

**MINUTES OF SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 19.30 HOURS ON MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2007.**

**Present**

Brian Archer  
Ken Clark  
John Dodd  
Richard Gaiger  
Ivan Gosden (Vice Chairman – in the chair)  
Sandy Johnston  
Tracy Lander-Sims

**In attendance**

Lucy Marshall (Parish Clerk)

One member of the general public was in attendance during part of the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**5038** Apologies for absence were received from Bruce Batting, Loraine Smith, Percy Sims, Cllr Marilyn Tucker and Chris Horton.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

**5039** Ivan Gosden declared a prejudicial interest in item 18. John Dodd and Richard Gaiger declared an interest in agenda item 7.

**3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2007**

**5040** The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

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

**5041** The Neighbourhood Watch report for January had been circulated. The new format included categories which had not previously been recorded on the reports and could account for the apparently significant increase in crime, as shown on the annual report from Mandy Jewell.

**OPEN FORUM**

The meeting was temporarily adjourned.

**5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**(a) Planning Committee**

**5042** The minutes of meetings held on 15 and 26 January had been circulated and the minutes of a meeting held on 7 February were tabled.

Details of discussions were noted as follows:

**Application No: BDB/65075**

**Location:** 19 Goddards Close, Sherfield-on-Loddon

**Proposal:** Erection of rear conservatory.

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/65155**

**Location:** Sherfield Court and land adjacent, Reading Road, Church End, Sherfield

**Proposal:** Erection of new stables, construction of new ménage and change of use of land for the keeping of horses.

**PC Decision:** No objection. The Planning Authority would be reminded that a footpath passes through the land in question.

**ACTION**

**Application No: BDB/40788 & BDB/55134**

*Details: Revised Master Plan, land at Taylor's Farm (Sherfield Park) Sherfield-on-Loddon*

*PC Decision: The Committee supported the Community Association's view that the new suggesting siting for the Community Centre is inappropriate. The Chairman would contact Cllr Elaine Still, who lives within the development.*

**Application No: BDB/65124**

*Location: Taylors Farm, Taylors Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0JF*

*Proposal: Reserved matters application for the access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of new single storey community and sports facility, sports pitches, play areas and car park pursuant to outline planning permission BDB/40788.*

*PC Decision: The design of the building had already been approved but the Committee wished to register their objection to the proposed re-location of the building, on the grounds of inadequate security. It was also noted that the new plans showed the replacement of a pavilion with a LEAP (open space) plus a change to the road layout, resulting in the removal of a northern perimeter road. Undoubtedly, the development will be used as a short-cut between Chineham Business Park and the A33 and the Committee felt, therefore, that the retention of the distributor road is essential to ensure traffic can pass by the development, rather than through the small residential roads. It was noted that some months ago Croudace had given the impression of a willingness to bring forward the construction of the long-awaited Community Centre, but this new application served to delay the project again, which was of concern to Committee members. Objection to removal of distributor road and to the proposed re-location of the Centre.*

**Application No: BDB/64730**

*Location: Land at Taylors Farm East of Pettys Copse, Sherfield-on-Loddon*

*Proposal: Erection of 56 no two, three, four and five bedroom dwellings with associated garages and new access.*

*PC Decision: It was noted that the development contained 40% affordable housing. The Committee was concerned that the developer is using plans which show a school site; it has been confirmed by the County Council that no school will be built at Taylors Farm, and it was felt that the developer should be asked to remove reference to the school within their documentation as this is misleading for would-be purchasers. No objection to development.*

**Application No: BDB/64912**

*Location: Bowlings, Goddards Lane, Sherfield-on-Loddon*

*Proposal: Erection of single storey extensions to the south east and north east elevations and construction of a bay window to the north west elevation.*

*PC Decision: It was noted that the plans fail to show the sharp bend in the road to the north of the property where a parking space is indicated, which is in fact a passing place. No objection to application.*

**Application No: BDB/65189**

*Location: Highway verge (east side) north of roundabout, A33, Reading Rd, Sherfield*

*Proposal: Erection of a radio equipment cabinet and a diplexor cabinet to existing telecommunications installation.*

*PC Decision: No objection.*

**Application No: BDB/65105**

*Location: Old Timbers, Greenway, Sherfield-on-Loddon*

*Proposal: Erection of a replacement garage and log store with first floor over for storage use.*

*PC Decision: There were mixed views about the features of the proposed garage, which include staircase and rail to an upper floor, basin and WC. Concern was expressed that with these features the outbuilding might at some time be used as living space. After discussion, it*

was agreed that the description of the application was inadequate. No objection, but request to planning officer to include a condition that the building is not to be used as living space but restricted to storage space.

