

# CONFIRMED MINUTES

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2008.

### Present

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

### In attendance

Rhydian Vaughan  
Ranil Jayawardena  
Fiona Craig (Parish Clerk)

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5655 Apologies had been received from David Leivesley, Keith Chapman PC Jewell and Elaine Still

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5656 Bruce Batting and Richard Gaiger for item 18 on Greenway.

### 3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

5657 The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

### 4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME & DISORDER

5658 The neighbourhood Watch report showing trends in crime in the area was reviewed. It was reported that Northfield Road now has a new co-ordinator.

### OPEN FORUM

The meeting was temporarily adjourned

### 5. TO REVIEW PAY & CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF CLERK & LITTER WARDEN

5659 There was no change to Litter Warden's salary as this had been increased in April of this year in accordance with B&D BC guidance. The clerk would be meeting with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to agree on several employment related matters such as contract of employment and pay scale. The outcome of this meeting will be reported back to a future PC meeting and any pay rise awarded would be payable from the anniversary of the clerk's employment ie 1<sup>st</sup> December.

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### 6. TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MRS LANDER-SIMS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

5660 The chairman reluctantly accepted Mrs Lander-Sims resignation letter. The clerk would advertise a casual vacancy and contact B&D BC for guidance on the process of filling the vacancy if no election is called following the advertisement.

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### 7. TO DISCUSS RECURRENT PROBLEMS WITH BRAMLEY SCHOOL BUS IDENTIFICATION .

5661 Keith Chapman has agreed to chase this up with HCC. It was hoped that there may be a meaningful update for the next meeting

### 8. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PROPOSAL FOR PEDESTRIAN REFUGE AT THE END OF BRAMLEY ROAD.

5662 Peter Eade at B&D BC has been approached by Cllr Rhydian Vaughan on our behalf as yet there has been no update. It is understood that the plans are being re-drawn but that it is unlikely that any work

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could take place this financial year. There is still the unresolved problem that the EA identified previously with the footpath over the ditch and this could take several months to resolve.

### **9. TO DISCUSS BIRTHDAY HONOURS NOMINATIONS**

**5663** There was a general discussion about the process of nomination and several potential candidates were identified.

### **10. TO DISCUSS BROWN ACTIVE TOTS SIGNS RECENTLY ERECTED IN VILLAGE**

**5664** The clerk reported that Barry Ford of the council had approved these signs under a tourism heading and that Active Tots had paid for the signs, the clerk explained that Barry Ford would not allow them to be removed and offered to consolidate the signs on the Reading Road with an Active Tots sign. The Clerk was asked to write on behalf of the council and complain about these signs as it was felt that these are in fact business signs and that there had been a failure of consultation. Ranil Jayawardena contributed that there could be a sign audit in the village to reduce unnecessary signage and offered to writ to the Borough Council.

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### **11. TO UPDATE ON MEETING WITH POLICE TO DISCUSS A33 SPEED LIMIT BY SHERFIELD SCHOOL AND POSSIBLE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

**5665** Sandy Johnston reported that the meeting had been chaired by Chief Inspector Baldry. The meeting had concluded that it would be difficult to change the entrance and exit points over, there was a possibility that the school may consider opening the old central opening onto the A33 where sight lines are better, but no decision was taken. Gary Hedges of HCC school travel team had contributed that it should be possible to improve the crossing point on the A33. The Highways department had volunteered the use of a flashing sign to try to slow traffic down as it passes the school.

### **12. TO UPDATE ON MEETING WITH B&D BC TO DISCUSS CONFLICTING NAMES, SHERFIELD PARK OR TAYLOR'S FARM.**

**5666** Ivan Gosden reported that the Borough produced considerable historical evidence to support the use of the name Taylor's Farm. At the planning stage the Borough had instructed Croudace not to use the marketing name of Sherfield Park as this could be confused with the development in Chineham which was already called Sherfield Park.

### **13. TO DISCUSS CURRENT POSITION WITH FOOTBALL PAVILION**

**5667** Bruce Batting confirmed that there was to be a meeting next week between the Parish Council, Sherfield FC and Loddon Sports Junior FC to discuss a joint application for grant funding. Bruce Batting confirmed that the tender process as drafted in the standing orders would be followed when and if any quotations are sought.

Bruce Batting also explained that the FA had complained about the pavilion and that he had responded explaining the current situation.

### **14. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PARISH PLAN TRAINING**

**5668** Bruce Batting reported that he had spoken to June Balcombe and was hoping to arrange a practical update meeting with the chairman of Long Parish Parish Council who had been through the process.

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### **15. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**

**5669** The payments were approved by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Lucy Marshall .The clerk was asked to obtain further quotes from the Borough Council (and others) for spraying the nettles and hedge cutting and present these to the Finance Committee. The £20 quote for the repair to basket goal net was accepted.

