

CONFIRMED MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2008.

Present

Ivan Gosden
Sandy Johnston
Brian Archer
Lucy Marshall
Richard Gaiger
Bruce Jones

In attendance

Fiona Craig (Parish Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5564 Apologies had been received from Bruce Batting, Loraine Smith, David Leivesley, Tracy Lander-Sims, Rhydian Vaughan, Ranil Jayawardena, Keith Chapman and PC Jewell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5565 There were no declarations of interest

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH MAY

5566 The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting an error was manually corrected in point two, it should read, Ivan Gosden elected as Vice Chairman. Corrected minutes will appear on the website.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME & DISORDER

5567 The neighbourhood Watch report showing trends in crime in the area was reviewed. There was also a review of the 'Rural Policing Update' received from PC Jewell. It was noted that the Police car would have further to travel to reach Sherfield once it was based in Whitchurch rather than Tadley.

OPEN FORUM

The meeting was temporarily adjourned

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Planning Committee

5568 The minutes of the meetings held on 14th and 21st May been circulated.

The following applications were considered at the meetings:

Application No: BDB/68614

Location: 35, Goddards Close, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0EG

Proposal: Erection of single storey front and rear extensions and two storey side extension

Grid Ref: 467576,157831

PC Decision: Objection – Overdevelopment of Plot within application site, over development of plot within street scene, expanse of uninterrupted brickwork.

Application No: BDB/68560

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

Proposal: Reserved Matters application for the access, appearance, layout and scale of open space/play area pursuant to outline planning application BDB/40788.

Grid Ref: 466330,156517

PC Decision: No Objection

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Application No: BDB/68379

Location: 8, Breach Gardens, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0AW

Proposal: Erection of a rear Conservatory

Grid Ref: 486042,157903

PC Decision: No Objection

Application No: BDB/68597

Location: Brunlea and Oaklands, Northfield Road, Sherfield on Loddon,

Proposal: Erection of 2 no.three bedroom semi-detached dwellings with integral garages and new access.

Grid Ref: 467955,158288

PC Decision: Concerns were expressed about the capacity of the sewerage system in Northfield Road and whether or not it could cope with additional dwellings. There were also concerns about the parking arrangements and it was suggested that the integral garages would be converted into dwelling space after sale and increase the need to park on the road.

Application No: BDB/68616

Location: West Stow, Sherfield Green, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0EN

Proposal: Alterations to roof involving raising the height of eaves and construction of 2 no. dormers in front elevation and 1 no. dormer in the side elevation, insertion of 1 no. roof light in the front and side elevation. Juliet Balcony to rear elevation and new pitched roof to existing single storey rear element.

Grid Ref: 467825,157561

PC Decision- No Objection

APPROVALS BY BDBC BY REPORT

Application No: BDB/67646

Location: Meadow View, Bramley Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0DJ

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension

Grid Ref: 467733,158370

PLANNING APPLICATION WITHDRAWN FOR REPORT

Application No: BDB/67785

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

Proposal: Erection of 5 no. Low carbon and 19 no zero carbon residential units.

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE REVIEW FOR REPORT

Application No: BDB/67785

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

Proposal: Erection of 5 no. Low carbon and 19 no zero carbon residential units.

Recommendation: Approve subject to legal agreement

REFUSALS BY BDBC FOR REPORT

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Application No: BDB/68063

Location: 61 Northfield Road, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 0DS

Proposal: Erection of a part two storey part single storey front extension.

Grid Ref: 468016,158340

Comments: Proposal would result in building being unduly prominent within application site and wider street scene.

(b) Leisure Facilities Committee

5569 The minutes from 27th May had been circulated

(c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

5570 The minutes from 27th May had been circulated

(d) Village Green Committee

5571 The minutes from 20th May had been circulated

(e) Allotments

5572 The clerk reported that two half plots and one full plot are available, they have been offered to the people on the waiting list and we are waiting for their decision.

It was agreed that all new tenants should be offered a ¼ plot for their first year to reduce the current problem of large plots becoming overgrown when transferred to new holders. It was agreed that the current £30 deposit should apply to all sizes of plot. This was proposed by Bruce Jones and seconded by Richard Gaiger and approved by all present.

Approval for the erection of a 10ft by 8ft Poly tunnel on plot 28 was given. There was concern that this could become shabby looking as it will be made of plastic and clerk was asked to make it a condition of approval that the plastic housing is kept in good order.

(f) Play area & BMX track

5573 Good usage of both was reported.

Sandy Johnston commented that he has received some quotations for bike stands and will discuss this at the leisure committee.

The clerk reported that she had contacted the Borough and they would send their street cleansing team to clean off the graffiti at the playground.

The clerk reported that there would be a further mole treatment this week, to protect the Nomow surface.

(g) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

5574 There was a general discussion about the progress of the football pavilion specifications and it was agreed that a letter should be sent out to Thurstons requesting revised diagrams and quotation by the end of the next week.

(h) Tennis courts

5575 The Clerk had collected £35 of donations from The Shop for Tennis court usage.

(i) Schools

5576 Nothing to report

(j) Sherfield Park Residents Association

5577 There was no report.

The clerk reported that she had stuck Labels on all the bins in Sherfield Park to encourage people to place their dog waste in the bins rather than the hedges.