**Application No: BDB/65309**

**Location:** Land rear of Wheelers Court, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon

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

**PC Decision:** The Section 52 agreement stated that there should be no further residential development behind Wheelers Court and it was suggested that this had been agreed originally to allow an amenity area for local residents and/or protection of the original Gaol House Wall. Also, Wheelers Court cottages are buildings of local interest, referred to within the Conservation Area Appraisal, and any other use of the land behind would interfere with their visual amenity. There was a discrepancy between the delineation of the plot on the Section 52 agreement and the applicant's map, and it was thought that the inclusion of an extra spur to the north west of the plot could be interpreted as a suitable access route from the Reading Road.  
**Objection.**

**BDBC APPROVALS**

**Application No: BDB/64723**

**Location:** Bridgeway, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0AA

**Proposal:** Erection of a part two storey, part single storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch.

**Application No: BDB/64862**

**Location:** Brunlea, Bramley Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon

**Proposal:** Creation of vehicular access with dropped kerb and car parking space.

**Application No: BDB/64877**

**Location:** Old School Cottage, Sherfield Green, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0EZ

**Proposal:** Construction of first floor extension with Mansard style roof to form link between existing roofs. Roof lights to bedroom and replacement windows and doors.

**Application No: BDB/64872**

**Location:** 3 Pound Meadow, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0EP

**Proposal:** Erection of a first floor rear extension and rear conservatory following demolition of existing.

**NOTICE OF INTENT – NEW APPLICATION**

NoI TCA 2230 to fell 1 Crab Apple at Summerfield.

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**NOTICE OF INTENT – BDBC APPROVALS FOR REPORT**

NoI TCA 2210 to fell 2 Oak at the Village Green.

NoI TCA 2212 to generally prune 1 Hazel, fell to ground level 1 Conifer, thin by 15-20% 1 Yew, reduce single stem by 50% 1 Birch and thin by 20% 1 Cherry at The Coach House.

NoI TCA 2224 to crown lift over building 1 Lime, fell 1 Ash, 1 Willow, 1 Hornbeam and 1 multi-stemmed Oak, crown lift by 2 – 2.5m 1 Norway Spruce, cut back from building 1 Hawthorn and 1 Yew, deadwood 1 Oak (exempt) at Wessex Grange.

Planning Committee to meet again according to applications received. The late Brian Gaiger had been Parish Councillor at the time of the Pound Meadow development and Richard agreed to try to find a reference to the protection of the area behind Wheelers Court in his father's papers.

RG

**(b) Leisure Facilities Committee**

**5043** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 January had been circulated. The committee wished to propose applying for grant aid for the installation of a tarmac surface between the two basket/goals on the village green. Three quotations had been received, and Four Winds Court Services was by far the cheapest quotation. It was noted that Four Winds had carried out work for the Parish Council in the past. It was agreed that the grant application should be submitted. Section 106 money of £9,873 is now available for play/open space and a suggested allocation of the funding was tabled. Assuming success with the grant application, the sum of £3,500 would represent 25% of the cost for the basket/goal surfacing, £5,258 could be allocated to the surfacing below the combat cableway and the remaining £1,115 could be allocated towards the cost of improvements to the BMX track. This arrangement was unanimously agreed.

LM

**5044 Update on request for quotation, repair to log slide**

It was reported that Ben Stoopman did not feel able to carry out the necessary repairs to the slide. The matter of repair / replacement to be given further consideration by the LF Committee.

LF Ctte

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

**5045** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 January had been circulated.

**5046 To consider recommendation to return to three cuts of the Village Green in 2007, as required**  
The proposal had been put forward by the Village Green Committee. Proposal unanimously agreed.

**5047 To consider recommendation to await Sparsholt visit before adopting replacement scheme, Bramley Road horse chestnut trees**

The Village Green Committee's suggested tree replacement plan had been considered but the FGP Committee wished to propose awaiting a visit from Sparsholt before adopting a policy. FPG Committee proposal unanimously agreed.

