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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 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010.

### Present

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

### In attendance

Jayne Hawkins (Parish Clerk)  
Steven Bate (B&DBC Community development Officer)  
Ranil Jayawardena

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

6075 Apologies were received and accepted from Bruce Batting, Mandy Jewell and Rhydian Vaughan

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6076 None.

### 3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

6077 The Minutes were then signed as a true reflection of Meeting.

### 4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

6078 The neighbourhood watch report was reviewed.

**OPEN FORUM:** The meeting was temporarily adjourned.

### 5. TO DISCUSS GRIT BINS

6079 A discussion took place about the need for grit bins in the village. The County Council will supply grit bins but have asked that the Parish Council assist in identifying appropriate locations for grit bins that will provide the greatest benefit to the community. The County Council would own and maintain these bins. All councillors to provide clerk with sensible locations for grit bins (including Sherfield Park) together with reasons for the need.

### 6. To RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CALMING MEETING WITH BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILS

6080 The Chairman reported that the traffic calming schemes for Sherfield on Loddon will go to the HCC's Highways meeting where the next financial years programme is formally agreed. The meeting is scheduled for the 29th March 2010.

Councillor Lucy Marshall gave an update on a consultation meeting that took place in Bramley on the 10<sup>th</sup> March to discuss Bramley Village Improvements. The proposals aim to provide safer walking routes for pedestrians, especially for those with impaired mobility and new crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists to enhance access to local facilities, business areas, shops, areas of employment and schools. A link to the detailed proposals can be accessed on the website <http://consultations.hants.gov.uk>

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## 7. TO DISCUSS PARISH PLAN

**6081** The Chairman reported that there had only been one response so far from residents interested in helping to create a Parish Plan. It was explained that although the Parish Council can initiate the Parish Plan they should have limited input to the content of the Parish Plan. In Bramley there are 3 Parish Councillors and 9 other residents working on their Parish Plan. It was agreed that the Clerk would continue to ask for support in the Loddon Link and that to include the Parish Plan in the Annual Parish Meeting

Clerk

## 8. TO DISCUSS TRIM TRAIL GRANT APPLICATION

**6082** The chairman reported that for the second part of the grant application for a trim trail the Parish Council must provide evidence that the trim trail was wanted by the community. The plans for the trim trail can be viewed on the website. So far the clerk has received both positive and negative feedback on the proposed trim trail.

It was also reported that maintenance costs for cutting a 2 metre wide strip around the trim trail and strimming around the equipment would cost approx: £700 to £1400 per year.

As part of the terms of the grant the centre area of the green would need to be managed to protect the wild flowers and wildlife living in the area and a cut and remove of the grass would need to be carried out annually. The approximate cost of this is likely to be in the region of £400.

It was agreed to try and gather more information on whether the community supported the installation of a trim trail by displaying the plans in the window of Dodd's Garage and by putting a small survey on the website asking for people's views. Councillor Sally Hennessey agreed to help the Clerk to set up a survey using survey monkey.

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## 9. TO APPROVE LODDON LINK UPDATE FOR APRIL ISSUE.

**6083** A draft update for the Loddon Link was reviewed. The Clerk agreed to include a request for residents interested in helping formulate a Parish Plan and to send it to the Link team for inclusion in the April issue of the Loddon Link.

Clerk

## 10. TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON MEETING WITH JULIE JAMES FROM EMERGENCY PLANNING..

**6084** The Chairman reported that the meeting had been cancelled again and rescheduled for end March. It was agreed that the draft plan would be circulated following the meeting with Julie James on 30<sup>th</sup> March

Clerk

## 11. TO DISCUSS FORMAT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**6085** It was agreed that tea/coffee and biscuits would be provided at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk would ask the W.I. if they could assist. Doors would open at 7.00p.m. for a 7.30p.m. start. The following would be invited to attend and give a small speech: Keith Chapman, Ranil Jayawardena, Rhydian Vaughan, Police, Alison Cross. Appeals would be made for residents prepared to help with the Village Hall and the Parish Plan. The Chairman of each committee will also give a brief overview of their areas. Clerk to invite speakers.

Clerk

## 12. TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM LODDON SPORTS TO STAGE TWO EVENTS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

**6086** The Chairman reported that the council had received a written request from Loddon Sports to hold a club invitation tournament on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May and Loddon Sports day on 19<sup>th</sup> June on the Green. This was agreed by all, clerk to write to Loddon Sports to confirm that both events could take place on the Green

Clerk

## 13. TO REVIEW A REQUEST FROM TADLEY CAB.

**6087** The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had received a request from Tadley CAB for a contribution to help them continue their service at it's existing level, they have experienced an increase in contacts of 40%.. Sandy Johnston proposed that a donation of £100 was made to the CAB this was seconded by Sally Hennessey and unanimously agreed by all.

## 14. PLACE TO BE PROUD OF AWARDS (nominations)

**6088** The Chairman reported that information on the place to be proud of awards had been circulated. Councillors

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submitted a number of nominations which were discussed. Councillors agreed to provide the clerk with 200 words on each nominee by 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010.

### 15. TO RECIEVE THE MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

**6089** The report for February was accepted. No actions required this month.

### 16. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AND ANY QUOTATIONS

**6090** Acceptance of the following report was proposed by David Leivesley and seconded by Ken Clark, all present were in favour.

