

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL 2009.

Present

Bruce Batting
Ivan Gosden
Sandy Johnston
Loraine Smith
Brian Archer
Lucy Marshall
Bruce Jones
David Leivesley
Sally Hennessey

In attendance

Cllr Ranil Jayawardena
Fiona Craig (Parish Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5819 Apologies had been received from PC Jewell and Rhydian Vaughan.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5820 Bruce Batting for Greenway (item 18) and Lucy Marshall for Bramley School (item 12)

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH

5821 The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME & DISORDER

5822 The neighbourhood Watch report was reviewed.

OPEN FORUM

The meeting was temporarily adjourned

5. TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM RESIDENT RE SPEED OF TRAFFIC ON BRAMLEY ROAD

5823 Bruce Batting read the letter out loud to the attendees, and a discussion about the traffic speed and traffic calming measure on the Bramley road followed. The clerk was asked to contact HCC Highways department to ask them to investigate whether the speed limit before the bridge could be reduced to 50mph from the current 60mph limit.

6. TO DISCUSS THE ADOPT A GARDEN SCHEME

5824 Lucy Marshall explained the scheme and was asked to register the Parish Council's interest in receiving a report on the pilot scheme currently being run on the Isle of Wight.

7. TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL TO SPONSOR THE A33 ROUNDABOUT

5825 The clerk reported that she had contacted David Robb the monitoring officer at B&DBC to seek his guidance on the proposal to sponsor the roundabout and whether the council could in fact spend money in this fashion. A discussion followed and the councillors voted to proceed with the sponsorship, 8 councillors voted for this proposal and one voted against it.

8. TO DISCUSS OUTSOURCING PAYROLL TO A BUREAU

5826 The clerk had already circulated the details of the quotation and explained the benefit to the council of the separation of duties. It was resolved by unanimous vote to proceed with this proposal.

9. TO DISCUSS THE REMOVAL OF RUBBISH ON THE ALLOTMENTS

5827 The clerk explained that there had been a complaint for a resident close to the allotments about the accumulation of rubbish near to the entrance at Bow Gardens. The clerk was asked to contact the Bulpitts and arrange for its removal and to post a notice in the allotment notice board asking tenants to refrain from leaving their rubbish on the allotments.

10. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

5828 Bruce Batting explained that alternative plans were not available yet and that he hoped that HCC highways would send something for review before the end of May. The clerk was asked to bring this forward to another meeting once the plans were available.

11. TO DISCUSS VILLAGE GREEN LICENCE

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5829 Sandy Johnston gave an update from the fete committee, it was agreed that this was not a matter for the Parish Council.

12. TO DISCUSS REQUEST FOR A DONATION TO BRAMLEY SCHOOL JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

5830 It was agreed that the Parish Council would donate £100, this will be paid after the next meeting as the correct payee details had not been supplied.

13. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON TRAFFIC ISSUES ON READING ROAD AND BRAMLEY ROAD

5831 The clerk gave details of her recent meeting with Daniel Beasant of HCC Highways and it was agreed that the Parish council should ask for two traffic surveys – one for the Reading Road and one for the Bramley Road and then assess the results.

14. TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF RICHARD GAIGER

5832 The chairman reluctantly accepted Richard's resignation and thanked him for all he had done for the Parish Council. The chairman went on to report that the clerk had also resigned and thanked her for the excellent work she had done over the last 18 months.

15. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

5833 The report was accepted.

16. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AND ANY QUOTATIONS

5834 The report was received; The payments were proposed by Lucy Marshall and seconded by Bruce Jones.

Financial report for Sherfield on Loddon as at 31 MARCH 2009

Financial Year ending 31/3/09	PETTY CASH	HSBC Current A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Grand Total
Clsong Balance per February Statment		42,559.78	42.94	42,602.72
Income - Credits received at bank in March		106.94	11.88	118.82
Expenditure - Cheques presented in March		5,572.95	42.94	5,615.89
Petty Cash at Hand	50.00			50.00
Closing Balance per March Statement (Cash at bank and in hand)	50.00	37,093.77	11.88	37,155.65

Approval for payments due in April

Employment Costs Clerk & Litter Warden	£1,264.24
Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley - Ditch clearance (£50 less than estimate)	£700.00
SLCC	£133.00
Basingstoke Skip Hire (allotments)	£189.75
HALC	£373.00
SE Water (allotments)	£14.28

TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR APRIL	£2,674.27
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*** New pay scales for Litter warden not available yet**

1) Approval for April Payments

2) Signature on Bank Statements to confirm reconciliation above agrees to statements

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17. TO RECEIVE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) 5834 Planning

Application No: BDB/70241

Location: Brunlea and Oaklands, Bramley Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0DD

Proposal: Erection of a detached three bedroom dwelling with detached garage and new vehicular access.

