

CONFIRMED MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2008.

Present

Bruce Batting
Ivan Gosden
Sandy Johnston
Lorraine Smith
Lucy Marshall
Richard Gaiger
David Leivesley

In attendance

PC Mandy Jewell
Basingstoke Gazette
Fiona Craig (Parish Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5685 Apologies had been received from Bruce Jones, Brian Archer, Rhydian Vaughan and Ranil Jayawardena

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5686 Ivan Gosden for (item 13) SHLAA and Lucy Marshall (item 6) for item Bus Shelter.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH SEPTEMBER

5687 The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting with the following amendment to minute number 5677 'Some councillors expressed concern that the equipment may not be used properly and may attract a nuisance element to the village, but several councillors disagreed with this view and felt that the proposal should receive further consideration.'

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME & DISORDER

5688 The neighbourhood Watch report showing trends in crime in the area was reviewed. It was reported that there had been six offences in one night in the Reading Road.

OPEN FORUM

The meeting was temporarily adjourned

5. TO AGREE A PROCESS OF CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

5689 It was agreed that the clerk should place a notice in the LVL to invite applications for consideration. It was agreed that a list of questions would be drafted by Bruce Batting and Ivan Gosden and that these would be used during in any interviews of prospective councillors.

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6. TO DISCUSS RECURRENT PROBLEMS WITH BRAMLEY SCHOOL BUS IDENTIFICATION

5690 The clerk reported that Cllr Chapman had forwarded Parish Council concerns to HCC and that they had requested evidence that the bus is unidentified. Lucy Marshall agreed to photograph the bus and the clerk was asked to liaise with Bramley School to see if they would circulate a questionnaire to the families who use the bus to gauge their opinions.

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7. TO UPDATE ON AGREEMENT FROM B&D TO REMOVE BROWN 'ACTIVE TOTS' SIGNS

5691 Keith Chapman has agreed to chase this up with HCC. It was hoped that there may be a meaningful update for the next meeting

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8. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CURRENT POSITION WITH FOOTBALL PAVILION.

5692 The clerk had circulated the minutes of the meeting between both football clubs and the Parish Council and the letter from Loddon Sports Junior FC .Bruce Batting reported that he had drafted a letter in response and the clerk would be sending this next week.

9. TO AGREE 2009/10 PRECEPT

5693 The clerk referred councillors to the analysis and minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on 4.11.08 where a precept of £41,500 was proposed. Bruce Batting explained that there was a potential further expense for an SLR device (Speed Limit Restriction) if the PC were to decide to rent one next year. There was a lengthy discussion about costs and benefits of the device and it was concluded that further information was needed before a final decision could be made.

It was agreed that the proposed precept of £41,500 should be accepted and only increased for SLR expense and that this would be reviewed at the meeting in December. This was proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Lucy Marshall.

10. TO RECIEVE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

5694 The payments for November and transfer of £12,000 to the savings account were proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Richard Gaiger.

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

Financial Year ending 31/3/09	PETTY CASH	HSBC Current A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit	Grand Total
Opening Balance per October statement		21,383.91	31,571.72	52,955.63
Income - Credits received at bank in October		608.51	126.87	735.38
Expenditure - Cheques presented in October		2,684.40		2,684.40
Petty Cash at Hand	50.00			50.00
Closing Balance per October Statement (Cash at bank and in hand)	50.00	19,308.02	31,698.59	51,056.61

Approval for payments due in November

Employment Costs : Clerk & Litter Warden	£1,260.49
Clerk's Expenses - Stamps, Envelopes, Printer Paper, Padlock	£23.04
HALC - Annual Clerk's Conference March 2009	£35.00
SE Water (Allotments)	£84.22
Village Hall Hire	£71.42
Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley - Clearance of pathway behind Village Hall	£60.00
Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley - Repair of Basket Goal net	£20.00
Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley - Grass Cutting Cricket & Football pitches	£114.00
Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley - Grass Green, Ditches and Pond Area	£2,288.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR NOVEMBER	£3,956.17

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11. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

5695 Safety reports for September and October were reviewed and accepted.

12. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON USE OF POPPI GRANTS FOR VILLAGE HALL SIGNAGE

5696 Bruce Batting reported that no update is available yet.

13. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON SHLAA CONSULTATION

5697 Bruce Batting explained that the consultation addressed the future use of land for housing development and that he had responded to the consultation explaining why he felt that this area was unsuited to further development.

14. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BRAMLEY ROAD BUS SHELTER

5698 B&D BC had concluded that as the shelter was not on a bus route and used only as a school drop off point that they would not pay to replace the shelter. It was felt that as the bus route could change that this should be maintained and that it could become dangerous if it were left to deteriorate. Bruce Batting agreed to look into the possibility of grant money to replace it.

