

**MINUTES OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
LIDDELL HALL ON WEDNESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2005.**

Present

Brian Archer
Bruce Batting (Chairman)
John Dodd (Vice Chairman)
Ivan Gosden (Vice Chairman)
Tracy Lander-Sims
Sandy Johnston
Lorraine Smith

In attendance

Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)
WPC Jewell

One member of the public was also in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4259 Apologies for absence were received from Ken Clark, Richard Gaiger, Maurice Lambden, Calleva Ward Councillor Marilyn Tucker and Chris Horton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4260 There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

4261 The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12 January 2005 were approved as a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

4262 The Neighbourhood Watch report for January had been enclosed with the agenda. WPC Jewell had received a poor response to her request for new Neighbourhood Watch volunteers.

Sandy Johnston reported that he had attended his second meeting of the Community Safety Forum. A current strategy of targeting persistent criminals within the area was proving to be successful. He also reported that the police now recruit officers of different grades, some of whom are voluntary and although have no powers of arrest, they are able to issue fines. It was thought that their presence within communities would be beneficial.

With regard to the removal of the telephone box at Breach Lane, it was reported that this would be replaced by BT as they had removed it in error. The Clerk had contacted the Department of Culture, Media and Sport to ask for the telephone box at Church End to be given listed building status. However, they had replied that to be eligible kiosks must be situated in good "heritage" locations, in close proximity to a group of listed buildings.

OPEN FORUM

The meeting was temporarily adjourned to allow questions and comments from members of the general public.

ACTION

5. REPORTS

(a) Planning Committee

4263 The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26 January had been circulated:

Application No: BDB/60002

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

And: BDB/60003

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act/Regs 1990

Location: The Walled Garden, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side and rear extension to outbuilding to form double garage.

PC Decision: No objection.

Application No: BDB/59998

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

Location: Wildmoor Farm House, Wildmoor, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and raising of the roof on rear elevation to create bedrooms.

PC Decision: No objection.

Application No: BDB/59928

(Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act & Regs 1990)

Location: The White Hart PH, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook

Proposal: Provision of a terracotta tile and oak lattice floor finish to bar area (retrospective)

PC Decision: No objection.

Notice of Intent

TCA 1787 To reduce and reshape by 20% 1 birch, reduce height by 2 ft 1 conifer and reduce beech hedge by 1.5 ft at Withington, Bramley Road.

PC Decision: No objection.

Approvals

Application No: BDB/59702

Location: Searchers Cottage, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon.

Proposal: Erection of detached double garage/store.

Application No: BDB/59530

Location: 10 Goddards Close, Sherfield-on-Loddon.

Proposal: Erection of a single storey front extension.

Application No: BDB/59262

(Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act & Regs 1990)

Location: The White Hart PH, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook

Proposal: Various internal alterations and construction of sandstone slab patio and planters to front area and change of external wall colours

Application No: BDB/59261

Location: The White Hart PH, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook

Proposal: Construction of sandstone slab patio and planters to the front area.

Application No: BDB/59761

Location: Land West of Cufaude Lane, Adjacent to Taylors Farm, Chineham

Proposal: Relief of conditions 2 & 3 of BDB/51760 to extend time period for submission of reserved matters and time limit for commencement of work.

Appeals

Application No: BDB/59503

Location: Redlands, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon.

Proposal: Erection of 8 no. bedroom detached dwelling with attached garages, swimming pool and ancillary landscaping following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. Appeal lodged with the first Secretary of State. The committee unanimously agreed that, apart from it being substantially larger than the current house, the design of the proposed building would be out of character and a letter of objection will be submitted.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Monday 14 February, 8 pm.

(b) Finance and General Purposes Committee

4264 The next meeting of the FGPC will be held on Tuesday 22 February, 8.45 pm.

(c) Leisure Facilities Committee

4265 The next meeting of the LFC will be held on Tuesday 22 February, 7.30pm.

A quotation for re-treating the cricket outfield has been received and this will be given consideration at the Finance Committee meeting.

