

CONFIRMED MINUTES

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

Present

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

In attendance

Jayne Hawkins (Parish Clerk)
Ranil Jayawardena.
Rhydian Vaughan
Richard Gaiger

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5994 Apologies were received and accepted from Sally Hennessey, Loraine Smith and Mandy Jewell

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5995 None

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11th NOVEMBER

5996 Minutes were signed as a true reflection of Meeting.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

5997 The neighbourhood watch report was reviewed.

OPEN FORUM: The meeting was temporarily adjourned

5. TO INFORM ON PARISH COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION.

5998 The Chairman reported that Brian Archer had resigned on 21st November 2009. Notice of the vacancy has been posted on the notice boards and sent to Electoral Services at B&DBC. The notice allows 14 working days for 10 members of the public to request an election, 14 days will be up on 10th December. If there is no request for an election the Parish Council will co-opt a new councillor at the next Parish Council meeting in January. To-date two people have expressed an interest in the post.

6. TO DISCUSS BANK MANDATE

5999 The Chairman reported that due to a number of changes in Parish Councillors in the last year the bank mandate for cheque signatories needed to be updated. A new mandate form was completed by all Parish Councillors.

7. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BDAPTC MEETING – VISION FOR BASINGSTOKE.

6000 Councillor Sandy Johnston gave an overview of the last BDAPTC meeting where the vision up to 2026 was presented. It was reported that B&DBC will be moving to electronic planning and banking in the near future.

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8. TO AGREE 2010/2011 PRECEPT AND BOROUGH GRANT

6001 A revised budget was reviewed. Bruce Batting proposed that the precept should remain the same as 2009/2010. Borough Grant will also stay same as last year. This was seconded by Lucy Marshall and unanimously agreed by all. The Chairman and two councillors signed the precept and grant forms.

9. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CALMING SURVEY ON BRAMLEY ROAD AND OLD READING ROAD

6002 It was reported that a copy of the full traffic survey results had been received and circulated. The Clerk agreed to organise a working party for all Parish Councillors to discuss all traffic calming initiatives. Representatives of this working party would then meet with Peter Eade and Andrew Kettlewell from Hampshire County Council to progress traffic calming measures within the village.

Clerk

It was agreed that the Speed Limit Reminders would be continued with for 24 weeks in partnership with Bramley Parish Council.

10. TO DISCUSS MAIN DRAIN BEHIND LODDON SPORTS' PAVILION

6003 The Chairman reported that the main drain behind the football pavilion had blocked up again, this happens every 6 months or so and sewage backs up and pollutes the green behind the pavilion Thames Water have reported that the blockage was caused by unsuitable waste being put into the drains such as nappies, wipes sanitary towels etc. It was agreed that information leaflets would be ordered by the Clerk from Thames Water and distributed to houses feeding into the main drain. Councillor Sandy Johnston agreed to distribute the leaflets when they arrived.

Clerk

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11. TO DISCUSS PAINTING WOODEN SLIDE IN PLAYGROUND TO COVER GRAFITI

6004 The Chairman reported that the wooden areas of the slide in the playground had a lot of graffiti on it. The Clerk had looked into the cost of anti graffiti treatments. The wood would have to be under-coated, top-coated and then 2 coats of Thermoguard Vandalguard applied. Materials would cost £80.00. It was agreed to review this again in the spring when the weather would be better for applying the paint.

12. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BURIAL GROUND PLANNING AND PLOTTING

6005 The Chairman reported that the Clerk had met with Julie Dunk from the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management and that Julie Dunk recommended plotting approximately one third to one half of the new burial ground leaving some flexibility for inclusion of a garden of remembrance in the future. The Parish Council was asked to consider whether they would like an area for woodland burials at the rear of the burial ground. It was agreed that only half of the area should be plotted and that it should include an area for woodland burials. The traditional graves would be lawned to match the existing churchyard. It was agreed that the Clerk would progress the plotting and draft regulations with Julie Dunk.

Clerk

13. TO DISCUSS ADOPTION OF RED TELEPHONE KIOSK

6006 It was reported that BT had written to the Parish Council inviting them to adopt the traditional red 'K6' kiosk at Church End. BT had recorded zero calls in last 12 months. If the kiosk was adopted it would be disconnected. These boxes are likely to be disconnected and removed by BT if they are not adopted by the Parish. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council had issued a briefing note advising that any listed kiosks did not need to be adopted as they could not be removed by BT. The kiosk at Church End is not listed. The clerk was asked to contact Basingstoke and Deane about the possibility of the kiosk being statutorily listed and to investigate the full costs of adopting the kiosk.

Clerk

14. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DITCH CLEARING PROGRAMME FOR 2009/2010

6007 The Chairman reported that all the leaves had been cleared from the ditch along the Bramley Road and also leaves had been cleared off the grass verges to try and reduce the number of overwintering leaf miner. The next phase of the ditch clearance programme had also started. The Clerk was asked to speak to Peter Eade about clearing the culvert under Plantation Road.

