

CONFIRMED MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2010.

Present

Alan Ball
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)
Keith Chapman

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

6047 Apologies were received and accepted from Rhydian Vaughan and Ranil Jayawardena.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6048 None.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13th JANUARY

6049 Item 6031 was amended to read Bruce Batting not Bruce Jones as a member of the Burial Ground Committee. Minutes were then signed as a true reflection of Meeting.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

6050 The neighbourhood watch report was reviewed.

OPEN FORUM: The meeting was temporarily adjourned

5. TO WELCOME NEW COUNCILLOR MR. ALAN BALL AND TO AGREE WHICH COMMITTEES HE WILL JOIN.

6051 Councillor Alan Ball was welcomed and signed the declaration of acceptance of office. Bruce Jones proposed that Councillor Alan Ball joins the Burial Ground Committee and the Finance Committee this was seconded by Lorraine Smith and agreed by all.

6. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PRIORITY GRITTING AND OBTAINING MATERIALS TO ASSIST WITH GRITTING.

6052 Councillor Keith Chapman gave an overview of the issues faced by the County Council during the recent snow falls. He reported that he has been tasked with conducting an in-depth review of the council's winter resilience policy and will make recommendations to cabinet by the end of July. Keith was keen to receive suggestions for improvements from Parish Councils. The County Council have already resolved to hold 18 days of salt supply in future (minimum required is 7 days). Councillor Chapman reported that the Parish Council could apply for some grit bins to be located in the village which the county council would fill. Clerk to investigate.

Clerk

Councillor Keith Chapman reported that the County Council does employ a number of local farmers to assist with winter snow clearance. The Clerk was asked to make a formal request from the Parish Council to Keith Chapman requesting that local provision was made for Sherfield-on-Loddon so that village roads could be cleared in future snow falls.

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7. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CALMING MEETING WITH THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILS

6053 Cllr. Bruce Batting reported that a meeting had taken place on 27th January 2010 between Parish Councillors and Barry Ford from BDBC and Andrew Kettlewell and Alfred Northey from HCC to discuss a range of traffic calming measures that the Parish Council would like investigated for Sherfield-on-Loddon. Measures discussed included a pedestrian refuge on the Bramley Road, narrowing of Old Reading Road, 20mph zone in the centre of the village, measures to stop traffic queuing on the A33 at the entrance to Sherfield School, measures to help residents exit safely from Bow Grove onto Bramley Road. The items discussed were all taken away for review and a further meeting will be called when further information is available.

8. TO DISCUSS VILLAGE FETE FINANCES

6054 The Chairman reported that the existing village fete bank account would continue to be used for village Fete finances. Ken Clark proposed that a float of £500 was given to the Village Fete Committee for the purchase of stamps, envelopes etc, and this money would be returned to the Parish Council after the Fete had taken place. This was seconded by Bruce Jones and unanimously agreed by all.

9. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON FEEDBACK FROM NEWSLETTER AND TO AGREE INPUT FOR MARCH LODDON LINK.

6055 The Chairman reported that the clerk had received quite a few replies from residents on issues or requests for information in the recent newsletter. 8 flooding questionnaires had been returned. A number of residents living in and near Goddards Lane reported that the road outside Orchard Lea regularly flooded. Bruce Batting reported that Hampshire County Council had been notified and had been out to look at the drains and would initially jet the gullies to try and solve the problem. Another resident reported that when it rained water ran down from the Play ground through resident's gardens and into drains in Poplar Close. The Clerk reported that the Bulpitt Brothers had quoted £500 for putting in a new drainage pipe from the end of Greenways down to the pond. It was hoped that this would solve the problem with water flooding down to Poplar Close. It was agreed to review this once the new pipe was installed.

A draft update for the Loddon Link was reviewed. Lucy Marshall requested it was amended to include a reference to the SOLVE (Save our Loddon Valley Environment) website and the petition against 10,000 new houses. The Clerk agreed to include this in the update and send to the Link team for inclusion in the March issue of the Loddon Link.

