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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 14th JULY 2010.

Present

Alan Ball
Bruce Batting
Ivan Gosden (Chairman)
Sally Hennessey
Sandy Johnston
Bruce Jones
David Leivesley
Loraine Smith

In attendance

Jayne Hawkins (Parish Clerk)
Mandy Jewell
Sergeant Chris Swallow
Approx: 13 members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

6198 Apologies were received and accepted from Lucy Marshall, Ken Clark, Rhydian Vaughan and Ranil Jayawardena

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6199 There were no declarations of interest

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

6200 The Minutes were signed as a true reflection of meeting; this was proposed by David Leivesley and seconded by Bruce Batting, agreed by all.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

6201 The neighbourhood watch report was reviewed.

OPEN FORUM: The meeting was temporarily adjourned.

Various members of the public spoke about the recent travellers that set up camp on the Village Green. The following points were raised:

- One member said he was impressed with the speed in which the Borough Council started the clean-up following the eviction of the travellers.
- There was a request for the track across the Green to be reinstated with a ditch either side
- Some residents living close to the traveller's camp felt the Parish Council should have visited them at home to let them know what was happening.
- A resident felt that the new ditch was an eyesore and that posts between the trees would be a better option for blocking access in this area.
- Sergeant Swallow spoke to residents about their concerns that the Police didn't take action against the travellers for fly tipping, waste disposal or lighting fires etc. He also explained the decision making process involved in using Section 61 and read out a letter from Inspector Geoff Scrutton that had been sent to the Clerk.
- A Resident asked that the Parish Council look at ways to secure the following areas: Cricket pitch side of the Green, the corner opposite the shop, where the Cricket club park their cars also the Green opposite the White Hart by Premier Court.

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A resident asked the Parish Council if they could approach Berkley Homes about maintaining a land locked piece of land that backs on to their properties and on to Wheelers Court. It used to be maintained by a local family but has now been abandoned. The Clerk agreed to write to Berkley Homes

Clerk

A resident expressed her concerns about the growing traffic problem on the A33 and asked what action the residents could take to support the Parish Council in trying to bring about a reduction in the enforced speed limit on the A33. Bruce Batting suggested that residents could write to Councillor Keith Chapman.

5. TO DISCUSS THE TRAVELLERS

6202 A discussion took place about the recent visit by travellers to the Village Green

Did the Parish Council act correctly - The Parish Council took advice from the Police and Legal teams at B&DBC to ensure that the correct procedures were followed that would lead to the successful eviction of the Travellers as quickly as possible.

What defences should be put in place to protect the Green in future? It was reported by the Chairman that a ditch had been dug along Goddards Lane as an emergency measure to secure this area of the Green. Options for other measures had been investigated and each vulnerable area would have to be addressed.

It was resolved to initially look at the following vulnerable areas:

- Green side of Plantation Road. It was agreed to dig the existing ditch deeper and to put a dragon tooth and rail fence along all other edges of Plantation Road that edged the Green.
- It was agreed to dig a new ditch either side of the gravel track leading up to Summerfield and Hafod
- It was agreed to put a dragon tooth and rail fence around the corner by Weston House
- It was agreed to mend the existing wooden barrier and to put in a new barrier preferably between trees to give access to the Cricket pitch for use by maintenance vehicles.

Due to limited funds it was agreed to look at other less urgent areas at a later date:

- Review whether the new Ditch along Goddards Lane should be replaced by posts between the trees
- Area at the top of Greenway, it was considered that the width of Greenway would restrict access to Caravans
- Area off Goddards Lane where the Cricket club park their cars
- Corner opposite the shop
- Reinstatement of emergency track across Green

How can the Parish Council insure that they get early notification of traveller movements and is there any effective action they can take if they did get a warning?

It was reported that early warnings are usually issued by PC Coleshill who was on leave when the travellers arrived at Sherfield-on-Loddon. It was agreed that there was little action that could be taken even if the Parish Council know that the travellers are on the move. Notification will continue to be forwarded when received by the Clerk.