(d) Village Green Committee

4266 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 February at 7.30 pm.

(e) Allotments

4267 The Council considered two quotations from Basingstoke Skip Hire and DSO Borough Council's contractors. After discussion it was agreed to accept DSO's quote of £100 per collection using grab lorry. However, a reinforced concrete base and kerb would be required with the allotment gardens for waste material, close to the Bow Gardens gateway, and the Clerk would seek a quotation from the Bulpitt Brothers.

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With regard to installing a toilet, Tracy Lander-Sims reported that there is a sewer cover on her allotment. It was hoped that if a foul sewer drain is located nearby, the toilet could be installed close to the Bow Gardens entrance. Brian Saunders, Allotments Officer BDBC, had confirmed that grant-aid for the toilet could be available but estimates are required.

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(f) Schools

4268 No arrangements had yet been made for a tour of Sherfield School.

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A fund-raising concert for the Loddon School will be held on 12 March at Sherfield School.

(g) Village Hall

4269 The Chairman reported that the new kitchen is to be installed from 28 February and normal service will resume on Monday 14 March.

There will be a fund-raising Casino night on 16 April, and a Jazz evening in July. The Village Hall Management Committee to address the problem of parking problems

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caused by those attending monthly NADFAS meetings at the Hall, and WPC Jewell would make arrangement for coning areas where parking is not permitted during the meetings.

6. TO CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED FOR SPENDING CALOR PRIZE MONEY

4270 The Chairman reported that just one suggestion had been received, that of a new village sign, suggested by Chris Horton. This was thought to be a good idea but a further request for others suggestions, particularly from those groups involved in the Calor event, would appear in the March issue of the Loddon Valley Link.

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7. TO DISCUSS BDBC PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL PROGRAMME

4271 A letter from the Regeneration and Design team at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council had been circulated. It was clear that funding could only be made for projects on the public highway and Borough Council owned land. The Council discussed the need for a pathway between Sherfield Park and the existing pavement outside St Leonard's Church. The Clerk had been in contact with the County Council and had also written to the developers, Croudace, to see whether the project could be jointly funded. Replies are awaited.

8. TO CONSIDER REQUEST BY SHERFIELD FC FOR A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS REPAIR TO SHOWER, FOOTBALL PAVILION

4272 Sherfield FC had arranged for their shower to be repaired and were seeking a contribution of £150, half the costs, from the Parish Council. It was confirmed that the Pavilion belongs to the Parish Council. After discussion it was agreed that £150 would be paid to the Club, drawn from the reserve for the replacement pavilion. Proposed Bruce Batting, seconded Loraine Smith, agreed unanimously.

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It was noted that Mr Mitchell, Lord of the Manor, had been asked to give his consent to the proposed new football pavilion, and a reply is still awaited.

9. TO REPORT ON TIMESCALE FOR PLAYGROUND INSTALLATIONS

4273 It was reported that Wicksteed had advised that extra barriers are not required for the combat cableway, and consequently 3 barriers have been ordered for the swing unit only. The company had advised that a storage facility would be required during installation of the new equipment, together with Heras Security Fencing. However, they had agreed to absorb these extra costs and the total charge would remain £19,510 plus VAT, which had been agreed at the last Parish Council meeting.

Wicksteed anticipated completion of the works by Easter, but would confirm a starting date very shortly.

10. TO DISCUSS MOLE/PEST CONTROL, FOOTBALL PITCHES AND PLAY AREA

4274 Two quotations had been circulated. In addition, Ivan Gosden reported a verbal quote he had received from Butlers Lands. After discussion it was agreed that the quotation from Joe Bate for trapping (£180) should be accepted. The Clerk would confirm the level of his Public Liability Insurance Cover and health and safety requirements.

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It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Loddon Sports to make a contribution for expenses incurred as the molehills were a problem predominantly on the Junior pitches.