Clerk

10. TO DISCUSS MANGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR HORSE CHESTNUTS.

6056 The Chairman reported that a response from the Forestry Commission had been circulated, they recommended minimal pruning, picking up fallen leaves and removing ivy from the trees. They did not recommend phosphite treatments or insecticide treatment. Pruning of the Horse Chestnuts needed to be progressed as soon as possible before the sap started to rise in the spring. Four quotes for pruning were reviewed Bruce Batting proposed that the quote from Townsend for £875.00 was accepted this was seconded by Lucy Marshall and unanimously agreed by all.

The Chairman reported that no responses had been received regarding recommendation for replacement planting. The Clerk agreed to contact Wisley and Kew to ask for advice.

Clerk

11. TO AGREE DATE FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

6057 The Chairman reported that the Village Hall had been booked for Friday 21st May. The Clerk agreed to advertise this in the March and April issues of the Loddon Link.

Clerk

12. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PARISH COUNCILLORS VISIT TO RAF ODIHAM

6058 The Chairman reported that he had been on a visit to RAF Odiham together with the Vice Chairman to hear about the increase in the number of Chinook Helicopters that will be based at RAF Odiham. He reported that by 2014 there will be 80 Chinooks most of which will be based at Odiham although some would be based at Benson. In the short-term the training flights will be kept reasonably local due to the smaller size of the fleet but once more helicopters are in operation the daily training flights will cover a very wide area with helicopters flying to Wales and Scotland daily. The Chairman also reported that only 1/3 of training flights were live the rest were all in simulators.

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13. TO DISCUSS PARISH COUNCIL POST BOX AT VILLAGE HALL.

6059 The clerk suggested that it may be useful to residents to have a Parish Council post box on the wall of the village hall that could be used as a cheap and easy way for residents to get information to the Parish Council or to raise issues for consideration at Parish Council meetings. A lockable post box could be purchased for less than £40.00. Bruce Batting proposed that a mail box was purchased and this was seconded by Lucy Marshall and agreed by all. Clerk to organise purchase and fixing to village hall.

Clerk

14. TO AGREE CLERKS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

6060 The Chairman reported that the clerk had completed her 6 months probationary period and that it was suggested that the clerks hours were increased to 25 hours a week to cover the increased workload created from the management of the burial ground and the large number of grant applications that were being processed. This was proposed by Bruce Batting and seconded by Ken Clark and unanimously agreed by all

15. TO DISCUSS THE HEDGE ALONGSIDE FOOTPATH FROM NORTHFIELD ROAD TO OLD READING ROAD

6061 Following complaints from residents about a hedge running alongside the footpath that runs from Northfield Road to Old Reading Road the Clerk was asked to write to the owner of the hedge and ask for it to be cut back and debris cleared from the footpath.

Clerk

16. TO RECIEVE THE MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

6062 The report for January was accepted. No actions required this month

17. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AND ANY QUOTATIONS

6063 Acceptance of the following report was proposed by Bruce Batting and seconded by Bruce Jones, all present were in favour.

Sherfield on Loddon Parish Bank Accounts Summary as at 31st January 2010				
Financial Year ending 31/3/2010	Petty Cash	HSBC Current A/C	HSBC Deposit account	Grand Total
Closing balance per Dec. Statement		£ 5,993.15	£ 55,019.96	£ 61,013.11
Income - Credits received at bank in Jan		£ 1,273.48	£ 3.11	£ 1,276.59
Expenditure - Cheques presented in Jan		£ 2,824.80	£ -	£ 2,824.80
Petty Cash at hand	£ 50.00			£ 50.00
Closing balance per Jan. Statement (cash at bank and in hand)	£ 50.00	£ 4,441.83	£ 55,023.07	£ 59,514.90
Approval for payments due in February				
Employment Costs: Clerks Salary	February			£ 660.56
Litter Warden Salary	February			£ 138.00
PAYE/NI	February			£ 307.07
Village hall Meeting rooms				£ 54.00
Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management(inc) Advice and draft Regs				£ 528.75
Mr Neil - return of allotment deposit and rental to end of year				£ 20.00
Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley - bridge and ditches, path behind pavilion				£ 550.00
Peter Elliot - Removal of Willow from Pond and removal of overhanging branches				£ 180.00
J. Hawkins Expenses (Ink Cartridges, Basket ball nets, envelopes, stamps, winzip)				£ 111.69
Total Payments for February				£ 2,550.07

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A document was tabled showing both written and verbal quotations for review:

Three quotes were reviewed for pollarding and removal of willow trees between tennis courts and Dodds Garage. It was proposed by Cllr Lucy Marshall that the quote by Peter Elliot was accepted this was seconded by Lorraine Smith and agreed by all.