<b>Sherfield on Loddon Parish Bank Accounts Summary as at 28th February 2010</b>				
<b>Financial Year ending 31/3/2010</b>	<b>Petty Cash</b>	<b>HSBC Current A/C</b>	<b>HSBC Deposit account</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Closing balance per Jan. Statement</b>		£ 4,441.83	£ 55,023.07	£ 59,464.90
<b>Income</b> - Credits received at bank in Feb		£ 35.00	£ 3.06	£ 38.06
<b>Expenditure</b> - Cheques presented in Feb		£ 3,187.87	£ -	£ 3,187.87
Petty Cash at hand	£ 50.00			£ 50.00
<b>Closing balance per Feb. Statement (cash at bank and in hand)</b>	<b>£ 50.00</b>	<b>£ 1,288.96</b>	<b>£ 55,026.13</b>	<b>£ 56,365.09</b>
<b>Approval for payments due in March</b>				
Employment Costs (inc. tax refund):	March			£ 2,279.70
Wicksteed - fitting of tyres to cableway				£ 340.75
B&DBC printing of newsletter				£ 170.38
B&DBC final SLR payment 2009				£ 275.00
J.L.Bryce farms Ltd - Mole treatment on Green				£ 128.08
JPL Associates - Payroll				£ 334.88
Mark Stewart - grass cutting - play area				£ 230.00
Mark Stewart - Memorial Park				£ 60.00
Townsend Tree Service - Pruning trees on Bramley Road				£ 1,006.25
Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley - drainage pipe and ditch clearance				£ 775.00
Peter Elliot - Removal and pruning of Willow trees at Dodds Garage				£ 700.00
Donation to CAB Tadley				£ 100.00
J. Hawkins Expenses (Stationery,Ink Cartridges)				£ 73.92
<b>Total</b>				<b>£ 6,473.96</b>

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

It was agreed to accept the additional quote of £100 to remove the tops of the fir trees by the tennis courts at the same time as removing the Willow Trees which had been agreed previously.

Three quotes were reviewed for replacing two windows at the rear of the Liddell Hall with double glazed units and obscure glass. It was agreed by all to accept the quote from Rainbow Windows. The clerk was asked to investigate if each window must have at least one opener.

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## 17. TO RECEIVE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

### (a) Planning Committee

6091 No meetings in February

### (b) Burial Ground Committee

6092 A discussion took place about the delay in submitting the request for planning permission for a new entrance off the A33. The Chairman explained that a route through the woods had been investigated but that the Parish Council would have no legal access rights if the current owners of the wood were to sell their property and land in the future. Plans for access off the A33 had been hindered as the plot was not quite wide enough for a full turning circle for a lorry and that this would be necessary to allow skip lorries to enter when waste soil needed to be removed. Various options were being investigated.

### (c) Leisure Committee

6093 Recommendations from the Leisure Committee to accept quotes for removal of a branch from the pond and to input a new drainage pipe were agreed by all.

### (d) Finance and General Purposes Committee

6094 A recommendation from the committee to increase the reserves for country watch from £2860 to £6000 was agreed, it was also agreed to accept the recommendation to increase the reserve for football ground levelling from £500 to £1000. It was resolved to accept all quotes recommended by the Finance Committee.

### (e) Village Fete Committee

6095 It was reported that Bruce Batting was the Chairman of the Fete Committee and it was suggested that in future minutes Jane Brydges is given the title of Committee Secretary rather than Clerk to ensure people aren't confused about whom the Parish Clerk is and who is the Committee Clerk. Ivan Gosden agreed to talk to Jane Brydges.

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### (f) Village Hall Management Committee

6096 Nothing to report

### (g) BDAPTC

6097 Sandy Johnston gave a brief update from the last BDAPTC meeting.

### (h) Village Green

6098 It was reported that the Horse Chestnuts had been lightly pruned and checked for any dangerous limbs. They were generally fine although many are infected with bleeding canker. The tree surgeon recommended that the ditch was not cleared with a mechanical digger due to the damage inflicted in the roots of the trees. It was reported that the Village Green Volunteers had met at the weekend to do some general clearing and had a bonfire.

### (i) Allotments

6099 It was reported that the stop cock at the allotments was broken and the water cannot be turned off. South East Water had been informed and would be replacing it. Dave Millar should be starting work on the new water troughs and compost area later this month. It was agreed to order a skip now that the ground has dried out.

### (j) Play area and BMX track

6100 It was reported that the back of the basket ball nets was broken, Councillor Sandy Johnston agreed to investigate. Minor repairs to the slide in the play area has been completed

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### (k) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

6101 The Chairman reported that a Football Pavilion meeting had taken place on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 Information had been added to the grant forms. The Clerk would now submit the Big Lottery application. The Sport England

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grant scheme will not open until later in the year. In the meantime detailed project costs would be worked on for inclusion in the application.

### **(l) Tennis courts**

**6102 Willow** trees along the side of the tennis courts would be removed during the weekend starting 13<sup>th</sup> March.

### **(m) Schools**

**6103** Nothing to report

### **(n) Sherfield Park Community Association**

**6104** Cllr. David Leivesley reported that the ground breaking ceremony for the new community centre had taken place on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010. The site had been pegged out and should be completed during the early part of 2011. The SPCA was arranging a community event for residents on Sherfield Park on Saturday 20 March where they hoped to attract more members. A post box meeting had taken place with BDBC, It was agreed that a joint submission would be made to Royal Mail for the provision of post boxes within the next two weeks. The SPCA was waiting to hear whether it would be possible to have a polling station located in a Croudace show house at Sherfield Park . A David Wilson show home was near completion and the SPCA intended to approach David Wilson to encourage involvement by their residents in the community.

### **18. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**6105** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.