Clerk

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15. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PARISH FLOOD PLAN

6008 The Chairman reported that the Clerk and Councillor Lucy Marshall would be meeting with Julie James from Emergency Planning at Hampshire County Council on 16th December to review the existing Flood Plan. It was confirmed that at a previous Parish Council Meeting it had been decided not to keep a central store of Sand Bags in the Parish as they rotted very quickly.

16. TO DISCUS PUBLICITY OF PARISH COUNCIL WORK

6009 A discussion took place about sending out a one off mail shot to all residents to include a general update, an update on the flood plan, to ask if residents would be interested in a Parish Plan and to gather views on play equipment. It was generally agreed that this would be a good idea. Clerk was asked to contact the Loddon Link to check how much information the Parish Council could get into the Loddon Link and to ask if the Loddon Link would be able to assist with printing and distribution of a Parish Council newsletter.

Clerk

17. TO DISCUSS POLICY REVIEWS AND QUESTIONNAIRES

6010 The following policy reviews and questionnaires requiring a response were handed out to Councillors to review or complete. They would then be returned to the clerk for sending in, copying and filing.

Hampshire minerals and waste core strategy – comments by 29th January 2010

BB

18. TO RECIEVE THE MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

6011 The report for November was accepted. The clerk reported that a fridge and a cupboard that had been fly tipped in the village had already been removed.

19. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AND ANY QUOTATIONS

6012 Acceptance of the following report was proposed by Lucy Marshall and seconded by Bruce Jones, all present were in favour.

Sherfield on Loddon Parish Bank Accounts Summary as at 30th November 2009

Financial Year ending 31/3/2010	Petty Cash	HSBC Current A/C	HSBC Deposit account	Grand Total
Closing balance per Oct. Statement		£ 8,822.94	£ 60,013.42	£ 68,836.36
Income - Credits received at bank in Nov		£ 5,427.55	£ 3.57	£ 5,431.12
Expenditure - Cheques presented in Nov		£ 7,983.53	£ -	£ 7,983.53
Petty Cash at hand	£ 50.00			£ 50.00
Closing balance per Nov. Statement (cash at bank and in hand)	£ 50.00	£ 6,266.96	£ 60,016.99	£ 66,333.95
Approval for payments due in December				
Employment Costs: (Clerk Salary, Litter Warden Salary, HMRC				£ 1,105.63
Allotment Rental return - plot 36				£ 15.00
M.G. Phillips - Centre ditch				£ 2,645.00
Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley - Ditch clearance, leaves pick up, bench on green				£ 580.00
SLR Rental B&DBC				£ 825.00
J. Hawkins Expenses (Photocopies, ink cartridges, keys, Float & ball valve, stamps)				£ 82.18
Total Payments for December				£ 5,252.81
Transfer £5000 for PWLB DD and January payments				

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19. TO RECEIVE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) 6013 Planning

Application No: BDB/71531

Location: Copperfields, 9 Pound Meadow, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, RG27 0EP

Proposal: Erection of first floor rear extension

PC Decision: No Objection

Application No: BDB/71539

Location: Scats, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, RG27 0HB

Proposal: Resurfacing of car park, erection of new 2.4m high palisade fencing and planting new hedgerow to front of site. Erection of shiplap timber and mesh and barbed wire replacement fencing

PC Decision: No Objection

Application No: BDB/71627

Location: Sherfield-on-Loddon Garden Centre, Wildmoor Lane Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0EP

Proposal: Display 1 non-illuminated double sided pole mounted sign

Decision: No objection to this retrospective application

APPROVALS BY B&D BC BY REPORT

No approvals by report

(b) Allotments

6014 Councillor Bruce Batting reported that the allotments had been inspected on the 21st November 2009. Most plots were being well maintained but letters were being sent to 3 tenants requesting that they tidy up their plots and notice will be given to 1 tenant who has had numerous requests to tidy their plot with no response. Dave Millar had been asked to start work on the Compost bins and the new water troughs as soon as he can.

(d) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

6016 The Chairman reported that the Big Lottery Fund grant pack had been circulated and the Clerk was asked to complete the checklist for an application form and send off to Big Lottery. The Clerk was asked to organise a meeting in January with Sherfield Football Club and Loddon Sports to discuss fundraising and sponsorship for a new football pavilion and to give an update on possible grants.

Clerk

(e) Tennis courts

6017 Nothing to report

(f) Schools

6018 Councillor Lucy Marshall reported that Bramley School had received their OFSTED report.

Clerk

(g) Sherfield Park Community Association

6019 Councillor David Leivesley reported that a meeting had taken place with Maria Millar to progress a number of issues such as the lack of a post box at Taylors Farm. The association had also been talking to Margaret McGrath about the availability of S106 money and how it could best be used.

(h) Village Hall

6020 It was reported that a new minute taker was needed for the Village Hall Trustees and the Village Hall Management meetings. Councillor Bruce Batting reported that there was damp in the bedrooms of no 2 cottage.

20. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

6021 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13th January 2010.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.