PC Decision: Objection – It was felt that the design was out of keeping with the area and that the previous concerns had not been addressed adequately before submission of another planning application. There are flooding problems in Northfield Road and the proposed Clereflo system could be overwhelmed by surface water and then overflow and pollute the area with sewage. Steps must be taken to ensure adequate provision for the disposal of surface water before any development is permitted.

There are already parking problems in Northfield Road and it was felt that this proposal should only be approved by Basingstoke and Deane BC if parking conditions are imposed. The Parish Council would wish to see parking restrictions made on both sides of Northfield Road for a length of 63M from the junction with Bramley Road to enable people to approach the junction safely and to allow people living opposite to exit their properties.

Application No: BDB/70251

Location: 20 Northfield Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0DR

Proposal: Erection of a part single storey part two storey front and side extension, erection of a first floor rear extension and insertion of roof light in rear elevation.

PC Decision: No Objection

Application No: BDB/70317

Location: Telephone Exchange, Reading Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0DD

Proposal: T1 Sycamore- 5% Reduction of overhang

PC Decision: No Objection

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APPROVALS BY BDBC BY REPORT

Application No: BDB/69225

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

Proposal: Reserved Matters application for the access, appearance, layout and scale of part two storey, part single storey community and sports facility, sports pitches and car parking.

Application No: BDB/69987

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

Proposal: Application for certificate of Lawfulness for the use of land for residential land

REFUSALS BY BDBC BY REPORT

Application No: BDB/69702

Location: Wyevale Garden Centre, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0HL

Proposal: Display of 2 no. non-illuminated banner signs and 1 no. non-illuminated double sided pole mounted sign (retrospective).

Application No: BDB/69880

Location: Scats, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0HB

Proposal: Erection of extensions on the east and west elevations with associated parking spaces. Erection of 3 metre high palisade fencing with gates, 1.85 metre high paladin fencing with gates and relocation of bonded tank.

(b) Allotments

5835 A Request for a shed was approved.

(c) Play area & BMX track

5836 The Clerk reported that she had asked Dave Miller about the area of the BMX track which requires some filling in where it is 'pooling' when it rains.

(d) Village Green

5837 There was a discussion about the Village Green Committee and it was agreed that the committee was an advisory one where any member of the public could attend and not a sub committee of the Parish Council. The clerk was asked to look through the details on the website to ensure that they were clear.

(e) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

5838 Approval for the request by Loddon Sports Junior FC to use the Green for their tournaments on 2nd of May, 7th and 28th June was granted.

Sandy Johnston requested funding for the cricket pavilion, which is in need of repairs, it was agreed that £3,000 should be made available for this purpose, this was proposed by Bruce Jones and seconded by Ivan Gosden. There was a discussion about the annual fee paid to the Parish Council by the Cricket club and it was agreed that this should be reviewed and increased. Sandy Johnston agreed to liaise with the club to this end.

(f) Tennis courts

5839 There was nothing to report.

(g) Schools

5840 There was nothing to report.

(h) Sherfield Park Residents Association

5841 David Leivesley reported that he is now chairman of the SPCA and that he is hopeful that the community centre will be built in the near future.

(i) Village Hall

5842 Bruce Batting expressed his thanks to both David Hitchins and Tracy Lander-Sims for their recent help with the Hall.

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18. RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE MEETING FOR A FURTHER 30 MINUTES

5843 It was resolved that the meeting should continue for another thirty minutes.

Bruce Batting left the meeting at this point as he has a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item.

19. TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS FOR GREENWAY

5844 The clerk reported that most residents along Greenway wished for the surface improvements to be carried out but had declined to pay for annual maintenance. There was a lengthy discussion about the proposal and ultimately it was resolved that the clerk should approach HALC for legal advice to ascertain whether re-surfacing the whole of Greenway would result in an ongoing obligation for the Parish Council.

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20. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5845 The next meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Wednesday 13th May 2009.