

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 19.30 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY 11 JULY 2007.

Present

Bruce Batting (Chairman)
Richard Gaiger
Ivan Gosden
Sandy Johnston
Tracy Lander-Sims
Lorraine Smith

In attendance

Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)
WPC Jewell

One member of the public was in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5248 Parish Cllrs Ken Clark, John Dodd, Percy Sims and Brian Archer, and Borough Councillor Marilyn Tucker. The Chairman welcomed WPC Jewell and Chris Horton to the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

5249 Bruce Batting and Dick Gaiger, part of item 12, and Ivan Gosden, item 19. Bruce Batting, item under Planning Committee report, "Hillacre".

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2007

5250 It was agreed to amend the third sentence, second paragraph of minute 5198 to read: ...*design life and that internal finishes should last between 20 and 60 years.* The minutes were then approved as a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

5251 A police bulletin had been circulated with details of recent crimes in the Basingstoke area, and the Neighbourhood Watch report for June had been tabled. In addition, it was reported that four crimes, burglaries/theft from outbuildings, had been committed at Church End on Sunday night and enquiries were ongoing. Burglaries had also been carried out at the Wellington Arms and the Bramley Inn. WPC Jewell reported that officers would be identifying and prioritising for action issues of major concern within their local areas. In Sherfield, these would probably be speeding traffic and fear of crime.

OPEN FORUM

The meeting was temporarily adjourned.

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Planning Committee

5252 The minutes of the meeting held on 19 June and 4 July had been circulated for report:

Application No: BDB/66235 Location: Mill View, 12 Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extensions.

PC Decision: It was noted that this address had been subject to an investigation by the Enforcement Team at the Borough, as hairdressing services were being advertised from the premises. The Chairman proposed that the planning application was acceptable, with a proviso that the property is not used for commercial/business use. This was agreed by the committee.

Application No: BDB/66275 Location: Highway verges Bow Drive, Carpenters Cl, Bullsdown Cl, SoL

Proposal: Conversion of highway verges and open space verges into additional parking areas and demolition of 5 no. garages to create additional parking area. Alterations to carriageway.

ACTION

PC Decision: Concern was expressed that the “demolition of 5 no. garages” did not appear on the documentation which had been sent to residents of Bow Drive inviting comments. The Chairman advised that not all of the measures included in the planning application would necessarily be introduced by the Borough. The committee noted that the proposals did not provide many more parking spaces for residents, although they did serve to widen the roadway and therefore improve access for the bus service. No objection.

Application No: BDB/66314 **Location:** Hillacre, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, RG27 0JG
Proposal: Erection of 6 no. two bedroom dwellings, 3 no. three bedroom dwellings and 5 no. four bedroom dwellings following demolition of Hilltop and garages. Creation of new access onto Fox’s Furlong.

PC Decision: The Committee had no objection to the application, as the development would be situated alongside existing housing development and infrastructure. In terms of safety, the Committee felt that the proposed vehicular access via Chineham was preferable to access from the A33 at the brow of a hill. No objection.

Application No: BDB/66424 **Location:** 5 Poplar Close, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Erection of a part two storey, part single storey rear extension, single storey front/side extension and replacement detached garage/store.

PC Decision: No objection.

NOTICE OF INTENT

No1 TCA 2313 to fell 1 Cherry, 1 Pine and 1 Willow at the Willows, Greenway.

PC Decision: No comment received from the Tree Warden. No objection.

APPROVALS

Application No: BDB/65868 **Location:** 31 Otterbourne Walk, Sherfield-on-Loddon

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension and insertion of roof light to office over existing garage. Part conversion of garage to living accommodation.

Application No: BDB/65913 **Location:** Land west of Meadow Cottage, Taylors Lane, Sherfield

Proposal: Erection of a bat roost.

Retention of Development (Section 73A)

Application No: BDB/65529 **Location:** St Leonards Church, Reading Road, Church End, Sherfield

Proposal: Repairs to boundary wall of the Octagon, Church End.

Application No: BDB/65947 **Location:** 2 The Hollies, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0HJ

Proposal: Conversion of garage to living accommodation (Relief of Condition 3 of BDB/46991) construction of chimney on north east elevation and installation of patio doors with dormer roof on north east elevation.

Application No: BDB/65985 **Location:** 34 Otterbourne Walk, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0SF

Proposal: Erection of conservatory to side elevation and resiting of garden access gate.

NOI – to report no objection by Borough Council:

TCA 2278 to fell 1 apple and 1 conifer at Chestnut Cottage, Sherfield Green

REFUSALS

Application No: BDB/65309 **Location:** Land rear of Wheelers Court, Reading Road, Sherfield

Proposal: Variation of a Section 52 Legal Agreement to allow use of land for residential development.

Letter from O2 (tabled)

Since the Parish Council’s letter of objection, O2 had written to confirm that they would not proceed with their original proposal to site a mast at Wyevale Garden Centre, but would consult with the public to find a more acceptable location.