**5048 To report works carried out to damaged and fallen trees since the last meeting**

It was reported that a number of large branches had fallen during recent storms and these, together with a tree leaning across a pathway, had been removed as a matter of urgency at a cost of £300.

**5049 To consider recommendation to defer purchase of emergency access signs until April**  
Proposal unanimously agreed.

LM  
FGP Ctte

**5050 To consider recommendation to place notice in LVL regarding continued use of track, Goddards Lane to Greenway**  
Proposal agreed by majority.

LM

**5051 To report review of Financial Regulations in accordance with Standing Order 81(f)**  
The committee had undertaken a review of the Financial Regulations and recommended that no amendments are required, with the exception of a typographical error.

**5052 To consider recommendation to withhold £1000 from Reserves, Cricket Ground repair**  
The fund currently stands at £1000. It was noted that the proposal was not to make a withdrawal from the fund but to withhold a transfer of £1000 which was to have been made during 2006/7, as several unexpected costs had been incurred during the year. Proposal unanimously agreed.

**(d) Village Green Committee**

**5053** The minutes of the Village Green Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 January 2007 had been circulated. The committee's recommendations had been considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee (see minutes 5046, 5047, 5048 above).

The volunteers had met on Saturday 3 February and had cleared some of the overgrown heathers in middle green; the waste would be removed from the green.

JD/IG

**(e) Allotments**

**5054 To receive update on Borough assistance, permanent waste site**

Ian Harris had advised that the Borough funds will not be received until August at the earliest. However, all Parishes will shortly be invited to seek funding for allotment projects and arrangements will be put in place by the Borough so that work can begin at the earliest opportunity.

**(f) Play area and BMX track**

**5055** Plans for the play area had been discussed under item 5043.

**5056 To receive update on BMX proposals and advice from BDBC safety consultant**

Richard Gaiger and Lucy Marshall will be meeting Mike Ditch tomorrow, the Borough's safety adviser, to discuss the plans for track improvements and proposed tank jump.

**(g) Football and cricket grounds**

**5057 To receive report on tenders received, Centenary Pavilion**

Three tenders had been received, but only one had reached the Clerk by the deadline of 2 February. All three had been opened on 7 February. The HAPTC had confirmed that the two late submissions were invalid. Fortunately, the tender received on 1 February provided the cheapest quotation and this could now be presented to the funding bodies.

**(h) Tennis courts**

**5058** Nothing to report.

**(i) Sherfield Park/Taylor's Farm development**

**5059** Nothing to report.

**(j) Schools**

**5060** Nothing to report. Half term next week.

**(k) Village Hall**

**5061** Sandy Johnston reported on the Management Committee meeting held on 17 January. The sound system has now been fitted. The committee is considering replacing the stage. Renovations costing £5,000 have been carried out on the cottage, which is now ready for let. A roof survey is to be carried out. Work to the main hall floor costing £3000 is to be arranged in due course. Members of the committee will be attending a BDBC workshop on grant funding.

**6. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT**

**5062** The report for January had been circulated. It was noted that a tree is down within the Parish Council's woodland at the southern entrance to the village, although it does not present an immediate hazard and arrangement can be made to remove it later in the year.

**5063 To receive update on Tree root on pathway**

The Tree Officer had written to confirm that the tree root protruding from the pathway alongside Cheshunt Lodge may be removed. A quotation of £30 to remove had been received some time ago and it was agreed that the contractor should be asked to carry out the work. It was noted that Cheshunt Lodge is vacant and for sale at present.

LM

**7. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON WORKS TO GREENWAY**

**5064** Planings had been laid, but unfortunately the potholes were already beginning to re-appear. Ivan Gosden agreed to contact Dave Miller next week for advice on a more reliable remedy.

IG

**8. TO CONSIDER HCC REQUEST TO APPOINT A TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE AND INVITATION TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN WINCHESTER, 21 MARCH**

**5065** John Dodd thought that he might be able to attend but would confirm this after the meeting.

JD

**9. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR USE OF VILLAGE GREEN BY LODDON SPORTS JUNIOR FC, 3 JUNE AND 1 JULY**

**5066** The request for permission to allow cars to park on the rough area of the Green during the events, to site 2-3 portaloos in the car parking area and to erect a marquee for the Presentation of awards on 1 July was unanimously approved.