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15. TO AGREE PROPOSAL TO REVIEW MARKINGS AT THE READING ROAD/BRAMLEY ROAD CROSSROADS

5699 It was agreed that there is a need for better road markings as many drivers fail to stop on Breach Lane as they approach to cross the Reading Road to join the Bramley Road. The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Department.

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16. TO RECEIVE CONSULTATIONS

5700 Nature Rail at Longbridge – Bruce Batting agreed to respond,
HCC Rural Strategy – Lucy Marshall agreed to respond,
Codes of Conduct – David Leivesley agreed to respond
Byelaws -Sandy Johnston agree to respond.

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17. TO RECEIVE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

(a)5701 Planning Committee

Application No: BDB/69571

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Location: 3 Hams Corner, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 OHP

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension and installation of a first floor side window. Erection of a single storey rear extension and retrospective conversion of existing garage to living accommodation. Alteration to driveway.

Grid Ref: 468020,157486

PC Decision: Objection. This is over development of the plot and contains a large ugly expanse of brickwork. The Parish Council believe that the area indicated for vehicular parking is actually jointly owned with the neighbouring property and is designated as a turning circle.

Application No: BDB/69553

Location: Longbridge Mill, Reading Road, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 ODL

Proposal: Various internal alterations, repainting of external doors and windows, removal of flood lights, erection of ground mounted flood lights. Erection of lamp posts to replace existing ones.

Grid Ref: 468339,158188.

PC Decision: No Objection

Application No: BDB/69568

Location: Dodd's Garage, Reading Road, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 O EZ

Proposal: Display of 1 no. illuminated pole sign

Grid Ref: 467938,157854

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PC Decision: No Objection

Application No: BDB/69646

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 elevation. Construction of Juliet balcony to the rear elevation following demolition of existing balcony.

Grid Ref: 467825,157561

PC Decision: No Objection

Application No: BDB/69371

Location: Wyevale Garden Centre, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 OHL

Proposal: Construction of hand car wash facility with cabin for use as customer reception/storage area and erection of canopy over drying area.

Grid Ref: 467640,156521.

PC Decision: No Objection. The Parish Council did wish it to be noted that this application is retrospective, and is the second retrospective application submitted for this facility. The Parish Council also wished to ask whether adequate provision had been made for the drainage and disposal of the water used in this business.

APPROVALS BY BDBC FOR REPORT

Application No: BDB/69299 – PARTIAL APPROVAL (Sycamore and Yew work refused)

Location: Telephone Exchange, Reading Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook,

Proposal: T1 Sycamore tree Crown reduce, thin and shape by 20%. Crown lift by 5 metres, T2 Yew tree crown lift by 5 metres, T3 Ash tree crown reduce by 15%, T4 Oak tree crown lift by 4 metres.

Grid Ref: 468010,157443

REFUSALS BY BDBC FOR REPORT

Application No: BDB/69109

Location: Sanguillo Cottage, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0JD

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing single storey extension.

Application No: BDB/69364

Location: 1 Wheelers Court, Reading Road Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0EX

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension.

(b) Allotments

5702 Richard Gaiger reported back on the annual allotment meeting and the requests for a concrete area for rubbish, common locks on the padlocks and an additional tap. The clerk was asked to costs these requests and check to see if there was any grant money available from B&D BC.

(c) Play area & BMX track

5703 Sandy Johnston reported that the slide in the playground has become too rotten to use and must either be repaired or replaced. The clerk had asked B&D BC for guidance as to whether a repaired slide

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would pass a safety inspection and therefore be covered by the insurance policy; no response had been received yet. Richard Gaiger reported that there were no problems at the BMX track.

(d) Village Green

5704 Richard Gaiger reported that he had replaced the chicken wire on the sleeper bridge by Dove Cottage and would look at the condition of the one by the BMX track and replace the wire if needed.

(e) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

5705 This was covered in point 8 above.

(f) Tennis courts

5706 The Clerk had collected £30 of donations from The Shop for Tennis court usage in October. Sandy Johnston reported that the tennis courts required maintenance (to clean off moss) and had obtained 2 quotes and asked for approval to use Four Winds Court Services, who had quoted £600 for the full job. This was proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Lucy Marshall.

(g) Schools

5707 There was nothing to report.

(h) Sherfield Park Residents Association

5708 David Leivesley reported on problems filling posts on the committee and that the last meeting had been cancelled as there were not enough officers appointed to convene a meeting.

(i) Village Hall

5709 Bruce Batting reported that he was still waiting for guidance from B&D BC Development Control as to what size of sign could be placed on the Village Hall.

18. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5710 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10th December