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Financial Year ending 31/3/09	PETTY CASH	HSBC Current A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Grand Total
<b>Opening Balance per September statement</b>		1,866.03	35,635.53	37,501.56
<b>Income - Credits received at bank in September</b>		23,958.39	136.19	24,094.58
<b>Expenditure - Cheques presented in September</b>		4,440.51	4,200.00	8,640.51
Petty Cash at Hand	50.00			50.00
<b>Closing Balance per September Statement (Cash at bank and in hand)</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>21,383.91</b>	<b>31,571.72</b>	<b>53,005.63</b>
<b>Retrospective Approval September Payments</b>				
Land Registration- Payments to Land Registry for pathway				30.00
Land Registration- Payment to Land Registry for allotments				75.00
<b>Total Retrospective Approval for September</b>				<b>£105.00</b>
<b>Approval for payments due in October</b>				
Employment Costs Clerk & Litter Warden (including 5 month pension catch up)				£1,852.78
Basingstoke & Deane for work done for voluntary land registration				£250.00
Basingstoke Skip Hire - allotments				£186.83
Draintec 2000 (Pavilion drains)				£88.13
HALC - Clerk's Forum				£10.00
Working With Your Council Course (SLCC)				£195.00
Clerk's expenses (printer Ink and stamps)				£49.71
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR OCTOBER</b>				<b>£2,632.45</b>

### 16. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT

**5670** The report had not been received.

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

**5671** Bruce Batting reported that he is waiting to hear from 'Development Control' at the council to find out whether planning permission is required for the sign and whether there would be any conditions for size of the sign. It was agreed that the sign should have gold letters on a green background.

### 18. TO RECIEVE UPDATE ON REPAIR COSTS FOR GREENWAY

**5672** Bruce Batting explained that John Dodd was considering organising and funding the repair costs along Greenway, from The Laurels to The Willows any estimates now sought will be dependent on whether John decides to proceed or not. Any work to Greenway will require Parish Council approval as Greenway is actually part of the Green. Richard Gaiger agreed to get a quote from Dave Miller and would report back to the next meeting.

### 19. TO DISCUSS THE CONDITION OF THE FRONT GARDEN OF N02 THE PLANTATION

**5673** Bruce Jones reported how unsightly the garden was looking and wondered what the options might be. The clerk was asked to establish whether the house was privately owned or part of a housing association and if the latter, to ask them to assist in basic maintenance work.

### 20. TO RECEIVE CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS – Strategic Housing

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5674 Bruce Batting agreed to respond on this document, the clerk would supply a précis of the documents.

### 21. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### (a)5675 Planning Committee

##### **Application No: BDB/69364**

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

**Proposal:** Erection of a single storey rear extension.

**Grid Ref:** 467991,157669

**PC Decision:** No Objection

##### **Application No: BDB/69352**

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

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

**Grid Ref:** 466330,156517

**PC Decision:** No Objection

##### **Application No: BDB/69489**

**Location:** Redlands, Reading Road Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0JQ

**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.

**Grid Ref:** 467063,155748

**PC Decision:** No Objection

##### **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.

**Grid Ref:** 466524,156054

**PC Decision:** No Objection

##### **Application No: BDB/69458**

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

**Proposal:** Erection of 58 residential dwellings and associated residential garaging and infrastructure

**Grid Ref:** 466524,156054

**PC Decision:** No Objection

##### **Application No: BDB/69529**

**Location:** Hillacre, Reading Road Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0JQ

**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. **Grid**

**Ref:** 466758,155841

**PC Decision:** No Objection

##### **Application No: TCA 2592**

**Location:** Southlands, Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0HA

**Proposal:** Fell and remove stump diseased Oak tree.

**PC Decision:** No Objection.

### **APPROVALS BY BDBC FOR REPORT**

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**Application No: BDB/68499**

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

**Proposal:** Construction of a footpath through woodland & Removal of 3 no lighting columns.

**Application No: BDB/68499**

**Location:** 5 Fernhill Place, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0SJ

**Proposal:** Erection of a rear conservatory

**(b) Allotments**

**5676** It was agreed that the allotment ground rental would increase from October 2009 to £30 for a full plot and £15 for a half plot. The deposits would also rise to £50 for a full plot and £30 for a half plot, this increase would have immediate effect for all new tenants.

**(c) Play area & BMX track**

**5677** Sandy Johnston reported on the Outdoor Gym proposal. Some councillors expressed concern that the equipment may not be used properly and may attract a nuisance element to the Village, but several councillors disagreed with this view and felt that the proposal should receive further consideration.

**(d) Village Green**

**5678** It was decided to refuse the request from a resident to plant trees on the Green by her house. The clerk reported back on her conversations with pest control companies and it was agreed that Ivan Gosden would report back on what chemical is contained within the pellets used by JL Bryce Ltd.

**(e) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions**

**5679** This was covered in point 13 above. Sandy Johnston reported that the cricket pavilion was due to be painted with Cuprinol or similar.

Lucy Marshall reported back on her investigations into the costs of wooden pavilions and had found that they were more expensive than the modular buildings.

**(f) Tennis courts**

**5680** The Clerk had collected £45 of donations from The Shop for Tennis court usage in September

**(g) Schools**

**5681** There was nothing to report. .

**(h) Sherfield Park Residents Association**

**5682** There was no report

**(i) Village Hall**

**5683** It was reported that there had been several fund raising functions and that the exact amount raised would be known by the time of the next meeting.

**22. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**5684** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November