

**MINUTES OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 19.30 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY 12 JULY 2006.**

**Present**

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

**In attendance**

Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)  
WPC Mandy Jewell

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**4757** Apologies for absence were received from Ken Clark and Richard Gaiger.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**4758** Ivan Gosden declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 15. John Dodd and Bruce Batting declared a prejudicial interest in item 7.

**3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2006**

**4759** 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**

**4760** The Neighbourhood Watch report for June had been circulated.

WPC Jewell reported an additional theft from a shed in Sherfield.

The gate to the field next to the White Hart pub had been unlocked for some time and Ivan Gosden agreed to speak to the owner of the field.

Sandy Johnston reported his attendance at the Community Safety Forum in Basingstoke. Published figures show a slight increase in crime. Criticism of the Crown Prosecution Service and its poor conviction rate is being investigated. There has been restructuring within the combined North Hants police force. The Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service continue to promote free smoke alarms for every household in the County and there is an ongoing commitment to introduce sprinkler systems within new public buildings and schools.

**OPEN FORUM**

As there were no members of the public present, there was no open forum.

**5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**(a) Planning Committee**

**4761** The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June and 3 July had been circulated. Details of discussion were noted as follows:

**Application No: BDB/63183 Location: Little Bowlings Farm, Goddards Lane, Sherfield.**

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

**PC Decision:** It was noted that the new access had previously been a passing place along Goddards Lane, but the fencing which has been erected prevents larger, agricultural vehicles from using it as such. It was agreed that the Parish Council has no objection, subject to alteration of the fencing to enable the area to be used for its original purpose.

**ACTION**

**IG**

**Application No: BDB/63780** Location: Four Winds, Greenway, Sherfield-on-Loddon.

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

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/63875** Location: 5 Pound Meadow, Sherfield-on-Loddon.

**Proposal:** Conversion of garage roofspace to living accommodation involving the construction of dormers in front elevation and rooflights in rear elevation.

**PC Decision:** No objection.

### **APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOROUGH**

**Application No: BDB/63085** Location: Land at Sherfield Park, Reading Road, Sherfield.

**Proposal:** Relief of condition 2 of planning permission BDB/56333 to extend the time limit for the submission of approval of reserved matters for the erection of a minimum of 30 dwellings per hectare, associated roads, drainage and public open space.

**Application No: BDB/63780** Location: 18 Northfield Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon.

**Proposal:** Conversion of existing garage to form study and store. Erection of an attached side/front garage.

**Application No: BDB/63166** Location: Taylor's Farm, Taylor's Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon.

**Proposal:** Reserved matters application for the landscaping of residential development pursuant to outline planning permission BDB/55134

**Application No: BDB/63166** Location: Goddards Farm, Goddards Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon.

**Proposal:** Erection of a detached triple garage

### **Notice of Intent**

**To report no objection by BDBC:** NoI TCA 2096, to fell and grind out roots 1 Rowan at Star-Ceda, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon.

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

**4762** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 July.

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

**4763** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 July, immediately after the Leisure Committee.

It was explained that due to an error at the time of calculating the parish precept, insufficient funds had been allocated for the pathway improvements between Northfield and Reading Roads. The Clerk apologised for the error and, in the first instance, the Finance and General Purposes Committee would consider whether to defer some projects and/or allocate funds from reserves for the year to overcome the problem.

#### **(d) Village Green Committee**

**4764** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 July. John Dodd tendered his apologies for that meeting.

#### **Update on removal of horse chestnut**

**4765** It was reported that Nick Scally of Broadleaf Tree Management had been injured and would not be able to carry out the work personally until the end of July or beginning of August. It was agreed that the tree should be removed as soon as possible and he would be asked to make alternative arrangements for the work to be carried out before the end of the month.

LM

Request for Parish Council permission to hold Family Fun Day on Village Green

**4766** The Chairman had received a request from Julie Williams of Sentinel Housing to hold a fun day on the Village Green on 24 August. The Village Hall had also been booked, in case of bad weather. It was agreed that this could take place but that the organisers should arrange for their own public liability insurance and they would need to give assurances that any litter and mess would be cleared up following the event. The Chairman agreed to reply to Mrs Williams.

BB

**(e) Allotments**

**4767** To discuss numbering of allotment plots: John Dodd expressed regret that the allotment inspection had not been deferred until he could be present. Due to other commitments, he had been unable to install the numbers and posts for the allotment plots. However, other Councillors and the Clerk volunteered to do this in the near future and number plates were passed to the Clerk.

