

CONFIRMED MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 9th JUNE 2010.

Present

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

In attendance

Jayne Hawkins (Parish Clerk)
Sherfield Football Club representatives
Kristi Thorne

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

6169 Apologies were received and accepted from Loraine Smith, Rhydian Vaughan and Mandy Jewell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6170 Councillor Ivan Gosden declared a prejudicial interest in item 12.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12th MAY

6171 Following some minor amendments the Minutes were signed as a true reflection of Meeting.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

6172 The neighbourhood watch report was reviewed.

OPEN FORUM: The meeting was temporarily adjourned.

Members of Sherfield Football Club discussed the grass cutting of the Football pitches

Mrs Thorne reported her concerns regarding the increasingly dangerous speed of traffic on the A33 which she felt was reaching crisis point. Mrs Thorne made the following points:

- The speed and quantity of traffic on the A33 is getting worse
- A speed limit reduction similar to the one at Turgis Green was needed on the A33 between Sherfield Park and Sherfield-on-Loddon
- Any action taken must be enforceable

5. TO APPROVE CHANGE IN INSURANCE FROM AON TO AVIVA AND TO SIGN ACCEPTANCE FORM

6173 It was reported that the Finance committee held on the 19th May had recommended that the quote from Aviva was accepted. Comparison details of quotes from Aviva and Aon had been circulated. It was resolved to accept the quote from Aviva this was proposed by Lucy Marshall and seconded by Bruce Jones and unanimously agreed by all

6. TO DECIDE WHETHER TO CONTINUE WITH SPEED LIMIT REMINDERS FROM JUNE TO THE END OF YEAR

6174 It was resolved to keep the Speed Limit Reminders for another 6 months and to then review again. The Clerk will inform Adrian Morgan at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

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7. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON OIL TANKER IN POPLAR CLOSE

6175 The chairman reported that the Clerk had sent a letter to Pilot Class the owners of the oil tank on 17th May 2010. No reply to date but a resident had reported that someone who said he owned the tank had been out looking at it on the 9th June, he refused to give contact details but said the company who owned it was still trading and paying rates on it. It was agreed that the Clerk should wait a few weeks to see if there is any contact from Pilot Class and if not should write to James Arbuthnot requesting his assistance with the matter.

Clerk

8. TO DISCUSS PROGRESSION OF HIGH RISK ITEMS ON ANNUAL PLAY REPORT

6176 It was reported that the Clerk had spoken to Playdale about the football nets and had been advised that new stronger nets were being designed but were not yet available they recommended that the nets were temporarily fixed with ties. This had failed so Playdale had agreed to send some stronger ties to the Clerk. The Clerk had contacted Park Leisure to ask that they fix the Scoot-a-bout under the warranty as it was less than a year since they had replaced the bearings, waiting a reply. Clerk to continue to progress these items

Clerk

9. TO DISCUSS TRIM TRAIL OPTIONS AND DISCUSS NEXT STEPS

6177 Following a discussion of the trim trail survey results it was resolved to continue to progress the grant for the trim trail and to revise the plans to locate a smaller trim trail with a maximum of 16 stations around the football pitches. The Clerk agreed to contact Amanda Bassett to discuss the new location and to update the grant application. Sandy Johnston agreed to speak to Fred Berntsen about positioning the trim trail around the football pitches. Bruce Batting asked that access to the Summer Fete was taken into consideration with the positioning of the stations.

Clerk

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10. TO APPROVE LODDON LINK UPDATE FOR JULY ISSUE

6178 A draft update for the Loddon Link was reviewed. The Clerk agreed to update and send to Sally Hennessey for editing, it would then be sent to the Link team for inclusion in the July issue of the Loddon Link.

Clerk

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11. TO REVIEW COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL AUDITOR AND TO SIGN OFF AUDIT RETURN INCLUDING ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2009/2010

6179 It was reported that following the internal audit minor amendments were made to the balance sheet and income and expenditure account to include debtors, prepayments and accruals. A draft letter from the internal auditor and action plan was circulated. It was proposed that the internal auditor's comments would be reviewed fully at the next Finance and General Purposes Meeting. The Chairman signed the Audit form confirming that the accounting statements were approved by the Council. The Clerk will send off the Annual return together with accompanying documentation by the end of June

Clerk

Councillor Ivan Gosden left the room as he had declared an interest in item 12.

12. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT (SHLAA) EXHIBITION HELD ON 4TH JUNE 2010.

6180 Updates were received from Councillors Lucy Marshall and Bruce Batting who had both attended a SOLVE meeting on Saturday. Changing legislation by the new Government may result in a reduced number of homes needing to be built, however SOLVE recommend that Parishes continue to work hard to remove the threat of the much-publicised major development of 9,000 dwellings between the A33 and A30.