(k) Village Hall

5578 The draft loan agreement was changed slightly and accepted. The clerk will request Hedley's include amendments and re-issue for final acceptance and signing, hopefully at the next Parish Council meeting.

13. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTS

5579 The safety report was accepted.

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14. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

5580A report for May was tabled. The report and payment schedule were accepted. There was also acceptance of the clerk's request to put the twice yearly repayments to PWLB for the loan for the burial round onto a standing order. Quotations were reviewed and it was agreed that the Bulpitts should be asked to carry out the hedge trimming and crown lifting of trees on the green, it was also agreed that they should be asked to trim the stinging nettles around the Jubilee pond as they are several feet high. It was decided that the Borough should continue to treat the rats at both ponds, if there has been no improvement in the next month a private contractor should be considered.

Acceptance of the financial matters was proposed by Bruce Jones and seconded by Lucy Marshall and unanimously received.

Reconciliation of the Sherfield on Loddon Parish Bank Accounts as at 31 May 2008

Financial Year ending 31/3/09	PETTY CASH	HSBC Current A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Grand Total
Opening Balance per April statement		25,518.70	18,680.16	44,198.86
Income - Credits received at bank in MAR		583.61	21,567.29	22,150.90
Expenditure - Cheques presented in MAR		22,695.18		22,695.18
Petty Cash at Hand	50.00			50.00
Closing Balance per May Statement (Cash at bank and in hand)	50.00	3,407.13	40,247.45	43,704.58
<u>Approval for payments due in JUNE</u>				
Employment Costs				£1,112.41
Venue Hire (20th&27th May)				£24.00
Allianz Insurance				£1,247.33
JL Bryce Pest Treatment				£57.80
SLCC - Clerks' Manual				£47.00
Clerk's expenses (key cutting, printer ink, stamps, printer paper)				£105.79
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR JUNE				£2,594.33

1) Approval for June Payments

2) Review of quotations received and approval to proceed.

3) Approval to put PWLB onto a Standing Order

8. TO ACCEPT THE YEAR END ACCOUNTS FOR 31.03.08

5581 Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Richard Gaiger and seconded by Bruce Jones.

9. TO ACCEPT THE YE 31.03.09 BUDGET REVISIONS

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5582 The budget was accepted.

10. TO ACCEPT THE INSURANCE QUOTATION FOR YE 31.05.09 FROM ALLIANZ

5583 The quotation was accepted.

11. TO APPOINT AN INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR YE 31.03.09

5584 Following HALC's recommendation that the Parish Council should not have an auditor who is also treasurer to the Village Hall (as Parish Councillors are all also Trustees of the Village Hall) it was agreed that auditor should be changed. This was proposed by Brian Archer and seconded by Bruce Jones; everybody present was in favour except Sandy Johnston who abstained from the vote.

12. TO REMIND COUNCILLORS TO UPDATE THEIR REGISTER OF INTERESTS

5585 Councillors were reminded to update their register of interests if their circumstances had changed.

13. RESOLUTION TO CHANGE STANDING ORDERS TO LIMIT LENGTH OF SERVICE OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN TO 4 YEARS.

5586 It was resolved that this be discussed at the next meeting in July

14. TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO SEEK ENFORCEMENT OF PLANNING CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH BREACH GARDENS

5587 Lucy Marshall explained that Antler Homes were required to re-instate 3 Cherry Trees which had been removed from the road alongside the White Hart Pub Garden and also to place signage in Breach Gardens clearly showing that the parking slot was for visitors to the Post Office. The Clerk was asked to write to Antler Homes and the Borough Planning Department.

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15. TO CONSIDER REQUIREMENT FOR PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC REFUGE AT BOTTOM OF THE BRAMLEY ROAD

5588 There was a discussion about the merits of the proposal and possibility of cutting into the Village Green to provide a wide enough splay to include a refuge and safe vehicular right hand turning.

The highways department have reported that they cannot scope this at present as they have a full schedule of work for this year and manpower constraints. Councillors felt that this is a dangerous junction for the young and elderly and this project should be reviewed and costed. The clerk was asked to contact the local Borough Councillors for their support in gaining a design specification and quotation for the job from the Highways department.

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16. TO AGREE CO-OPTION OF KEN CLARK ONTO LEISURE COMMITTEE SCHEME.

5589 The Council were grateful that Ken Clark had agreed to continue to support the pavilion project and his co-option onto the leisure committee was proposed by Bruce Jones and seconded by Lucy Marshall. It was explained that as a co-opted member Ken will be unable to vote on any matters when this committee meets.

17. UPDATE ON COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 30mph WHEELIE BIN STICKERS

5590 Although there has been a great deal of interest in this proposal it was not felt that the Parish Council could fund the costs of these stickers, residents would be asked to purchase their own. The individual cost from the printer was £4.50. The clerk was asked to contact Rhydian Vaughan for some information on how Bramley has approached this for the Loddon Valley Link.

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18. UPDATE ON THE BRAMLEY ROAD CLOSURE

5591 The County Council have confirmed that the road will be closed from 16th June 2008 for approximately 5 weeks; there will be a diversion in place through Morgastan Road.

19. TO RECEIVE CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

5592 It was agreed that the Land Won Aggregates document was not relevant to this village and need not be responded to. Lucy Marshall agreed to respond to the document on the Adult Services Grant Programme and Sandy Johnston agreed to respond to the Residential Parking Standards document.

20. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5593 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9th July.