LM

**4768** Waste collection area: John Dodd said he would prefer a smaller waste collection area than the one proposed and due for installation this year, thus saving parish funds. However, the Clerk reported that the Borough Allotments Officer is confident that the PC will receive a 100% grant for the work in the autumn.

**4769** To discuss ongoing pest control: It was reported that a price for checking and re-filling the bait boxes purchased by the Parish Council last month is still awaited from the Borough.

**(f) Play Area and BMX Track**

**4770** Sandy Johnston advised that quotations for surfacing below the cableway and new swing barriers would be considered at the next meeting of the Leisure Facilities Committee. The steel cabling supporting the nets of the new goalmouths had been pulled out, apparently as a result of the nets being used for climbing. Members felt that this was a design fault, although Playdale had indicated that they considered this to be vandalism and therefore would make a charge for any repairs. Sandy Johnston agreed to discuss the matter further with David Whiteside of Playdale.

SJ

There was nothing further to report on BMX track improvements.

**(g) Football and cricket grounds**

**4771** Further to the minutes of the last meeting, Loddon Sports had been compensated by the vehicle recovery company for the purchase of top soil and seed needed for the repair of the Green, a total of £139.

The cricket ground would be inspected at the end of the season to see whether ground repairs are needed this autumn.

**(h) Tennis courts**

**4772** As the lock had broken once again, a new padlock and chain had been purchased.

It was reported that a resident had swept the tennis courts, for which the Parish Council was grateful.

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

**4773** The next steering group meeting would be held on 26 July in the Liddell Hall. The plans for the new community building had been circulated to allow councillors to comment and make suggestions. These would be passed to the Community Manager at BDBC.

LM

**(j) Schools**

**4774** Bramley School would be holding its summer fete this weekend.

**(k) Village Hall**

**4775** To report licensing requirements for annual village fete

It was reported that a temporary event notice had been obtained in advance of this year's annual fete. However, it had been suggested that the Parish Council could register the green for a full

licence, which would also allow functions at other times of the year. It was understood that there would be an initial fee, plus an annual payment. It was not clear who could become the named licensee and WPC Jewell agreed to make enquiries.

MJ  
LM/SJ

The fete in 2007 (16 June) would raise money for the new pavilion, and the football club would be invited to become involved with organising the fete.

#### **4776 To discuss sign for Village Hall**

It was reported that the Highway Authority had agreed to provide and install brown and white indication road signs. Members felt that the best position for the signs would be on the post opposite the White Hart public house and on the pavement opposite the Village Hall. However, the Highway Authority would decide where to place the signs. The Village Hall would be applying for permission to erect signage on the building, which they would be paying for.

SJ/BB

#### **4777 Sound system**

Further to discussions at the last meeting, Brian Archer reported his disappointment that the Village Hall Management Committee had decided not to order remote/lapel microphones. Ivan Gosden reported that the Committee had been advised against purchasing these by the supplier.

### **6. TO RECEIVE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT**

**4778** There were no hazards reported this month.

### **7. TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM BDBC REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTENANCE OF GREENWAY**

**4779** The legal department at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council had written with details of the current and final plan of the Village Green. A section of Greenway, north of Jubilee Cottage, is included on the plan and the solicitor had confirmed that, as such, that section of the track is under the responsibility of the Parish Council.

It was suggested that any implications could be given consideration in the first instance by members of the Planning Committee (following the meeting it was decided to bring the matter forward to the Finance and General Purposes Committee). It was also suggested that Councillors living along Greenway might wish to make a declaration of interest during the discussions.

LM

#### **Whealers Court**

Copies of correspondence relating to the Pound Meadow development and the parcel of land behind Wheelers Court had been obtained from the Borough Council's records. It was agreed that this would appear as an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting. In the meantime, the Chairman agreed to discuss villagers' concerns about a perceived threat of development, with Marion Brinton, BDBC.

LM

BB

### **8. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CENTENARY PAVILION**

**4780** The Chairman reported that the project manager and M&E works consultant are looking at ways of reducing the cost of the pavilion, in consultation with the builder. It was hoped that the total cost would be reduced to £177,000. Sandy Johnston agreed to make contact again with the Football Foundation.

BB

SJ

### **9. TO RECEIVE REPORT ON BDAPTC MEETING HELD 27 JUNE**

**4781** Sandy Johnston reported on a presentation by the BDBC IT department on web-site services. Dual taxation was still under discussion. There had been no changes in committee membership at the AGM. The Chairman thanked Sandy Johnston for attending the meeting.