Three quotes were reviewed for pruning the Horse Chestnuts along the Bramley Road. It was proposed by Bruce Batting that the quote from Townsend Tree surgeons was accepted this was seconded by Bruce Jones and agreed by all.

It was proposed by Bruce Batting that a quote from the Bulpitt Brothers to lay a 6 inch pipe from a land drain to the pond was accepted. This was seconded by Bruce Jones and agreed by all.

A quote to clear allotment plot 36 was accepted this was proposed by Ken Clark and seconded by Bruce Jones

Annual quotes for grass cutting in the playground were reviewed by the Parish Council. It was proposed by Bruce Jones that a quote from Mike Barnes was accepted this was seconded by Ken Clark and agreed by all.

18. TO RECEIVE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) **6064 Planning Committee** The minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2010 had been circulated. The following decisions were reported:

Application No: BDB/71719 & BDB/71720

Location: Sherfield School, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, RG27 0HT

Proposal: Erection of a two storey rear extension to the existing Old Lydney school building to provide additional dining accommodation, first floor class room and storage. Alterations to existing windows, doors, roof and render

Decision: No Objection

Application No: BDB/71759

Location: Mafre & Keogh, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, RG27 0JB

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extensions to both dwellings and erection of 1 no. double oak framed car port to Mafre

Decision: Objection. The Parish Council object to the planning application BDB/71759 based on the following points:

- The development of Keogh is an over-development of the site
- The roof on the car port is unnecessarily high, overshadowing the neighbouring property

APPROVALS BY B&D BC BY REPORT

Application No: BDB/71739

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, mesh and barbed wire replacement fencing

Decision: Granted

Conditions Imposed: Y

(b) Allotments

6065 - nothing for report

(c) Play area and BMX track

6066 It was reported that the Expression of interest form for the Trim Trail had been accepted, the clerk will progress the full application. Evidence supporting the need for the trim trail would have to be gathered. Councillor Sandy Johnston reported that tyre end stops had been fitted on the aerial zip wire.

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(d) Village Green

6067 A village green meeting took place on the 2nd February. A number of fallen trees were reported that needed clearing especially around Jubilee pond. Bruce Batting reported that he had dealt with the broken branches.

A discussion took place about the entrance to Dove Cottage from Goddards Lane where a lorry got stuck in the Green where it came off the driveway before Christmas. Lorries often go down the driveway when they are looking for Greenway. Cllr Sandy Johnston was meeting Dave Millar to discuss fixing the damage to the Green and putting in a post to prevent large vehicles accessing the driveway.

A resident had also raised an issue about builders driving across the Green when access along Greenway was blocked, the Green was becoming very muddy and difficult to walk on. Bruce Batting agreed to speak to the resident whose house they were working on to ask that the builders stick to driving along Greenway and stop using the emergency access across the Green.

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(e) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

6068 The Chairman reported that a Football Pavilion meeting had taken place on 19th January 2010. It had been decided to progress grant applications with the Big Lottery and Sport England. The Clerk would produce draft applications and circulate before the next meeting on the 23rd February.

(f) Tennis courts

6069 Nothing to report

(g) Schools

6070 Nothing to report

(h) Sherfield Park Community Association

6071 Cllr. David formal reported that a formal sod cutting ceremony would be taking place at the site of the new community centre on 22nd February 2010. The SPCA had got their website up and running with links to face book. The SPCA AGM would be taking place on the 17th April 2010 at Sherfield School.

(h) Village Hall

6072 Bruce Jones reported that the Expression of Interest form for a grant application for Solar Panels had been approved and that now he would be completing the full application forms. Cllr Bruce Jones warned that this would only provide 50% of the funding needed. The Chairman reported that the Friends of the Village Hall had agreed to run another Dinner Dance in December and that the Barn Dance had made a healthy profit.

(i) Village Fete

6073 Bruce Batting reported that a Village Fete meeting had taken place on the 9th February 2010 and that arrangements were progressing well.

19. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

6074 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10th March 2010.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.