6. TO DISCUSS PARISH COUNCILS ONGONG INVOLVEMENT IN THE VILLAGE FETE

6203 The Chairman reported that some issues had come to light with regard to the Parish Council running the Village Fete. The Fete Committee must operate as a full committee of the Parish Council this involves making meetings open to the public, posting agenda on notice boards 3 clear days before each meeting, signing confirmed copies of the minutes. A Parish Council has restrictions on the way in which it can raise funds and to whom it can give donations. Money can be donated under S137 however this expenditure has limits based on the number of residents and generally must be in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to their area or any part of it or all

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or some of its inhabitants. The Chairman asked the Clerk to investigate the issues raised further and then a final decision will be made at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

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It was resolved that the funds raised from this year's Village Fete should be distributed as follows:

Direct donation to Help for Heroes from Haslimann Taylor Ltd - £600
£4,100 to Help for Heroes under Local government act 1972 S137(3)
£2,400 to Sherfield-on-Loddon Village Hall under Local government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976 S19(3)
£1200 to Lunch Club under Local government act 1972 S137(1)
£200 to Evergreens under Local government act 1972 S137(1)
£200 to James Christmas Fund under Local government act 1972 S137(3)
£548 (half the programme receipts) to the Loddon Valley Link under Local government act 1972 S137(1)
£400 St Leonard's Church under Local Government Act 1972 S137(1)
£100 to Surrey School boy display under Local government act 1972 S137(1)
£75.00 to Bramley Scout Group under Local government act 1972 S137(1)
Balance to Sherfield- on-Loddon Village Hall once creditors and debtors have been cleared under Local government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976 s19(3)

7. TO UPDATE ON TRIM TRAIL

6204 The Chairman reported that a meeting with Amanda Bassett was cancelled due to the presence of the travellers. The clerk will now be meeting Amanda Bassett on 19th July to look at a new site around the football pitches. The Clerk agreed to provide feedback at the Leisure facilities meeting on 21st July.

Clerk

8. TO UPDATE COUNCILLORS ON 1% INCREASE IN LITTER WARDEN GRANT 2010/2011

6205 The Chairman reported that the Litter Warden grant had been increased and backdated for last year. The back pay will be paid in this month's salary; the safety report element has also been updated. The Increase was from £6.15 - £6.21 per Hour.

9. TO DISCUSS BURIAL GROUND LAYOUT AND TO DECIDE WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH SEEDING OF MEMORIAL GARDEN

6206 It was decided to defer the decision on the final layout of the burial ground to an extraordinary meeting of the burial ground committee to be held on the 21st July 2010.

10. TO APPROVE LODDON LINK UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE

6207 The Clerk requested that any contributions for the September issue of the Loddon Link be forwarded to the Clerk for inclusion before the 11th August.

All
Councillors

11. TO RECEIVE REQUEST FROM VICTIM SUPPORT FOR DONATION

6208 The Parish Council decided that they were unable to make a donation at this point but would consider the charity when preparing next year's budget.

12. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CALMING MEETING HELD ON 10TH JUNE

6209 Bruce Batting reported that a meeting took place with Hampshire County Council (HCC) Roads on 10th June. HCC agreed to redesign the proposed pedestrian refuge at the bottom of the Bramley Road. Councillor Keith Chapman was not keen on a proposal to narrow the Old Reading Road from the Shop to the chicanes but agreed to set up a trial. HCC will look at physical speed restraints that would allow a 20mph speed limit to be set outside the Village Hall and the Shop. HCC said they would look into whether they could provide wig wags outside of Sherfield School on A33. Accident data showed 4 personal injury accidents. The Parish Council asked HCC to consider implementing a 40mph speed limit on the section of the A33 between the Sherfield Park roundabout and the Breach Lane roundabout. HCC agreed to look into this proposal. The next meeting with HCC is scheduled for the 9th September 2010.

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13. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

6210 The report for June was accepted. The Clerk agreed to get a quote for a crown lift of trees along Goddards lane

Clerk

14. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AND ANY QUOTATIONS

6211 Acceptance of the following report was proposed by Loraine Smith and seconded by David Leivesley , all present were in favour.