The Chairman reported that the Clerk would in future retain applications, rather than circulate to Planning Committee members, to ensure that all relevant paperwork is brought forward to each meeting.

(b) Leisure Facilities Committee

5253 The next meeting will be held on 24 July.

(c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

5254 The next meeting will be held on 24 July.

(d) Village Green Committee

5255 The next meeting will be held on 17 July.

Members were advised that the three diseased horse chestnut trees along Bramley Road are due to be felled the week commencing 13 August.

Dangerous/dying trees within “Mansers” wood still needed to be inspected, and it was agreed that councillors would meet on site at 7.15/7.30pm on 24 July, in advance of the Leisure Facilities Committee meeting.

(e) Allotments

5256 The Clerk had received no reply from a tenant following her written request for their plot to be improved and maintained. Tracy Lander-Sims offered to speak to the tenant.

5257 The Borough’s Allotment Officer had been invited to judge the best allotment. A reply is awaited. The trophy will be presented at the Sherfield Show in September.

(f) Play area & BMX track

5258 Work will commence as soon as there is a period of dry weather.

It was thought that further Section 106 money should be allocated to the parish, if the development at Hillacre goes ahead.

(g) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

5259 The Loddon Sports In-House tournament had been cancelled on 1 July due to poor weather and would be re-scheduled for September.

5260 To agree date to view modular buildings

As requested at the last meeting, Brian Woodham had suggested two locations where Thurston modular buildings could be seen. Sandy Johnston would contact Brian Archer and arrange to go with him to view the pavilion at Canford Magna. It was hoped that the Greenham Common pavilion would soon be completed.

(h) Tennis courts

5261 Fees to be collected.

(i) Schools

5262 Due to illness, the Mayor of Basingstoke had been unable to attend the prize giving at Sherfield School last week and so Sandy Johnston had accepted the invitation to take his place.

5263 The Bramley School fete had taken place last weekend and approximately £3,500 had been raised for school projects.

(j) Sherfield Park/Taylor’s Farm

5264 The Chairman had not attended the most recent meeting of the Community Association. However, it was thought that the group continued to seek a solution with the developer over the road layout and access through the estate.

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(k) Village Hall

5265 With regard to signage and lighting, it had been confirmed that advertising consent is required by the Borough Council and this would be paid for by the Parish Council. The Borough had offered £500 from the POPPI fund as some projects elsewhere in the Borough, previously accepted for the grant, had not gone ahead. The Borough requires a second like-for-like quotation in order to release the money. The Clerk would continue to liaise with Sue Handasyde-Dick over the project.

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Members were concerned to learn that the Borough had written formally to Sherfield Village Hall following a complaint of noise at Sherfield Park. Clearly, the matter had not been investigated properly by Environmental Health before the letter was issued. The error had been pointed out to the officer, but no apology had been offered for the mistake.

6. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

5266 A report for June had been tabled. Tracy Lander-Sims and Richard Gaiger had agreed to carry out repairs to the viewing platform and Richard reported that he would also be replacing some rotten wood on the platform this weekend.

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The hedge between the noticeboard and the football pavilion had been cut back by Simon Hennessey. Bus seat repairs had been highlighted in the June report and this would be discussed later in the meeting.

7. TO DISCUSS ADVICE FROM ACCESS OFFICER RE; ALLOTMENT ACCESS

5267 Members had received a copy of an email from Anne Gray, explaining that duties of landlords and duties of service providers were different under the DDA and therefore the allotments were something of a grey area. It was noted that the tenant had been asked if they would like a plot nearer to the car park when one becomes available but they had declined. The majority of members were not in favour of allowing vehicles along the single grass track, for safety reasons. However, it was agreed that the Borough's solicitor, Chris Guy, would be asked to comment on the situation.

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8. TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

5268 Minor amendments to the Standing Orders were required following last month's adoption of the new Code, to include reference to the date of adoption of the Code. The amendments were approved unanimously. The Clerk would re-issue the updated Standing Orders to members. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council could re-consider whether to adopt 12(2) of the Code sometime in the future, if required.

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Sandy Johnston reported that the Code had been discussed in detail at the recent BDAPTC meeting and AGM. He was disappointed that of the 51 parishes/associations invited, only 11 had been represented at the meeting. Sandy would continue to be the Association's representative on the Community Safety Forum, which would be meeting again next week.

9. TO RECEIVE REPLY CONCERNING NAMING OF ANTLER HOMES DEVELOPMENT

5269 Members were reminded that the vendors had secured a covenant preventing the use of "Rectory" in the naming of the development. Consequently, the Parish Council had put forward a second proposal of 1-10 Breach Lane as the postal address. However, the Borough did not support this either, as the A33 dissects Breach Lane which could lead to confusion. Members agreed with this view but were somewhat surprised as the Borough had insisted on retaining "Wildmoor Lane" as the address at Hams Corner, on the village side of the A33.

