

CONFIRMED MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2008.

Present

Bruce Batting
Ivan Gosden
Sandy Johnston
Lucy Marshall
Bruce Jones

In attendance

Rhydian Vaughan
Ranil Jayawardena
PC Jewell
Lucie Richards (Gazette)
Fiona Craig (Parish Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5594 Apologies had been received from Brian Archer, Loraine Smith, Bruce Jones, David Leivesley, and Tracy Lander-Sims,

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5595 There were no declarations of interest

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

5596 The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME & DISORDER

5597 The neighbourhood Watch report showing trends in crime in the area was reviewed.

OPEN FORUM

The meeting was temporarily adjourned

5. TO RECEIVE ESTIMATE FOR REPAIR OF GREENWAY

5598 An estimate for the repair work to Greenway was tabled detailing the costs for both sections. It was explained that \$106 money of £1977 had been earmarked to go towards the costs of repairing the second, longer section of the lane which forms part of the Village Green. The first section of the lane is considered to be the responsibility of the frontagers and it has been tentatively agreed that all residents of Greenway will share the costs of repairing the first section. Bruce Batting agreed to obtain further estimates.

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6. TO UPDATE ON LAND REGISTRATION AT PREMIER COURT & THE ALLOTMENTS

5599 The allotments have been valued at £100,000 and the land at Premier Court at £2,000. These figures are required for the Land Registration and the Asset Register.

7. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CONDITION OF TREES ON BRAMLEY ROAD

5600 The Clerk had asked Townsend Tree Services who felt that although the trees do have Bleeding Canker, they are managing the infection and self healing and at this point no action is required.

8. TO DISCUSS CONDITION OF BENCHES AND BUS SHELTERS

5601 The clerk described the poor state of repair of the bench and the bus shelter on the A33 at the Church End junction with Wildmoor Lane and it was agreed that quotes should be obtained for repair of the bench.

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9. TO DISCUSS PARISH PLAN PROPOSAL

5602 A report had been circulated and Lucy Marshall explained the benefits of a Parish Plan. It was agreed that this was a good idea and should be investigated further. Lucy Marshall suggested that June

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Balcombe from the Council could come and discuss this with the Council in the autumn. It was recognised that this would require community involvement to be successful.

10. RESOLUTION TO CHANGE STANDING ORDERS RE LENGTH OF SERVICE OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

5603 It was agreed that this should be discussed again at the September meeting.

11. TO DISCUSS APPLICATION TO PURCHASE LAND SOUTH OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

5604 A parishioner had expressed an interest in purchasing this area of land. No firm offer had been made but a figure of £10,000 had been discussed. Members of the Parish Council were reminded that the Parish Council had entered into an agreement when they purchased the land that 50% of any increase in value would have to be paid back to original vendor of the land. Members decided unanimously not to sell the land.

12. TO DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW AUDITOR

5605 A document had been circulated detailing the services and costs of a new auditor, Eleanor Greene who specialises in this sector. Ivan Gosden proposed acceptance and David Leivesley seconded this and it was unanimously agreed. The clerk was asked to appoint her for one year.

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13. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

5606 The clerk has been in contact with the enforcement officer at the council and the enforcement investigations were underway. A formal response is expected in August.

14. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON SCHEME FOR PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ON BRAMLEY ROAD

5607 Borough Councillors Rhydian Vaughan and Ranil Jayawardena had met with the Highways department and viewed the location and traffic flow. It was felt that \$106 million from the German Road development might be made available for this expense as the increase in traffic flow on the Bramley Road is a 'repercussion' of the increase in housing.

Bruce Batting reported that plans for this are in existence within the Highways department.

15. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR BRAMLEY SCHOOL BUSES TO BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED

5608 The clerk reported on correspondence with Hampshire County Council transport department. The Clerk was asked to involve Keith Chapman and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

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16. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS

5609 The clerk reported that Croudace had approved the erection of a board at the roundabout at Gaiger Avenue and that Jason Lewis had seen no problem with the erection of a notice board alongside the bus stop on the A33 by the junction of Wildmoor Lane. The clerk was asked to put this on the agenda for the finance committee meeting later on in the month.

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17. TO DISCUSS PARISHIONERS REQUEST FOR NO CYCLING SIGNS ON PATHWAY TO NORTHFIELD ROAD

5610 The request was approved. The clerk was asked to contact Jamie Daly at the Council to see if they would fund it, otherwise this should be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

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18. TO DISCUSS CONFLICTING SIGNS ON A33 SHERFIELD PARK/TAYLORS FARM

5611 It was agreed that the clerk should write to the Borough requesting that the new signs be removed.

19. TO DISCUSS PARISHIONERS REQUEST FOR MEMORIAL BENCH AT HORSEPOND

5612 It was agreed that this must have a concrete base and the request was approved. It was agreed that Bruce Batting would liaise with the family.

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20. TO AGREE NOMINATIVE TRUSTEES FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEES

5613 It was agreed that this should be discussed at the September meeting.

21. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

5614 The clerk explained that as there was no meeting scheduled for August the salary payments for both July and August would need to be approved in July with the other July payments, the salary cheques would be post dated to August.

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The Finance report, payments and transfers were accepted; this was proposed by Lucy Marshall and seconded by Ivan Gosden. Ivan Gosden signed the bank statements as agreeing to the bank reconciliation. The Bulpitts quotation of £220 to cut back the trees around the tennis courts was accepted, the clerk was asked to instruct them to carry out the work.