Sherfield on Loddon Parish Bank Accounts Summary as at 30th June 2010				
Financial Year ending 31/3/2011	Petty Cash	HSBC Current A/C	HSBC Deposit account	Grand Total
Closing balance per May. Statement		£ 25,842.95	£ 44,033.60	£ 69,876.55
Income - Credits received at bank in June		£ 1,323.60	£ 2.62	£ 1,326.22
Expenditure - Cheques presented in June		£ 17,514.67	£ -	£ 17,514.67
Petty Cash at hand	£ 50.00			£ 50.00
Closing balance per June Statement (cash at bank and in hand)	£ 50.00	£ 9,651.88	£ 44,036.22	£ 53,738.10
Approval for payments due in July/Aug				
			cheque no.	
Employment Costs: Clerks Salary	July		101244	£ 954.10
Litter Warden Salary	July		101245	£ 159.57
PAYE/NI	July		101246	£ 322.28
Clerks Salary	August		101257	£ 954.10
Litter Warden Salary	August		101258	£ 139.29
PAYE/NI	August		101259	£ 317.28
J. Hawkins expenses (Ink cartridges, Water map £23.12)			101247	£ 104.32
Cooks Insulations Ltd - removal of pipe			101248	£ 146.87
John Eckton - Allotment Competition judging			101249	£ 30.00
Hampshire Association of Local Councils - Governance and Accountability 2010			101250	£ 7.50
Hampshire Association of Local Councils - Internal Audit Fee			101251	£ 352.50
Dave Miller - Water pipes and Compost bins at Allotments			101252	£ 5,040.75
B&DBC Speed Limit Reminders			101253	£ 1,140.00
Dave Miller - Ditch along Goddards Lane			101254	£ 399.50
Parochial Church Council of Sherfield			101255	£ 800.00
Bulpitts of Bramley - Nettles, chippings pond, uneven path, grass cutting			101256	£ 210.00
A.W. Burt & Co Ltd - Gas Appliance Inspection Village Hall			101260	£ 470.00
A.W. Burt & Co Ltd - Final Invoice Heating installation no. 2 cottage			101262	£ 2,767.00
PWLB public works Loan - burial ground			DD	£ 964.99
Total				£ 15,280.05

15. TO RECEIVE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Planning Committee

6212 The following planning applications have been considered:

Application No: BDB/72253

Location: Goddards Hall, Goddards Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, RG27 0EF

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Proposal: Installation of 2 no. solar thermal panels and 6 no. solar PV panels on the side of a pitched roof

Decision: No Objections

The Chairman reported that the proposed St Leonards church extension was at the pre-application stage. Only stage 1 is being progressed and plans had been viewed at the planning meeting. The Parish Council considered the extension to be in keeping with the original building.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would support SOLVE in their challenge against the number of new houses proposed in the SHLAA following the abolishment of the SE Plan. Clerk agreed to reply to email from SOLVE to register support.

Clerk

(b) Burial Ground Committee

6213 It was decided that paper records would probably be most suitable for the burial ground due to the small number of burials expected. The Burial ground regulations would continue to be updated as further decisions were made about the management of the Burial ground. A meeting to discuss the layout of the burial ground will be taking place on 21st July.

(c) Leisure Committee

6214 No meeting last month

(d) Finance and General Purposes Committee

6215 No meeting last month

(e) Village Fete Committee

6216 Nothing further to report

(f) Village Hall Management Committee

6217 Meeting to be held next week

(g) Village Green

6218 Nothing to report

(i) Allotments

6219 Bruce Batting reported that the old pipe had been removed from plot 54. The new Compost bins have been completed and are being used. The results of the annual allotment competition were read out. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to all allotment holders giving them the date of the annual meeting on 7th October and also giving them the results of the competition. Plots fully let: 2 people from Sherfield on waiting list and 11 out of parish.

Clerk

(j) Play area and BMX track

6220 It was reported that some sleepers on the BMX track seem to have been removed. Track will be inspected during the annual inspection on the 11th August. Park Leisure have agreed to look at the Scoot-about and repair it. Playdale have sent ties to do a temporary fix to the football nets.

(k) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

6221 Nothing to report .

(l) Tennis courts

6222 Nothing to report

(m) Schools

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6223 Nothing to report

(n) Sherfield Park Community Association

6224 Cllr. David Leivesley reported that construction of the community centre is in progress, the building sequence has been changed by Craudace but this should not impact the end date. It was also reported that Chineham ward councillors had approached the Sherfield Park Residents association regarding the future management of the football fields.

16. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

6225 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8th September 2010 at 7.30pm in the Liddell Hall

The Chairman reported at the end of the meeting that the current clerk would be leaving the role and that the process to find a new clerk would be started immediately.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm