was agreed to make a donation of £100, this was proposed by Bruce Batting and seconded by David Leivesley and unanimously accepted.

15 . TO UPDATE COUNCILLORS ON THE LITTER WARDEN GRANT IN 2009/2010

5925 The clerk confirmed that the grant for both Parish and Borough litter wardens has not changed.

16. TO UPDATE CONCILLORS ON ROUNDABOUT WILDFLOWER SURVEY

5926 The chairman reported that Liane Green had requested a wildflower survey on the roundabout at the beginning of the summer. The clerk is still awaiting an update.

17. TO INVITE KEN CLARK TO JOIN A COMMITTEE

5927 It was agreed that Ken Clark would join the Finance committee and the Planning committee. These were proposed by Bruce Batting and seconded by Bruce Jones for Finance and proposed by Sally Hennessey and seconded by Lucy Marshall for planning and was unanimously accepted.

18. TO RECIEVE THE MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

5928 The reports for July and August were accepted.

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19. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AND ANY QUOTATIONS

5929 The following payments were unanimously approved:

Sherfield on Loddon Parish Bank Accounts Summary as at 31st August 2009				
Financial Year ending 31/3/10	Petty Cash	HSBC Current A/C	HSBC Deposit account	Grand Total
Closing balance per June Statement		£ 3,950.10	£ 50,003.84	£ 53,953.94
Income - Credits received at bank in July		£ 5,187.18	£ 1.91	£ 5,189.09
Expenditure - Cheques presented in July		£ 2,499.61	£ 5,000.00	£ 7,499.61
Petty Cash at hand	£ 50.00			£ 50.00
Closing balance per July Statement (cash at bank and in hand)	£ 50.00	£ 6,637.67	£ 45,005.75	£ 51,693.42
Closing balance per July Statement		£ 6,637.67	£ 45,005.75	£ 51,643.42
Income - Credits received at bank in Aug		£ 505.00	£ 2.18	£ 507.18
Expenditure - Cheques presented in Aug		£ 1,243.63	£ -	£ 1,243.63
Petty Cash at hand	£ 50.00			£ 50.00
Closing balance per August Statement (cash at bank and in hand)	£ 50.00	£ 5,899.04	£ 45,007.93	£ 50,956.97
<u>Approval for payments due in September</u>				
Employment Costs: Clerks Salary	September			£ 660.36
Litter Warden Salary	September			£ 138.00
PAYE/NI	September			£ 307.27
Audit Commission - Audit Fee				£ 327.75
Basingstoke Trophies				£ 21.84
Information Commissioner's office				£ 35.00
Country Watch membership				£ 50.00
RBL Poppy appeal				£ 100.00
J. Hawkins (expenses: Wyvale vouchers(£60), 100 2nd class stamps(£30), postage (£6.50), microsoft office 2007(£66.69), stationery(1.99)				£ 165.18
Bulpit Brothers - Strimming around pond and BMX track, Repairing barrier, Removing iron bar in Mancers wood, strimming paths, cutting up chestnut tree branch				£ 255.00
Bulpit Brothers - Grass cutting, cricket pitch and football pitches				£ 240.00
Total Payments for September				£ 2,300.40

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15. TO RECEIVE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) 5930 Planning

Application No: BDB/70924

Location: 8 Premier Court, Mill Close, Sherfield on Loddon

Proposal: Erection of gable wall to provide extension to loft with construction of 2 no. dormer windows to east elevation. Installation of rooflights to west elevation. Construction of external staircase.

PC Decision: Objection. The development would reduce the available parking area whilst also creating a need for further parking. The inclusion of an exterior staircase is not in keeping with other properties in the area. The councillors felt strongly that this would be an over development of the site

Application No: BDB/70940

Location: 3 Hams Corner, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0HP

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extensions and insertion of first floor window to left side elevation

PC Decision: Objection. This is an over development of the plot and has a long uninterrupted expanse of brickwork. The Parish Council believe that the development would lead to insufficient parking due to the loss of garage space.

Application No: BDB/70945

Location: 42 Northfield Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0HP

Proposal: Erection of two storey and single storey side extensions and erection of a single storey front extension

PC Decision: No Objection. The parish council believe that the development is appropriate for the size of plot but would like to note their concerns about flooding in the area due to loss of natural soakaway and a lack of adequate infrastructure.

