

CONFIRMED MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 2009.

Present

Bruce Batting
Ivan Gosden
Sandy Johnston
Loraine Smith
Richard Gaiger
Bruce Jones
David Leivesley
Sally Hennessey

In attendance

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5795 Apologies had been received from Brian Archer, Lucy Marshall, PC Jewell and Cllr Chapman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5796 Bruce Batting and Richard Gaiger both for Greenway.

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

5797 The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME & DISORDER

5798 The neighbourhood Watch report was reviewed. Ranil Jayawardena requested that councillors respond to the Community Safety Review.

OPEN FORUM

The meeting was temporarily adjourned

5. TO WELCOME NEW COUNCILLOR AND AGREE WHICH COMMITTEES SHE WILL JOIN

5799 Bruce Batting welcomed Mrs Hennessey to the Parish Council, she volunteered to join the Village Green Committee.

6. TO RECEIVE UPDATE AND SIGN CONTRACT FOR SLRs

5800 The contract was signed by Bruce Batting.

7. TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL TO SPONSOR THE A33 ROUNDABOUT

5801 Bruce Batting explained that B&D BC are looking at options to define the 'gateways' to Basingstoke and view the roundabout at Sherfield on Loddon as a gateway, they wish to obtain sponsorship for the landscaping of the roundabout and obtain ongoing revenue from the placement of advertising signs at the gateway points, they plan to place 3 advertisements on the roundabout itself and have been in discussion with the Stratfield Saye Estate to this end. Bruce Batting presented the costs to the councillors; B&D BC wish to charge a one-off legal fee of £250, a one off Landscaping charge fee of £1,000 and ongoing revenue of £300 pa per sign on the roundabout (these costs would increase through time). Bruce Batting confirmed that he had explained to representatives of B&D BC that the roundabout had been planted with a specialist wildflower mix and was now a sanctuary for many rare species, and that landscaping would affect the natural habitat that has been created, B&D BC have agreed to carry out a survey of the plant species and report back during 2009.

Councillors expressed their profound aversion to this proposal, it was felt that the current planting scheme of rare wildflowers was in keeping with a rural location and that a municipal planting scheme would not be. There was also deep concern that signage on a major roundabout, advertising shops and services could be distracting to drivers as well as unattractive and at odds with the Parish Council's own desire to reduce street signs in the village. It was felt that the only solution was for the Parish Council to sponsor the roundabout and decline the opportunity to place signs on the roundabout.

Bruce Batting agreed to discuss this further with Liane Green of B&D BC and report back at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

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8. TO APPROVE USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN FOR THE FETE ON 13.06.09

5802 It was agreed that the Fete could be held on the Green on 13.06.09.this was proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Brice Jones all present were in favour.

9. TO REVIEW RISK ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

5803 The Risk Assessment schedule was accepted and it was agreed that the next review should take place in April.

10. TO DISCUSS WHETHER THE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORTS AN APPLICATION FOR S106 MONIES FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WHOLE OF GREENWAY AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COSTS THEREAFTER .

5804 The clerk reminded councillors that the proposal before them was whether they should adopt the section of Greenway from Jubilee Cottage to Goddard's Lane as part of their scheme of management (as is already for the case for the section of Greenway from Jubilee Cottage to the playground) as this stretch of Greenway does not appear to have any legal owner and then apply for S106 monies from B&D BC held for highways improvements. The S106 money would cover the repair of Greenway and not the ongoing maintenance costs.

The Clerk had given councillors the estimates from contractors for the repair and ongoing maintenance costs (over a 3 year period). There was a lengthy discussion about other areas of the village which were not being considered for adoption.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should apply for S106 money to repair all of Greenway, this was proposed by Bruce Jones and seconded by Ivan Gosden all present agreed. The clerk was asked to write to residents of Greenway and ask them whether they would contribute to ongoing maintenance charges before any decision was taken on the permanent adoption of the section Greenway mentioned above. The clerk was asked to bring this forward to another meeting for a vote on permanent adoption.

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11. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PROPOSAL FOR PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

5805 Bruce Batting presented the 3 options provided by the highways department and it was felt that none of the options were appropriate. Bruce Batting agreed to go back to the Highways department and ask them for further proposals.

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12. TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

5806 The Safety report was reviewed.

13. TO DECIDE ON MOST APPROPRIATE ACCOUNT TO HOLD RESERVES CURRENTLY IN HSBC CURRENT ACCOUNT.

5807 It was agreed that the reserves should be split between 2 accounts, one with the HSBC , linked to the current account and one other, the clerk was asked to look into a Basingstoke based account, the Abbey was suggested.

14.TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AND ANY QUOTATIONS

5808 The report was received; There was a discussion about the ditches and the quote from the Bulpitts of £750 for ditch improvements was approved and it was agreed that the work should proceed in March .The 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 28 February 2009

Financial Year ending 31/3/09	PETTY CASH	HSBC Current A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Grand Total
Opening Balance per January Statment		2,561.71	39,935.36	42,497.07
Income - Credits received at bank in February		41,620.75	37.58	41,658.33
Expenditure - Cheques presented in February		1,622.68	39,930.00	41,552.68
Petty Cash at Hand	50.00			50.00
Closing Balance per February Statement (Cash at bank and in hand)	50.00	42,559.78	42.94	42,652.72
<u>Approval for payments due in March</u>				
Employment Costs Clerk & Litter Warden				£1,263.21
Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley - various work on ponds/drainage/fencing				£465.00
Ben Stoopman - repair Duck house				£95.00
Wicksteed Leisure - repair to Wild Boar play equipment				£47.73
F.Craig Expenses - Stationery & printer ink				£57.60
Basingstoke & Deane BC - SLR charges for February and March				£550.00
JL Bryce - Pest control				£288.08
EJS Playground Specialists (replace wood on Log Cabin slide)				£2,001.00
Mal's Gardening Services - Rotavate plot 43 & 31B				£60.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR MARCH				£4,827.62

15. TO RECEIVE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) 5809 Planning

Application No: BDB/70144

Location: Taylor's Farm, Taylor's Lane, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0JF

Proposal: Reserved matters application for the siting, design, external appearance, access and landscaping of retail unit within local centre (class A1) and 3 no. residential flats above pursuant to BDB/55134

PC Decision No Objection

APPROVALS BY BDBC BY REPORT

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.

(b) Allotments

5810 The Clerk was asked to investigate a complaint that a shed had been erected with a concrete base.

(c) Play area & BMX track

5811 The clerk confirmed that she had asked Mark Stewart to roll the mole hills. The Clerk was also asked to speak to Dave Millar about an area of the BMX track which requires some filling in as it is 'pooling' when it rains.

(d) Village Green

5812 Bruce Batting agreed to review the position and condition of the damaged tree by the footpath, highlighted by John Attwood.

(e) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

5813 Sandy Johnston reported that the cricket pavilion was in need of some remedial building work. A meeting had been scheduled with Loddon Sports to kick off the football pavilion project.

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(f) Tennis courts

5814 There was nothing to report.

(g) Schools

5815 There was nothing to report. All Councillors were now receiving the Bramley School newsletter.

(h) Sherfield Park Residents Association

5816 David Leivesley reported that the AGM would be on 4th April and that the new playground should be opened in the next few weeks.

(i) Village Hall

5817 There was no report

16.DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5818 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8th April 2009