### **10. TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS TO VILLAGE SIGNAGE**

**4782** John Dodd had asked for the signage to be replaced, removing the reference to Dom Esch, with whom there had been no contact for many years. It was agreed that the Borough Council would be contacted to confirm that the signage relating to the twinning could be removed and also to ask whether funds are available for new signs.

LM

**11. TO DISCUSS RESTORATION OF GUNNING STATIONS, BRAMLEY ROAD**

**4783** The buildings, just outside the parish boundary, were becoming dilapidated and overgrown. The PC agreed that English Heritage should be contacted for a view on whether the buildings could be restored and given a plaque.

LM

**12. TO DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE/DOCUMENTS RECENTLY RECEIVED**

**4784**

- BDBC Publication of Statement of Principles, Gambling Act 2005
- BDBC notice of intention to adopt the Local Plan 1996-2011 without further modification
- BDBC draft plans, Taylor’s Farm Community Building (discussed under item 4773)
- Letter from SHUV, re; SE Plan. The Chairman would write a letter supporting the group’s aims although there is little that can be done.
- Hampshire Police Authority Publication of Local Policing Plan 2006/7

BB

There were no further comments made regarding these documents.

**13. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS**

**4785** To discuss review of traffic calming within the parish

The Chairman reported that he would meet with Cllr Chapman and representatives from the Borough and County Councils to review traffic calming in the village and to discuss possible improvements. The Chairman also agreed to discuss the missing “no left turn” sign which should be placed at the exit of the Golf Club with colleagues in the planning department.

BB

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**4786** Update on parish path poll/priority cutting list

Sandy Johnston would pass details to the Clerk. He intended to clear an overgrown path behind Wyevale Garden Centre.

SJ

**4787** To receive letter from resident regarding litter along pathway, millpond

The email from a resident had been circulated. He was concerned that customers of the Millhouse Bar are taking drinks and snacks to the millpond on a regular basis, leaving behind a great deal of mess. Some Councillors pointed out that the pub has signs telling customers that food and drink must be consumed within the premises. In addition, the Clerk had telephoned the manager who had said that he would try to block the unofficial route between the pub and the millpond/footpath.

LM

**4788** To receive letter from resident regarding Northfield/Reading Road pathway

A resident’s email had been circulated, in which he asked why a small section of the path had not been included in the recent pathway improvements, and suggested that the join between the old and new paths could become uneven and hazardous. The Chairman reported that the section of path in question had been considered satisfactory before works commenced and did not require resurfacing. In addition, finance was limited for this work. The join between the old and new paths did not currently present a hazard but would be monitored.

LM

**14. TO RECEIVE FINANCE REPORT AND REVIEW OF BUDGET**

**4789** The Clerk had tabled a bank reconciliation and payments for the month, together with a budget review for the first quarter. A budgeting error had been reported under item 4763.

2006/2007	HSBC A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Consols	Grand Total
Bal B/F from May	<b>5,408.38</b>	20,185.78	24.17	25,618.33
Income Jun*	9,145.85	45.63	0.00	9,191.48
Outgoing Jun *	10,532.21	9,000.00	0.00	19,532.21
<b>Balance C/F</b>	<b>4,022.02</b>	<b>11,231.41</b>	<b>24.17</b>	<b>15,277.60</b>

\* Includes transfers

Uncleared cheques = £1,191.02    HSBC Bank statement 30/6/06 = £5,213.04

**Approval of Payments**

£744.48	Clerk salary
£126.36	Litter Warden
£235.40	Inland Revenue
£34.97	S Johnston, padlocks and chain for courts/play area

Approval of payments proposed by Ivan Gosden, seconded by Brian Archer, unanimously agreed.

LM

**15. REPORT FROM BURIAL GROUND WORKING PARTY**

**4790** Ivan Gosden left the meeting. It was reported that the District Valuer had provided a figure, based on paddock land value, which she considered the best possible offer to present to the Gosden family for a 36 ft wide strip of agricultural land (10.97 m x 70 m). It was noted that the Gosden's land agent had invited a best offer from the Parish Council, and it had been necessary to seek a professional, impartial view so that there could be no suggestion of bias, given the fact that a family member is a Parish Councillor. The figure would be given consideration at the next meeting of the burial ground working party this month, before being recommended to the Parish Council.

LM

**16. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**4791**

- Wheelers Court
- Traffic calming

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**4792** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 August at 19.30 hours. Meeting closed, 21.30 hours.