Councillor Bruce Batting reported that he would be speaking to Morris Chapman at Country Watch and would report back on what response Country Watch would be making on the SHLAA.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would strongly oppose the proposed development at Redlands SOL002 which is a category 1 site. The Parish Council also decided to object to development at SOL006 a small category 2 site between the old Reading Road and the A33 on the grounds that this would increase traffic at the Bramley Road junction and could increase the risk of flooding in Longbridge Close.

Ivan Gosden returned to the meeting before the start of item 13.

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13. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

6181 The report for May was accepted. A slab path at the back of the Village Hall had already been fixed by the Bulpitts.

14. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AND ANY QUOTATIONS

6182 Acceptance of the following report was proposed by Bruce Batting and seconded by Ivan Gosden, all present were in favour.

Sherfield on Loddon Parish Bank Accounts Summary as at 31st May 2010				
Financial Year ending 31/3/2011	Petty Cash	HSBC Current A/C	HSBC Deposit account	Grand Total
Closing balance per Apr. Statement		£ 28,159.01	£ 44,031.24	£ 72,190.25
Income - Credits received at bank in May		£ -	£ 2.36	£ 2.36
Expenditure - Cheques presented in May		£ 2,316.06	£ -	£ 2,316.06
Petty Cash at hand	£ 50.00			£ 50.00
Closing balance per May. Statement (cash at bank and in hand)	£ 50.00	£ 25,842.95	£ 44,033.60	£ 69,926.55
Approval for payments due in June				
			cheque no.	
Employment Costs: Clerks Salary	June		101232	£ 953.90
Litter Warden Salary	June		101233	£ 137.80
PAYE/NI	June		101234	£ 317.28
J. Hawkins expenses :(stapler, staples, ink cartridges, folders, photocopies)			101235	£ 94.82
Cemetery Management Course			101236	£ 111.62
A.W. Burt & Co Ltd Initial deposit			101237	£ 1,363.00
A.W.Burt & Co Ltd advance on starting			101238	£ 2,767.00
MW (Building Contractors)Ltd			101239	£ 9,781.87
Peter Elliot			101240	£ 160.00
Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley (Cricket & football pitches, posts and bridge)			101241	£ 200.00
Four Winds Court Services			101242	£ 486.00
Broker Network Ltd (Came & Company - Aviva Insurance Policy)			101243	£ 1,171.18
Total				£ 17,544.47

A quote of £60.00 to trim nettles on the footpath from Old Reading Road to Northfield Road was accepted.

17. TO RECEIVE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Planning Committee

6183 Two planning meetings were held on 19th May and 2nd June, minutes had been circulated.

(b) Burial Ground Committee

6184 No Burial Ground Meeting in March 2010. Bruce Batting reported that the title to the burial ground had now been registered.

(c) Leisure Committee

6185 Minutes of Leisure meeting held on the 19th May were circulated. No recommendations for approval all actions has been progressed.

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(d) Finance and General Purposes Committee

6186 Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 19th May were circulated. The following recommendations were made and all were accepted.

- The Parish Council should accept the new quote from Aviva following final checking by the Clerk.
- The Parish Council should accept the risk assessment as a fair reflection of the risks to the Parish Council and accept that adequate controls were in place
- The Parish Council should accept the revised emergency plan

(e) Village Fete Committee

6187 The internal auditor recommended that the Parish Council make a donation to the Fete for a float rather than a loan. The Fete can then donate the money back to the Parish Council following the Fete.

(f) Village Hall Management Committee

6188 It was reported that work on the exterior decoration of the Village Hall had been completed.

(g) BDAPTC

6189 Sandy Johnston reported that there is likely to be more training available to Councillors in the evenings and at weekends. The next BDAPTC meeting on the 2nd September will concentrate on planning, the LDF and localism, it was suggested that a couple of Parish Councillors try to attend. It was suggested that when HCC takes over the allocation of travel tokens they may not be as generous as under the current scheme.

(h) Village Green

6190 Nothing to report

(i) Allotments

6191 It was reported that work on the compost bins had started. A Judge from the Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies had been contacted with regard to judging the allotment plots for this year's annual competition. It was agreed that the judge should be appointed and that judging should take place towards the end of June, early July.

Clerk

(j) Play area and BMX track

6192 Following the annual play report Park Leisure had been contacted about fixing the Scoot-a-bout and Play Dale had been contacted about the football nets. The insurance company advised that the higher risk issues should be dealt with and progress reported in the parish council minutes. The Clerk will continue to progress these issues.

Clerk

(k) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

6193 The Clerk was asked to contact Adrian Burt to get a quote for fitting a new shower in the Cricket Pavilion.

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(l) Tennis courts

6194 It was reported that maintenance work had been carried out on the nets at the tennis courts.

(m) Schools

6195 Nothing to report

(n) Sherfield Park Community Association

6196 Cllr. David Leivesley reported that SPCA sub committees had been formed and that they would have a tent at the Fete selling Strawberries and non alcoholic strawberry fiz.

18. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

6197 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14th July 2010 at 7.30pm in the Liddell Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.