

CONFIRMED MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2009.

Present

Bruce Batting
Sandy Johnston
Lorraine Smith
Lucy Marshall
Richard Gaiger
Bruce Jones

In attendance

Cllr Rhydian Vaughan
Fiona Craig (Parish Clerk)
PC Mandy Jewell
Mrs S.Hennessey

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5743 Apologies had been received from Brian Archer, David Leivesley, Ranil Jayawardena. Ivan Gosden joined the meeting at 8:00pm.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5744 Both Bruce Batting and Richard Gaiger (item 16 e) for Greenway.

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

5745 The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME & DISORDER

5746 The neighbourhood Watch report showing trends in crime in the area was reviewed. It was noted that the figures for Sherfield and Bramley were not significantly different overall, Pc Jewell explained that this was because Bramley's crime performance and statistics were improving. It was agreed that the Policing priorities for 2009 would be 1) Speed of traffic 2) Antisocial behaviour and 3) Fear of Crime.

OPEN FORUM

The meeting was temporarily adjourned

5. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BRAMLEY SCHOOL BUS IDENTIFICATION

5747 The clerk reported that she had received an email from Keith Chapman (which had been circulated) explaining that HCC were hopeful that a meeting could be scheduled with Bramley School and HCC School Transport department to resolve the problems.

6. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CURRENT POSITION WITH FOOTBALL PAVILION

5748 Bruce Batting explained that members of the Leisure Committee had met with delegates from Sherfield FC and Loddon Sports Junior FC on 5.01.09 to discuss the creation of an integrated committee who would work to produce a development plan for young players as they leave the junior league and progress to the adult league. The new pavilion could be used by the adult team and the older teenage team/s. Loddon Sports had agreed to discuss this at their own Management Committee meeting and let the Parish Council know the outcome of their meeting at the end of January.

7. TO DISCUSS MOVING MEETINGS FROM TUESDAYS TO WEDNESDAYS

5749 It was resolved that the Finance, Leisure and Village Green Committees would all be moved from Tuesdays to Wednesdays and that all planned Parish Council meetings would take place on Wednesdays from now onwards.

8. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE NEW BURIAL GROUND

5750 Bruce Batting reported that the Finance Committee will meet with members of the PCC and Rev Pollitt to finalise issues with fencing and the gate to the new burial ground.

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Bruce Batting also reported that access would be needed onto the A33 around where the bus stop currently is, for skip lorries and for grave digging machinery, this would require a planning application to B&D BC. It was estimated that the access work would cost in the region of £3,000.

9. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PROPOSAL FOR PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ON BRAMLEY ROAD

5751 Bruce Batting explained that the original plans did not include sufficient space for large vehicles turning right from the Bramley Road onto the Reading Road and had required further review by the highways department. The highways department have suggested either a change to the priority of traffic which would mean that traffic on the Reading Road would be required to give way or a double mini roundabout system. Councillors were not happy with the options in front of them, it was felt that there must be a solution which offers increased road safety for pedestrians without such material change to the traffic flow or look of the village. Bruce Batting agreed to liaise with the highways department.

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10. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON SPEED LIMIT REMINDERS (SLRs)

5752 The clerk reported that B&D BC would be erecting the necessary posts (in locations where there were not currently posts) and putting up the devices probably during in February.

11. TO AGREE POSITION FOR NEW NOTICEBOARD ON A33 BY WILDMOOR LANE

5753 It was agreed that the notice board should be placed slightly behind the bus stop facing the A33.

12. TO AGREE WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD APPEAR ON THE WEBSITE ABOUT COUNCILLORS

5754 It was agreed that brief details should appear on the website identifying the interests of the councillors and which committees they were involved with.

13. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

5755 The following payments and a transfer of £3,000 from the deposit to the current account were proposed by Richard Gaiger and seconded by Bruce Jones, all present were in favour of payment.

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

Financial Year ending 31/3/09	PETTY CASH	HSBC Current A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Grand Total
Opening Balance per December statement		4,386.41	43,804.10	48,190.51
Income - Credits received at bank in November			75.36	75.36
Expenditure - Cheques presented in November		3,893.57		3,893.57
Petty Cash at Hand	50.00			50.00
Closing Balance per December Statement (Cash at bank and in hand)	50.00	492.84	43,879.46	44,422.30
<u>Approval for payments due in January</u>				
Employment Costs Clerk & Litter Warden				£1,260.48
Allotment Deposit refund Mrs G.Shaw				£30.00
Country Watch Fee				£100.00
M.Stewart (Grass Cutting at Playground and Garden Maintenance at War Memorial)				£330.00
PWLB - (Burial Ground Loan)				£964.99
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY				£2,685.47

There was a discussion about the slide repair in the playground and the quotation from EJS Services for £1740 was accepted. It was also decided to accept the quotations from B&D BC for £320 for hedge and shrub maintenance at

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the bottom of the Green and for weed and nettle treatment by Breach Gardens and on the footpath to Northfield Road.

This was proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Bruce Jones.

There was a discussion about Centre ditch and Ivan Gosden agreed to liaise with Dave Miller to obtain a quote for this work.

14. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

5756 The safety report was reviewed. It was agreed that the Safety report could be expanded to cover some of the risk areas from the Health and Safety risk assessment. The clerk agreed to produce something for Councillors to review.

15. CONSULTATION DOCUMENT – Real People , Real Power: Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity.

5757 It was decided that the Parish Council would not respond to this consultation.

16. TO RECEIVE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) 5758 Planning

Application No: BDB/69910

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

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension.

Grid Reference: 467991,157669

PC Decision: No Objection

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

PC Decision: No Objection

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.

PC Decision : No Objection

Application No: TCA 2661

Location: Longbridge Mill, Pound Meadow, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook,

Proposal: Crown lift to 2.5M 2 Horse Chestnut Trees.

PC Decision : No Objection

APPROVALS BY BDBC FOR REPORT

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.

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.

Application No: BDB/69525

Location: Land at Taylors Farm-Norris Site, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook,

Proposal: Creation of access road through land east of Pettys Copse.

Application No: BDB/69352

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

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Proposal: Reserved matters application for the access, external appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of 109 dwellings pursuant to outline planning permission BDB/55134.

REFUSALS BY BDBC FOR REPORT

Application No: BDB/69568

Location: Dodds Garage, Reading Road, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 OEZ

Proposal: Display of 1 no. illuminated pole sign

(b) Allotments

5759 Richard Gaiger reported that he had met with Dave Millar at the allotments and obtained quotations for the plumbing and compost/rubbish area for the grant application. The clerk reported that she had hand carried the application into the Council offices to ensure that they were not lost in the post.

(c) Play area & BMX track

5760 Sandy Johnston showed photographs of a 'netscape' to the councillors as a possible addition to the playground. Richard Gaiger reported good use of the BMX track.

(d) Village Green

5761 The clerk mentioned that she would be putting up new notices asking people not to feed the ducks in February after the cold weather has passed. It was hoped that people might observe these notices, so that the rat population could be reduced before the chicks are hatch in the summer. B&D BC are still sending rat treatment operatives to the ponds on a regular basis.

Richard Gaiger agreed to replace the netting at the ditch by the track to Globe House.

There was a lengthy discussion about the surface improvements to Greenway and Bruce batting agreed to speak to B&D BC about using S106 monies for these improvements. It was agreed by all councillors that this was of general benefit as Greenway is used not only by the residents who live along it but also by allotment holders and visitors to the playground and Green. It was felt that the work should be carried out on a one-off basis and that residents of Greenway should pay for the upkeep thereafter.

(e) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

5762 Sandy Johnston reported that there had been a water leak at the Cricket Pavilion which was now fixed.

(f) Tennis courts

5763 The Clerk had collected £5.00 of donations from The Shop for Tennis court usage in December..

(g) Schools

5764 There was nothing to report. All Councillors were now receiving the Bramley School newsletter.

(h) Sherfield Park Residents Association

5765 There was no report as the committee had not met. Bruce Batting mentioned that Croudace had now produced plans for the Community Centre and these were available for review on the B&D BC website.

(i) Village Hall

5766 Bruce Batting explained that the tenants were now paying rent directly to the Village Hall..

17. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5767 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th February 2009

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