The clerk was asked to obtain further quotations for the felling of the Sycamores overhanging the A33.

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

Financial Year ending 31/3/09	PETTY CASH	HSBC Current A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Grand Total
Opening Balance per May statement		3,407.13	40,247.45	43,654.58
Income - Credits received at bank in June		68.00	103.79	171.79
Expenditure - Cheques presented in June		2,570.53		2,570.53
Petty Cash at Hand	50.00			50.00
Closing Balance per June Statement (Cash at bank and in hand)	50.00	904.60	40,351.24	41,305.84
<u>Approval for payments due in JULY</u>				
Employment Costs				£1,112.41
Hedleys Solicitors LLP				£146.88
Clerk's expenses (printer ink, stamps)				£38.48
Bulpitt Brothers (grass cutting-Jun)				£114.00
Bulpitt Brothers (grass cutting-Jul)				£95.00
BulpittBrothers - General Maintenance				£330.00
Dreweatt Neate- Land Valuation				£470.00
PWLB (standing Order Jan & Jul)				£964.99
Sherfield Parochial Church Council re LVL and Upkeep of Churchyard				£800.00
Chairman's Allowance (re APM and other expenses)				£100.00
<u>Approval for Payments in August</u>				
Employment Costs				£1,112.41
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR JULY & AUGUST				£5,284.17

1) Approval for July Payments

2) Retrospective Approval to transfer B of I funds of £5,000 to HSBC Transfer made 3.07.08 .

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

4) Any emergency payments to be made in August will require 2 approvals and will be approved retrospectively in September by the full Council.

Quotations Received

Bulpitt Brothers - Cut back Trees/Brambles etc 3 feet around Tennis Courts (3 sides)	£220
Townsend Tree Services -Cut back Sycamores on Land by Telephone Exchange	£1500+vat
(More quotes to be obtained)	

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22. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTS

5615 The safety report had not been received.

23. TO RECEIVE CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

5616 Consultation documents had been received from Basingstoke and Dean concerning flooding, Parking and the LSP they were given to Richard Gaiger, David Leivesley and Lucy Marshall respectively to respond to the council.

24. To RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Planning Committee

5617 The minutes of the meetings held on 11th and 23rd June been circulated.

The following applications were considered at the meetings:

Application No: BDB/68499

Location: Pettys Copse, Rockbourne Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook,

Proposal: Construction of a footpath through woodland-amendment to lighting

Grid Ref: 466362,156063

PC Decision: Objection. The Parish Council felt the path should be well lit along the entire length. There were concerns that failing to light the path adequately would result in parents driving their children to school rather than walking, could also result in vandalism and could be unsafe for walkers.

It was felt that the safety of the community especially children should be the main priority.

It was suggested that the council investigate light sensors which could be activated by movement, perhaps by sensors in the pathway floor.

Application No: BDB/68496

Location: 8 Reading Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0AA

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension and front porch

Grid Ref: 468087,158184

PC Decision: No Objection

Application No: BDB/68390

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

Proposal: Erection of a detached games room with living accommodation above and construction of external staircase. Construction of pitched roof over existing garage with insertion of a window and cladding to the external structure.

Grid Ref: 467438,157702

PC Decision: Objection. There are currently problems with vehicular access at this house as it is on a sharp bend leading to a riding stable and farm, with large farm vehicles, horse boxes and trailers using this road constantly. There was concern that this development could lead to an increase in on road parking, which would exacerbate the problems for other road users passing this property as it is an application to create further living space. It was felt that the owners should take this opportunity to include improvements to the parking and access. This house has been extended several times and it was felt that the partial cladding of the proposed development was out of keeping with a 1970's style house. Overall, it was felt that this is an overdevelopment of the plot.

The Councillors wished to draw B&D planning department's attention to the poverty of the drawings included with this application. The plan of the current footprint of the house does not match the elevation drawings, the Councillors would have expected the Ordnance Survey sitemap to have been updated by the applicant to reflect the current building size and shape. The Councillors regularly inspect planning applications and found the drawings in this package to be confusing and poorly labelled.

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APPROVALS BY BDBC FOR REPORT

Application No: BDB/67484

Location: Le Fevre, Reading Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 0JB

Proposal: Demolition of detached garage, front porch and rear store, partial demolition of attached garage and conversion of remainder to living accommodation. Alteration to doors, windows and internal alterations.

Application No: BDB/68381

Location: Sherfield Gables, Reading Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 0JG

Proposal: Erection of Wooden Summer house in rear garden.

Application No: BDB/68494

Location: 1, Orchard Lea, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 0ES

Proposal: Erection of a rear conservatory following demolition of existing one.

(b) Allotments

5618 The clerk reported that one half plot is available.

Approval was given to the request to keep chickens on plot 51.

(c) Play area & BMX track

5619 Good usage of both was reported.

(d) Village Green

5620 It was noted that some of the paths need clearing

(e) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

5621 Loddon Sports FC requested permission to run a soccer school for two days in August on the Green, permission was granted.

(f) Tennis courts

5622 The Clerk had collected £40 of donations from The Shop for Tennis court usage.

(g) Schools

5623 It was reported that some Sherfield families have been unable to get their children into Bramley School due to it being oversubscribed.

(h) Sherfield Park Residents Association

5624 David Leivesley reported that the planning application for the Community Centre is likely to be submitted this summer.

(i) Village Hall

5625 The draft loan agreement was accepted and passed to the Trustees for signing.

20. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5626 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10th September