

CONFIRMED MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 13th JANUARY 2010.

Present

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

In attendance

Jayne Hawkins (Parish Clerk)
Rhydian Vaughan

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

6022 Apologies were received and accepted from David Leivesley

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6023 None

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9th DECEMBER

6024 Minutes were signed as a true reflection of Meeting.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

6025 The neighbourhood watch report was reviewed.

OPEN FORUM: The meeting was temporarily adjourned

5. TO CO-OPT A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR.

6026 The Chairman reported that although there had been two enquiries about the Parish Councillor vacancy only one person, Mr Alan Ball wished to be considered for the post. Bruce Batting proposed that Alan Ball was co-opted on to the Parish Council and this was seconded by Bruce Jones and unanimously accepted by all.

6. TO DISCUSS THE NEED FOR GRIT BINS IN THE VILLAGE

6027 A discussion took place regarding the need for grit bins following the recent icy conditions. A number of issues with grit bins were raised such as the contents freezing and making it very difficult to get the grit out of the bins also bins and grit are often stolen. It was agreed to review this again in a few months time.

7. TO UPDATE ON THE BANK MANDATE

6028 Bruce Batting agreed to take the new mandate form to the bank and the Chairman requested that all Parish Councillors take in identification to the bank within the next two weeks.

8. TO REVIEW PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.

6029 The draft Parish Council newsletter had previously been circulated for comment. The Clerk requested that any final amendments be reported by 17th January. Bruce Batting proposed that the quote of £216 for printing 1200 copies of the newsletter was accepted. This was seconded by Lucy Marshall and agreed by all.

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9. TO DISCUSS MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR HORSE CHESTNUTS.

6030 The chairman reported that in contrast with previous advice the Forestry Commission had advised that treatment with Phosphite was not appropriate for trees suffering from Bleeding Canker. It was agreed to wait for further information from the Forestry Commission and then to consult with Frank Wright at the Borough Council to try and develop an action plan to help preserve the Horse Chestnuts Avenue. Clerk to circulate information from Forestry commission when available.

Clerk

10. TO REVIEW BURIAL GROUND PLOTTING AND DRAFT REGULATIONS.

6031 The Chairman reported that a set of draft regulations and a draft plotting plan had been circulated for comment. It was agreed that a sub-committee should be formed to manage the burial ground and to finalise the regulations and layout. It was agreed that the Burial Ground Committee would meet every other month on alternate months to the Leisure and Finance and General Purposes Committees. The following Councillors volunteered for the committee: Bruce Jones, Ken Clark and Sally Hennessey, the chairman and vice-chairman, Ivan Gosden and Sandy Johnston ex-officio will be voting members of the committee and Alan Ball will be asked if he would like to join the committee when he takes up office. The clerk agreed to organise a meeting of the burial ground committee in February.

Clerk

11. TO DISCUSS FLOODING ON BRAMLEY ROAD

6032 The Chairman reported that the clerk had been liaising with Peter Eade about the blocked culvert running along side of the Bramley Road. Any information from Hampshire County Council (HCC) had been circulated to residents and Parish Councillors where contacts were available. The culvert is blocked by Horse Chestnut tree roots that will need to be removed and the broken section of the drain will be replaced when the work can be scheduled by HCC. There was a discussion about returning the culvert to an open ditch, Bruce Batting and the Clerk agreed to contact Peter Eade to enquire whether this would be an option worth considering.

BB

Clerk

12. TO DISCUSS ADOPTION OF RED TELEPHONE KIOSK – CHURCH END

6033 The Chairman reported that the Clerk had applied to English Heritage to list the telephone box but that the Borough Council had advised that this was unlikely to be successful. However whilst the Box is being considered for adoption BT will not remove it. Maintenance costs of adopting the telephone box were reported. If the box is kept connected to the electricity supply it would cost approx £50.00 per year and the box would need an electrical test and certificate. Changing light bulbs is a difficult task. The cost of disconnecting the electricity supply could be as much as £500.00. The value to the telephone box is likely to be between £500-£2000 and would cost approx £16.00 per £1000 value to insure per year. Other maintenance costs such as cleaning, repairs and painting would also have to be considered. It was reported that BT would keep the box operational for a fee of £300 per year. It was agreed to take no further action until the results of the listing application were known.

13. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON DITCH CLEARING PROGRAMME FOR 2009/2010

6034 The Chairman reported that the last phase of the ditch clearance programme was completed before Christmas. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the Bulpitt Brothers to identify the last group of ditches in the clearance programme.

Clerk

14. TO DISCUSS PRIORITY OF GRITTING FOR SCHOOL BUS ROUTES

6035 Lucy Marshall reported that on the last day of the school term when the snow had fallen before Christmas Bramley School was open but the route that the school bus follows had not been gritted. It was dangerous and slow for the bus to get children to the school. School bus routes did not appear on the priority gritting list issued by Hampshire County Council.

The Chairman Ivan Gosden reported that he had the equipment to clear snow from Roads but that he needed to be supplied with grit and salt in order to do this safely.

The Clerk was asked to raise both these issues with Councillor Keith Chapman and to invite him to the next Parish Council meeting.

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A letter from a resident regarding the cutting of some buses on the Stagecoach route 44 was also discussed. The Clerk had asked Borough Councillors Keith Chapman and Martin Bierman to raise this as an issue at the next Basingstoke and Deane Passenger Transport Forum on the 19th March

15. TO RECIEVE THE MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

6036 The report for December was accepted. The clerk was asked to action the clearing of the large willow branch in the pond.

16. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AND ANY QUOTATIONS

6037 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 December 2009				
Financial Year ending 31/3/2010	Petty Cash	HSBC Current A/C	HSBC Deposit account	Grand Total
Closing balance per Nov. Statement		£ 6,266.96	£ 60,016.99	£ 66,283.95
Income - Credits received at bank in Dec		£ 5,000.00	£ 2.97	£ 5,002.97
Expenditure - Cheques presented in Dec		£ 5,273.81	£ 5,000.00	£ 10,273.81
Petty Cash at hand	£ 50.00			£ 50.00
Closing balance per Dec. Statement (cash at bank and in hand)	£ 50.00	£ 5,993.15	£ 55,019.96	£ 61,063.11
Approval for payments due in January				
Employment Costs: Clerks Salary	January			£ 660.56
Litter Warden Salary	January			£ 137.80
PAYE/NI	January			£ 307.27
Elliots Landscaping - Reduction of Oak Tree outside Fintragh				£ 160.00
Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley - Ditch clearance				£ 600.00
Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley - Bus Shelter				£ 50.00
PWLB DD January				£ 964.99
J. Hawkins Expenses				£ 66.98
Total Payments for January				£ 2,947.60

19. TO RECEIVE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) **6038 Planning**

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

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(b) Allotments

6039 Councillor Bruce Batting reported that all plots were let there were 2 people in Parish on the waiting list and 8 people out of Parish on the waiting list. Apologies have been made to a plot holder following a letter to tidy his plot, neither the Chairman or the Clerk was aware that the plot had been in a very poor state when it was taken on and good progress has been made. Due to the poor weather a start date is still not available for work on the new Compost bins and the new water troughs, new combination locks will be fitted to the gates at the allotments at the end of the month.

(c) Play area and BMX track

6040 Nothing to report

(d) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

6041The Chairman reported that a Football Pavilion meeting had been organised for the 19th January to discuss grant applications for funding from the Big Lottery Fund and the Football Foundation..

(e) Tennis courts

6042 Nothing to report

(f) Schools

6043 Nothing to report

(g) Sherfield Park Community Association

6044 Councillor Bruce Batting reported that the next meeting of the SPCA is on the 27th January.

(h) Village Hall

6045 Village Hall Trustees meeting to follow Parish Council meeting. The date of the Village Fete will be June 12th 2010.

20. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

6046 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10th February 2010.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.