

**MINUTES OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL ON WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2005.**

**Present**

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

**In attendance**

Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)

One member of the public was also in attendance.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**4238** Apologies for absence were received from Ken Clark, Calleva Ward Councillor Marilyn Tucker, WPC Jewell and Chris Horton.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**4239** Ivan Gosden declared a personal interest in agenda item 8, footpath access by Goddards Farm.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**4240** The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 December 2004 were approved as a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

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

**4241** The Neighbourhood Watch report for December had been enclosed with the agenda and charts showing crime trends in the area were in circulation. It was agreed that WPC Jewell would be asked to write a short article for the Loddon Valley Link, requesting volunteers from Bow Grove/Drive, Pound Meadow and Hams Corner to become Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators.

With regard to the removal of the telephone box by the White Hart, it was thought that this had been removed in error by BT. The Clerk was making enquiries and Richard Gaiger agreed to pass to her further information that he had received. If BT had removed the box, they would need to replace it as it is a listed building.

Sandy Johnston reported that Jason Murphy is the new Antisocial Behaviour Co-ordinator at the Borough Council.

**OPEN FORUM**

The meeting was temporarily adjourned to allow questions from the public.

**5. REPORTS**

**(a) Planning Committee**

**4242** The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4 January had been circulated:

**ACTIONS**

LM

RG  
LM

**Application No: BDB/59947**

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

**Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995**

**Location:** Court Farm House, Sherfield Green, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook

**Proposal:** Erection of a side extension with accommodation in roof space.

**PC Decision:** No objection

**Notice of Intent:**

**TCA 1819 to fell 2 apple and 3 conifers, minor crown lift 1 oak at Globe House, Goddards Lane.**

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**TCA 1823 to crown lift various trees and thin willows adjacent to the football pavilion, Greenway.**

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Approvals:**

**Application No: BDB /59552**

**Location:** The Laurels, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, RG27 0JD

**Proposal:** Erection of a two storey side extension and internal alterations.

**Refusals:**

**Application No: BDB /59503**

**Location:** Redlands, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0JQ

**Proposal:** Erection of 8. no. bedroom detached dwelling with attached garages, swimming pool and ancillary landscaping following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings.

The Chairman reported that tours of the Chineham Incinerator are available on 4, 18 or 23 March, 5 – 7pm. He agreed to speak with John Collis to confirm whether a charge would be made.

BB

**(b) Finance and General Purposes Committee**

**4243** The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January had been circulated and were approved. Ivan Gosden reported that he would be arranging for Butlers Lands to deliver woodchippings to the Jubilee Pond path.

IG

He would be obtaining quotations for the removal of moles from the football pitches and play area.

IG / LM

**(c) Leisure Facilities Committee**

**4244** The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January had been circulated and were approved. With regard to new play equipment Sandy Johnston reported that £20,000 would be available from Section 106 money, as long as the work is completed by the end of March. Wicksteed had provided a revised quotation of £19,510 plus VAT, which excluded the basketball/goalmouth. It was agreed that the basketball/goalmouth could be installed at a later date. Members wished to be assured that the proposal included sufficient safety barriers for both the swing unit and cable runway and, with this provision, the quotation was accepted, proposed Ivan Gosden, seconded Tracy Lander-Sims, agreed unanimously.

SJ / LM

For information, members were advised that the nearest Wicksteed Cable runway could be seen in Wallingford.

More Section 106 money would be available for play equipment in the next financial year.

**(d) Village Green Committee**

**4245** The minutes of the Village Green Committee held on Tuesday 14 December had been circulated. Simon Hennessey had been appointed Chairman, and the committee had accepted the revised terms of reference and volunteer job list.

It was reported that Alison Cross would be visiting the Green on Saturday 12 February at 2pm.

The Cricket Club required extra storage space and had made enquiries about siting a storage facility next to the pavilion. It was confirmed that they would need to seek planning permission. A temporary wooden structure, such as a garden shed, would not require Secretary of State approval. The Club would be responsible for its maintenance. The Clerk would write to Andy Stevens, Club Secretary, and advise him to discuss their needs with the Planning Department at the Borough Council.

LM

The ditch outside Wessex House is within the Village Green boundary and Barry Bulpitt had been asked to include it in the annual green and ditch cutting.

**(e) Allotments**

**4246** The skip hire company had been asked to remove the skip and to suggest other methods of waste collection. The Clerk would also contact DSO for quotations.

LM

With regard to providing a toilet for the allotments, John Dodd agreed to identify a suitable site close to the sewer drains. The Clerk would contact Brian Saunders, Allotments Officer BDBC, regarding grant-aid.

JD  
LM

**(f) Schools**

**4247** The Parish Council had been offered a tour of the facilities at Sherfield School. This was welcomed and the Chairman agreed to reply to the School.

