

CONFIRMED MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2008.

Present

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

In attendance

Cllr Rhydian Vaughan
Cllr Ranil Jayawardena
Fiona Craig (Parish Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5711 Apologies had been received from PC Mandy Jewell

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5712 Lucy Marshall (item 12) for Bus Shelter and both Bruce Batting and Richard Gaiger (item 23) for Greenway.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH NOVEMBER

5713 The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME & DISORDER

5714 The neighbourhood Watch report showing trends in crime in the area was reviewed.

OPEN FORUM

The meeting was temporarily adjourned

5. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BRAMLEY SCHOOL BUS IDENTIFICATION

5715 It was reported that Bramley School would be holding a meeting with parents and Cllr Keith Chapman and it was hoped that Mortons and HCC would be present. Lucy Marshall and Mrs Beresford (Bramley School head teacher) have been photographing the bus daily over a two week period to supply evidence that the bus is not identified as school transport.

6. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CURRENT POSITION WITH FOOTBALL PAVILION

5716 It was reported that the Parish Council had not yet heard back from Loddon Sports Junior FC. Bruce Batting explained that without their support there can be no application for funding.

7. TO DISCUSS REQUEST FROM RESIDENT AT WHEELERS COURT FOR PARISH COUNCIL TO FUND DRIVEWAY IMPROVEMENTS

5717 Bruce Batting explained that the driveway to these properties crosses part of the Green. It was felt that many properties have similar driveways crossing the Green and that the Parish Council does not fund any driveway repairs and has never done so. Furthermore, the owners of two of the cottages offered to carry out the work themselves last year. The councillors felt that they could not support this request as it would set an unaffordable precedent.

8. TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ROUNDABOUT.

5718 The Wellington Estate wish to sponsor the roundabout at the entrance of the village and advertise their businesses including their shop. Councillors were concerned that this may have a negative impact on the Sherfield shop. The Borough Council has agreed to delay this proposal whilst a survey of the flora on the roundabout is carried out following representations made by the Parish Council about the rare flowers growing there.

Councillors felt strongly that they should have been consulted by B&D BC about this proposal and that local businesses should have been given an opportunity to sponsor the roundabout. There was also a view amongst

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councillors that there was already too much on road signage and that it confused drivers and that this was not beneficial for the village. The clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council to find out why there had been no consultation.

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

5719 Bruce Batting explained the size of sign that B&D BC would allow without planning permission it was felt that this would be too small to be clearly visible from the road. It was agreed that a proposal should be put forward to the next Parish Council meeting and a planning application submitted following this.

10. TO ACCEPT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REVISED MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME 2009

5720 It was resolved that this should be accepted.

11. TO RECEIVE BRIEFING NOTE 12 PREDISPOSITION, PREDETERMINATION & BIAS

5721 The Briefing note was accepted.

12. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BUS SHELTER REPAIRS

5722 Bruce Batting reported that Jamie Daily had agreed that the borough will survey and repair the bus shelter on an ongoing basis.

13. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PROPOSAL FOR PESESTRIAN CROSSING OUTSIDE SHERFIELD SCHOOL & SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON A33

5723 Sandy Johnston reported that there will be a sign in place in the near future which will alert drivers to the fact that there is a school on the A33. The Parish Council are awaiting a response on the other issues.

14. TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC FLOW ON READING ROAD

5724 It was agreed that the traffic calming is not effective enough at slowing traffic down and that the priority markings are being ignored. There was no support for the request from a resident to close the slip road off the A33 as it was felt that this could damage the shop which would not be in the interests of the community. It was felt that HCC Highways department should be asked to conduct a survey and look at options for improving the traffic calming, such as a 'Village Only' sign on the A33 slip road and width restriction to force heavy good vehicles to use the main entrance to the village via the roundabout and perhaps a mini roundabout at Ham's Corner. Bruce batting agreed to liaise with the highways department about this.

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15. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC ISLAND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BRAMLEY ROAD

5725 Plans had been circulated to councillors and they were happy in principle but felt that the right hand turning from the Bramley Road onto the Reading Road may be too tight. Bruce Batting agreed to mention this to the council officers working on this. There was further discussion about the volume traffic increasing over time and whether or not a roundabout was needed or a staggered junction.

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16. TO DISCUSS REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING ON READING ROAD FROM WHITE HART TO LONGBRIDGE CLOSE

5726 Several residents have had their sheds broken into recently and have requested street lighting as a security measure. There was a discussion about the street lighting and the loss of a village feel and then discussion about the style of lighting and associated costs. It was reported that a petition was in circulation and councillors decided to delay making any decision until they understood the strength of feeling on this issue.

17. TO DISCUSS USE OF SPEED LIMIT DEVICES (SLRs)

5727 It was agreed to hire one device for a full year commencing in January 2009, this was proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Sandy Johnston.

18. TO AGREE 2009/10 PRECEPT & BOROUGH GRANT

5728 It was agreed by a majority decision that the precept should be set at £44,250 this was proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Richard Gaiger.

There was unanimous agreement to accept the limited general grant of £1,100 this was proposed by Lucy Marshall and seconded by Bruce Batting.

19. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

5729 The following payments were proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Bruce Jones.

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Reconciliation of the Sherfield on Loddon Parish Bank Accounts as at 30 November 2008

Financial Year ending 31/3/09	PETTY CASH	HSBC Current A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Grand Total
Opening Balance per October statement		19,308.02	31,698.59	51,006.61
Income - Credits received at bank in November		986.14	12,105.51	13,091.65
Expenditure - Cheques presented in November		15,907.75		15,907.75
Petty Cash at Hand	50.00			50.00
Closing Balance per November Statement (Cash at bank and in hand)	50.00	4,386.41	43,804.10	48,240.51
<u>Approval for payments due in December</u>				
Employment Costs				£1,260.49
Clerk's Expenses - printer ink, stamps, keys, laminate pouches				£77.78
Four Winds Court Services				£600.00
Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley - Repair bus shelter, Remove leaves from ditches				£445.00
Ben Stoopman - 2 Noticeboards & bench repair				£531.00
M. Barnes Grass Cutting				£445.88
Audit Commission				£460.00
Mrs Ruffman - Allotment refund (plot 6)				£25.00
Mr and Mrs Neill - Allotment refund (plots 12 & 13)				£20.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR DECEMBER				£3,865.15

- 1) Approval for December Payments
- 2) Transfer £1,000 to cover DD for PWLB

20. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

5730 The safety report was accepted.

21. TO DISCUSS DONATION TO CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

5731 It was decided to donate £50 to Tadley CAB. This was proposed by Sandy Johnston and seconded by Lucy Marshall.

22. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS – CHILDREN'S & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

5732 It was decided that the Parish Council would not respond to this consultation.

23. TO RECEIVE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Planning

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Application No: BDB/69633

Location: Bowings, Goddards Lane, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0EL

Proposal: Erection of a detached building forming games room and garden store. Construction of pitched roof over existing garage with canopy roof to rear forming log store, insertion of window to side elevation and cladding to external structure.

PC Decision: Objection

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It was felt that this was an overdevelopment of the plot and that it was out of keeping with the local area especially as cladding is included in the design. There remains a concern that this development could lead to an increase in on road parking, as it could create in itself or through precedent further living space which would exacerbate the existing problems for other road users passing this property.

The councillors also questioned the accuracy of the scale used in the drawings as councillors has seen the property and felt that the scale of the buildings in relation to the plot was not correct.

Application No: BDB/69713

Location: 6 Houghton Square, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 OSL

Proposal: Erection of a rear Conservatory

PC Decision: No Objection

Application No: BDB/69643

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

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

PC Decision: No Objection as long as the following conditions are met

The Parish Council feel that this proposal brings additional pressure to the parking problems in this road and asks that a condition of approval for this application is that the parking improvements in the application for Oaklands be completed before the rest of the development begins. The Parish Council also had concerns about the drainage of surface and waste water and asked that a second condition for approval of this application be that adequate drainage arrangements are included in the approval.

Application No: BDB/69529 (AMENDMENT)

Location: Hillacre, Reading Road Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 OJQ

Proposal: Erection of 6 no. two bedroom, 3 no. three bedroom and 5 no. four bedroom dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling and garages. Creation of new access onto Fox's Furlong.

PC Decision: No Objection

Application No: BDB/69702

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

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

PC Decision: No Objection

Application No: BDB/69786

Location: The Warren, Bramley Road, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 ODE

Proposal: Erection of a first floor rear extension, single storey side/rear extension and construction of pitched roof over existing flat roof to garage.

PC Decision: No Objection

REFUSALS BY BDBC FOR REPORT

Application No: BDB/68245

Location: River Gardens, Bramley Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 ODG

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension with Juliette balcony to rear elevation following demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey rear extension.

Application No: BDB/69489

Location: Redlands, Reading Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 OJQ

Proposal: Erection of 2.8m high ornamental columns and new gated entrance with 2.4m high columns and 1.8m high wall, 2.3m high gates and 1.8m high pedestrian gate.

(b)Allotments

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5734 Richard Gaiger reported that there are grants available for allotment improvements and that the Parish Council would apply for some grant funding for new taps and associated pipework, concreted area for waste, a storage shed and tarpaulin or similar to cover plots when not fully in use.

(c) Play area & BMX track

5735 Sandy Johnston reported that B&D BC had approved the repair of the slide in the playground. Richard Gaiger reported good use of the BMX track.

(d) Village Green

5736 Richard Gaiger reported that he would be meeting Dave Millar soon to discuss improvements to Greenway Bruce Batting confirmed that he was also sourcing quotations.

(e) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

5737 There was nothing to report

(f) Tennis courts

5738 The Clerk had collected £12.50 of donations from The Shop for Tennis court usage in November. Sandy Johnston reported that the tennis courts had been cleaned and he was pleased with the work. The contractor would be sending a report to the Parish Council about repair work to address root damage to the court surface.

(g) Schools

5739 There was nothing to report.

(h) Sherfield Park Residents Association

5740 David Leivesley reported that he was now Vice Chairman of Sherfield Park Residents Association and that they had decided not to adopt the name Taylor's Farm .He also reported that that they were looking into a partnership agreement with Sherfield School to allow them to use their pitches during school hours in return for professional maintenance and upkeep work,

(i) Village Hall

5741 Bruce batting gave a brief update on the rent arrears at the Village Hall cottage.

24. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5742 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14th January 2009