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11. TO REPORT VISIT TO VILLAGE GREEN BY ALISON CROSS

4275 The Council was reminded that Alison Cross of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust would be visiting the village at 2pm on Saturday 12 February, to discuss managing the Golden Pond. She would be willing to discuss wildlife issues in general with anyone wishing to meet her on the Green.

12. TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM COUNTRY WATCH FOR PROPORTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER PARISHES, LOCAL PLAN REVIEW INQUIRY

4276 A letter from the Honorary Treasurer of Country Watch had been circulated with the agenda, in which it was proposed that a proportional sum, based on size of electorate, should be requested from those Parishes supporting Country Watch and its representations at the Local Plan Review Inquiry. For Sherfield-on-Loddon Parish, this would be 6%. The current estimate for costs is £19,334, and consequently Sherfield's contribution would be £1,201. The Parish Council's reserve for Country Watch currently stands at £4,200 and so the proposal was unanimously agreed. It was noted that contributing Parishes would be able to reclaim VAT, as invoices will be issued by the company instructed to do the work and not Country Watch.

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13. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A DONATION FROM TADLEY CAB

4277 A letter from Tadley Citizens Advice Bureau seeking a donation had been circulated with the agenda. It was confirmed that £25 remained in the budget for donations. Tracy Lander-Sims proposed that £25 be paid to Tadley CAB, seconded Bruce Batting, agreed unanimously.

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14. TO REVIEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

4278 Parish Councillors were asked to forward suggestions for improvements/additions to the website. It was reported that a "villagers' page" is to be included.

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The Clerk reported that Simon Hennessey had offered to pay for the Parish Council to have an "advert" link, which appears whenever a search is made for Sherfield on the Google search engine. The Council was grateful for his generosity. He would be monitoring the effectiveness of the "advert" and the Borough Council had been asked to provide statistics on "hits" to the Parish Council's website to date.

15. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON "MANSERS LAND"

4279 The Clerk had written to Mr Manser in December asking for confirmation of legal fees, but a reply is awaited. John Dodd reported that Mr Manser may now wish to sell the land and he would make further enquiries on behalf of the Parish Council.

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16. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS

Report on traffic flow from the southern exit, Sherfield School

4280 The Head of the Secondary School had written to confirm that drivers would be asked to turn left only, from the southern exit of the school.

To receive update on Walks Leaflet

4281 A draft is still awaited. Sandy Johnston was thanked for his work on this project to date.

17. FINANCE REPORT

4282 A report on income and expenditure for January had been circulated.

The balances of all accounts at 31 January 2005 are shown in the table below:

2004/2005	HSBC A/C	General Investment A/C	Consols	Grand Total
Balance B/F from Q3	17,659.11	22,074.43	24.17	39,757.71
Income Jan	510.26	0.00	0.00	510.26
Outgoing Jan	1,287.89	0.00	0.00	1,287.89
Q4 Balance	16,881.48	22,074.43	24.17	38,980.08

Uncleared (HSBC)	Uncleared (Gen Inv)
210.70	0.00
Cleared Balance	
17,092.18	22,074.43

HSBC Bank Statement at 31/1/05 = £17,092.18

Approval of Payments

- £626.20 Clerk salary
- £110.42 Litter Warden
- £157.02 Inland Revenue
- £57.04 Refund L Marshall, printer ink cartridges and stationery
- £5.88 Petty cash (stamps)

Approval of payments proposed by Ivan Gosden, seconded by Loraine Smith, agreed.

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18. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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- Suggestions for Calor Prize
- Update on Village Cookbook
- Report for APM

Council members were reminded to let the Clerk know of items for the agenda at least one week in advance of the next meeting.

19. TO AGREE DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND TO DISCUSS PRESENTATION OF REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS

4284 It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held at 8 pm on Friday 20 May. Councillors agreed to assist with the presentation of the Parish Council's annual report.

20. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4285 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Liddell Hall on Wednesday 9 March at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed 9.25 pm.