BB

**(g) Village Hall**

**4248** Sandy Johnston reported that the Village Hall Committee had recently considered obtaining salt bins and were reviewing the insurance implications of salting the car park. They are making arrangements to purchase a new kitchen at a cost of £6,500 using £5,044 Section 106 money. Under new licensing arrangements, Peter Francis had been approached to act as Licensee for the Village Hall. Parish Council members asked if the subject of the use of the NADFAS public address system could be raised at the next VH Management Committee meeting.

SJ

A leaflet for the Hampshire Museums Trust Roadshow had been circulated and it was noted that there will be displays in the Garden Room from 24 to 31 January. There are allocated times for members of staff from the Trust to be present, all during working hours. It was noted that the Trust had been put in touch with Bramley School to arrange an exhibition of "how we used to live". The Clerk would ask the Trust to make a similar arrangement with Sherfield School.

LM

On 7 February between 7 and 9 pm, parishioners would have an opportunity to comment on the provision of a community building at Sherfield Park. BDBC would be distributing leaflets to householders very shortly.

**6. TO CONSIDER BDBC DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PARISH TRAINING**

**4249** A letter had been circulated to all Parish Councils offering a training session on Planning and Development Control. Ivan Gosden and Bruce Batting wished to attend and the Clerk agreed to contact BDBC.

LM

## **7. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR DONATION FROM BASINGSTOKE RAPE & SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS CENTRE**

**4250** A letter from this organisation had been circulated. There remained £50 in the budget for donations and there was some disagreement regarding whether this had already been set aside for the Basingstoke Citizen's Advice Bureau. However, the Clerk reported that no request for a donation had been received from Basingstoke CAB to date.

Brian Archer proposed that £25 is donated to the Basingstoke Rape & Sexual Abuse Crisis Centre. This was seconded by Loraine Smith and a vote was taken, 6 in favour, 3 against, motion carried.

LM

## **8. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS**

### **(a) To discuss traffic flow from the southern exit, Sherfield School**

**4251** The Chairman had contacted the Highway Authority to discuss the problem of cars turning right from the southern exit of the School and the concern that this might become an accident spot. The Chief Engineer's advice had been that the Parish Council should write to the School to recommend that, for their safety, drivers should turn left only from this exit. This was agreed and the Clerk would write to the School.

LM

### **(b) To consider quotation for parish boundary sign**

**4252** A figure of £665 per sign had been quoted for producing a road-side sign incorporating the Parish Council logo. However, after April, a simple sign could be produce by the Highway Authority from their budget, and at no cost to the Parish Council. It was noted that the original sign had been removed without notice some months ago. No decision was reached.

### **(c) To discuss footpath access by Goddards Farm**

**4253** The discontinued footpath between Goddards Farm and Cufaude Lane, Chineham, had reappeared on Ordnance Survey charts and was also described on the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council website. Sandy Johnston agreed to speak to his contacts at Hampshire Paths Partnership to arrange for this to be rectified.

SJ

### **(d) To receive update on Walks Leaflet**

**4254** Sandy Johnston is awaiting a draft document from the Hampshire Paths Partnership.

**4255** The Chairman reported that the problem of flooding across old Reading Road was being reconsidered by the Highway Authority. They had also confirmed that they would soon be installing a new "public car park" sign, re-evaluating the poor condition of Goddards Lane and relocating the priority road sign from the War Memorial.

## **9. FINANCE REPORT**

**4256** A budget report for the third quarter had been circulated, together with a report on income and expenditure for December:

The balances of all accounts at 31 December 2004 are shown in the table below:

| <b>2004/2005</b>           | <b>HSBC A/C</b>  | <b>General Investment A/C</b> | <b>Consols</b> | <b>Grand Total</b> |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Balance B/F from Q2</b> | <b>12,316.18</b> | <b>22,074.43</b>              | <b>24.17</b>   | <b>34,414.78</b>   |
| Income Oct/Nov/Dec         | 8,168.64         | 0.00                          | 0.00           | 8,168.64           |
| Outgoing Oct/Nov/Dec       | 5,747.19         | 0.00                          | 0.00           | 5,747.19           |
| <b>Q3 Balance</b>          | <b>17,659.11</b> | <b>22,074.43</b>              | <b>24.17</b>   | <b>39,757.71</b>   |

HSBC Bank Statement at 31/12/04 = £17,659.11

**Approval of Payments**

£626.20 Clerk salary  
£110.20 Litter Warden  
£157.24 Inland Revenue  
£50.00 John Attwood (for tree guard, purchased for Millennium Yew tree)

Approval of payments proposed by Brian Archer, seconded by Loraine Smith, agreed.

LM

**10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**4257** Council members were reminded to let the Clerk know of items for the agenda at least one week in advance of the next meeting.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**4258** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Liddell Hall on Wednesday 9 February at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed 9.20 pm.