LM

**10. TO RECEIVE INVITATION TO COMMENT ON BDBC DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**5067** This document had been circulated, following the last Parish Council meeting, but had not yet been returned to the Clerk. Sandy Johnston would be willing to comment on the document.

SJ/LM

**11. BDBC CONSULTATION ON EMERGING POLICY GUIDANCE**

**5068** It was agreed that a response should be sent. Sandy Johnston to complete the proforma.

SJ/LM

**12. BDBC CONSULTATION ON FARM DIVERSIFICATION AND TRADITIONAL FARMSTEADS SPD AND SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL**

**5069** No response required.

**13. DCLG CONSULTATION (DEPT FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVT) – AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

**5070** The Parish Council had been made aware of this document by HAPTC, who were urging Parish Councils to respond. The document, together with a covering letter from the DCLG dated 22 January, had been received that morning. Brian Archer agreed to formulate a response and other Councillors were invited to forward their comments to Brian by the end of February.

BA  
All

**14. TO RECEIVE REQUEST TO COMPLETE PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY, COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS PLAN FOR HAMPSHIRE**

**5071** A copy of the questionnaire had been circulated to all members. Sandy Johnston offered to collate a response, and so Councillors were asked to forward their completed forms to him.

SJ  
All

**15. UPDATE ON BDBC REQUEST TO INSTALL GLASS BOTTLE BANKS AT BUS TURNAROUND, READING ROAD**

**5072** It was reported that Iain Pickles is seeking views of those residents most likely to be affected by the Borough's proposal to place bottle banks in the bus turnaround.

**16. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS**

**5073** To discuss traffic calming units, Sherfield-on-Loddon

John Dodd said that the unit close to the Shop, Reading Road, still presented a problem as it forces drivers on to the wrong side of the road, and also leads to confusion over rights of way. He suggested that replacing the unit with a traffic light might be considered, so that traffic has to stop on approaching the Goddards Lane junction from the south. It was noted that the Assistant Chief Engineer is trying to arrange a meeting with HCC and Bruce Batting to discuss the Breach Lane works, and it was felt that Parish Councillors should try to attend the meeting also, and have an opportunity to discuss this particular problem.

LM/BB

**5074** To receive update on parking pilot scheme, Bow Drive

Further to a recent article in the Basingstoke Gazette, Adrian Morgan of BDBC had written to confirm that the Parish will be consulted, probably in April, with proposals for parking improvements.

**5075 To receive update on naming of road, Antler Homes development**

Further to discussions at the last meeting, the Borough had supported the Parish Council's view that "Wildmoor Villas" was inappropriate as a permanent name for the Breach Lane development and had written to Antler Homes.

**5076 To receive update on suggestion of moving bus stop**

Further to the Parish Council's suggestion of moving the bus stop from outside the Post Office to the layby outside the Four Horseshoes PH, the County Council had visited the site and sought the views of passengers and the Post master. The County concluded that the stop should remain in its current position.

**17. TO RECEIVE FINANCE REPORT**

**5077** A document showing the bank reconciliation and payments for the month was tabled:

<b>2006/2007</b>	<b>HSBC A/C</b>	<b>Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C</b>	<b>Consols</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Bal B/F from December	4,292.88	21,570.64	24.17	25,887.69
Credits Jan	633.00	82.43	0.00	715.43
Debits Jan	3,791.87	0.00	0.00	3,791.87
<b>Balance C/F</b>	<b>1,134.01</b>	<b>21,653.07</b>	<b>24.17</b>	<b>22,811.25</b>

O/S cheques: £211.50      HSBC Bank Statement at 31 January 2007: £1,345.51

**Approval of payments**

- £744.03 Clerk salary
- £126.36 Litter Warden
- £235.85 Inland Revenue

It was recommended that the sum of £3,000 is transferred from the deposit account to the HSBC account. Payments and transfer approved unanimously.

LM

**18. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BURIAL GROUND**

**5078** Nothing to report.

**19. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**5079**

- Future of the 44 Bus Route
- It was suggested that instead of a formal PC meeting in August, Councillors could meet informally for discussions of ideas. It was noted that it would not be possible to make decisions at such a meeting, but items arising could be added to future PC agendas.

Other items to the Clerk by Thursday 8 March.

LM

**20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**5080** Liddell Hall, Wednesday 14 March 2007, 19.30 hrs. Meeting closed 21.00 hrs.