The Borough wished the PC to consider Breach Court or Breach Close, or to consider naming the development after the outgoing Chief Executive of Basingstoke and Deane BC, Gordon Holdcroft. Members felt that this latter suggestion was inappropriate, and considered that a more central, possibly larger development would be more suitable. It was unanimously agreed that the name Breach Gardens should be put forward.

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Members noted with interest that a highway road sign of “Rectory Gardens” had been installed at the site.

10. TO CONSIDER REQUEST BY LODDON SPORTS TO HOLD A 2 DAY TRAINING EVENT WITH READING FC ON THE VILLAGE GREEN, 9 AND 10 AUGUST

5270 Members were supportive of this initiative and approval was given unanimously.

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11. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENT, READING ROAD

5271 The court order preventing a group of travellers from returning to the “bus turnaround”, issued as a result of their previous visit in January, had finally been enforced after a period of three weeks, and the caravans had moved off site. The Highway Authority had agreed to install a height restriction barrier to prevent access in the future, and the entrance would be narrowed to 4 m. The Chairman explained that the area had been given over for parking by the Highway Authority at the time of the Premier Court development. Buses no longer use it for turning. Access would still be possible for the bottle bank collection lorry and for highway contractors.

12. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON GREENWAY MEETING

5272 The Gardening Club event scheduled for 16 July had been cancelled and so the Greenway meeting could go ahead as planned at 7.30pm, Liddell Hall.

13. TO RECEIVE QUOTATIONS FOR SCALPINGS, WHEELERS COURT TRACK

5273 Jewsons: type 1 scalpings, £35.60 per tonne, £10 delivery, all plus vat. I Welch: type 1 scalpings, 3 x tonnes delivered and laid £200 plus vat. It was agreed that Barry Bulpitt would be asked for a quote for laying scalpings. Councillors were advised that building work was planned by one of the cottages and it was felt that it would be sensible to wait until the work had been completed before carrying out work to the track, as heavy vehicles would damage the newly-laid track. It was noted that the track is used solely for access to Wheelers Court and as such it had always been maintained by the residents in the past, and so members felt that payment by the Parish Council for this repair work should be on a one off basis.

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14. TO RECEIVE QUOTATIONS FOR BUS SHELTER REPAIRS

5274 Barry Bulpitt: £50 minor repairs, £150 more substantial repairs and replacing with thicker wood. Joe Bate: £52. There is £100 in the budget for bus shelters, and so it was unanimously agreed to ask Barry Bulpitt to repair the bus shelter seating in Goddards Lane for £50.

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15. TO RECEIVE REQUEST FOR DONATION, VITALISE

AND

16. TO RECEIVE REQUEST FOR DONATION, FARMING & WILDLIFE ADVISORY GROUP

5275 Councillors were reminded that there is £35 in the budget for “other” donations. It was unanimously agreed not to donate to either of these organisations at this time.

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17. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS

5276 To receive update on traffic calming unit, the Shop

Peter Eade had suggested meeting with councillors on Thursday 26 July at 3pm. This was agreed.

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5277 Hampshire County Council Scrutiny Review: Transport in the Community

A consultation document had just been received and was tabled at the meeting. Members were asked to pass comments to the Clerk by the end of next week (20 July) so that a summary of comments could be sent on behalf of the Parish Council.

18. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET REPORT FIRST QUARTER

5278 A report for June had been circulated:

2007/2008	HSBC A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Consols	Grand Total
Bal B/F from May	6,076.89	37,006.09	24.17	43,107.15
Credits Jun	119.50	124.98	0.00	244.48
Debits Jun	4,080.38	0.00	0.00	4,080.38
Balance C/F	2,116.01	37,131.07	24.17	39,271.25

Uncleared cheques (HSBC)	Uncleared receipts (HSBC)
2,055.26	
Uncleared Balance	
4,171.27	

HSBC Bank Statement at 30 June 2007: £4,171.27

5279 A copy of a budget report for the first quarter had been tabled. There were no questions raised.

5280 It was reported that the sum of £25,775 had been deposited into the account from the Public Works Loan Board, this being the sum required for the purchase of burial ground. It was resolved to transfer the sum of £24,000 to the Bank of Ireland Account with immediate effect.

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THE NEXT ITEMS WERE TAKEN OUT OF SEQUENCE:

20. TO VIEW PARISH MAP

5281 Deferred until Percy Sims is able to attend the meeting. Members were advised that he is making good progress and had returned home this afternoon, having had a pace-maker fitted this morning.

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21. TO AGREE ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

5282 As agreed earlier in the year, there would be no meeting next month. However, councillors agreed to meet informally on 8 August. It was confirmed that this would not be a formal public meeting, and so no decisions would be taken.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5283 Next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 12 September, 19.30 hours, Liddell Hall.

Ivan Gosden and Sandy Johnston left the meeting.

19. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BURIAL GROUND

5284 Secretary of State approval to borrow funds had been received and the Public Works Loan Board had forwarded the funding required to purchase land adjacent to St Leonard's Churchyard. The Legal Services Department at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council had been instructed to proceed with the purchase on behalf of the Parish Council.

Meeting closed: 21.20 hours.