Application No: BDB/71106

Location: Energy Centre, Whitmarsh Lane, Chineham, Basingstoke

Proposal: Proposed variation of condition 23 of planning permission BDB/44300 to extend the range of waste to include other municipal or commercial waste in addition to waste collected by or on behalf of waste collection authorities in Hampshire **PC Decision:** No objections to the application were raised

Application No: BDB/70798

Location: Wyevale Garden Centre, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, RG27 0HL

Proposal: Display of 1 no. non-illuminated pole mounted sign

PC Decision: No objections to the application were raised

Application No: BDB/71002

Location: Star-ceda, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, RG27 0EP

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side/rear extension **PC Decision:** No objections to the application were raised

Application No: BDB/71073

Location: Dursley Cottages, Sherfield Green, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Erection of a detached garage with store above following the demolition of existing storage building. Replacement of existing flat roofs over bay windows and front porch with pitched roofs **PC Decision:** No objections to the application were raised

Application No: BDB/71032

Location: Sanguillo Cottage, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Erection of a detached double garage with first floor storage/hobby room **PC Decision:** No objections. The design of the double garage will compliment Sanguillo Cottage and it is good to see that the owners are taking steps to refurbish the property as a whole.

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Application No: BDB/70940

Location: 3 Hams Corner, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, RG27 0HP

Proposal: amended application, to include conversion of existing garage to living accommodation

PC Decision: Objection. The Parish Council objected to the amended planning application for the same reasons given previously. This is an over development of the plot and the vast expanse of uninterrupted brickwork along the neighbour's boundary is unacceptable. The loss of the garage will lead to a further reduction in the already limited parking space and the Parish Council does not believe that the proposed number of parking spaces matches the allocation approved in the original planning consent.

APPROVALS BY B&D BC FOR REPORT

Application No: BDB/70618

Location: 12 Pound Meadow, Sherfield-on-loddon, Hook, RG27 0EP

Proposal:.. Erection of a single storey rear extension Granted, Conditions imposed

Application No: BDB/70478

Location: 6 Pound Meadow, Sherfield-on-loddon, Hook, RG27 0EP

Proposal: Replacement of existing boundary fence with 2.4 metre high fence, Granted, Conditions imposed

Application No: BDB/69637

Location: Taylors Farm, Taylors Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, RG27 0JF

Proposal: Realignment of Cufaude Lane and associated landscaping
Granted, Conditions imposed

Application No: BDB/70750

Location: Holly House, Sherfield Green, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, RG27 0EN

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension

Decision: Granted

(b) Allotments

5931 Bruce Batting reported that the allotment competition had taken place and the winners were, 1st place Mrs Sue Morse, 2nd place Mrs Maria Nind and in 3rd place Mr D Farrow. A winner's cup and plaques for the 2nd and 3rd places were awarded at the Sherfield show. The annual allotment meeting will take place on the 20th October. Simon Buckingham has informed the clerk that the allotment grant has been approved by his department and is awaiting final approval by the Borough Councillors, this should be finalised by end of September. Two plot holders have given notice on their plots, new plot holders have been informed. Plot 51 and the surrounding skip area will be cleared by Bulpitts and the plot rotovated. Plots are fully let with 2 people in Parish on the waiting list and 8 out of Parish.

There have been complaints about dog mess on the plots, clerk to put a notice in the Loddon Link.

It was agreed that Mrs Varney who is taking over plot 51 can erect a small greenhouse on the plot.

A skip will be ordered for the last week of September.

Bruce reported that contractors will be relaying the path the runs alongside the allotments as some of the paving slabs have raised edges. The privet hedge running alongside the footpath from Bow Grove to the allotments will also be cut back in September.

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(c) Play area & BMX track

5932 There was nothing to report

(d) Village Green

5933 There was nothing to report

(e) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

5934 A quote for £185.00 + vat had been obtained to carry out an electrical survey on the cricket pavilion. Sandy Johnston agreed to ask the cricket club if any of their members were qualified electricians and if they could provide a quote to carry out the survey.

(f) Tennis courts

5935 It was reported that the income for the tennis courts was £110 in August and £70.00 to date in September.

(g) Schools

5936 There was nothing to report.

(h) Sherfield Park Community Association

5937 David Leivesley reported that the next phase of building at Taylors Farm was being progressed and that this would hopefully lead to work starting on the building of the community centre. David reported that a 5 mile ramble had been organised by the residents association. The residents association together with support from Maria Millar and Elaine Still were still trying to get a post box put into Taylors farm.

(i) Village Hall

5939 There was nothing to report.

16. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5940 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14th October 2009.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

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