

# CONFIRMED MINUTES

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 19.30 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2007.

### **Present**

Bruce Batting (Chairman)  
John Dodd  
Richard Gaiger  
Ivan Gosden  
Sandy Johnston  
Tracy Lander-Sims  
Percy Sims  
Lorraine Smith

### **In attendance**

Fiona Craig (Parish Clerk)  
Cllr. Roger Gardiner

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**Actions**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**5393** Cllr Ken Clark, Cllr Brian Archer, PC Mandy Jewell and Chris Horton.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

**5394** Ivan Gosden for item 14 and Bruce Batting, John Dodd, Richard Gaiger all for item 7

### **3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2007**

**5395** The minutes were approved as a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

### **4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER**

**5396** The Neighbourhood Watch report for November had been circulated.

Sandy Johnston had contacted PC Griffiths and is awaiting a date for his proposed visit to the Bramley Road to discuss measures for tackling the problem of speeding traffic.

‘Speed watch’ was discussed and it was noted that the village could participate in a local speed check assessment where letters could be sent to the drivers of speeding vehicles.

It was noted that the Highways department are aware of the need for hatched markings to be painted in the football car park and on the Bramley Road traffic calming but as yet there is no date available for these works.

### **OPEN FORUM**

The meeting was temporarily adjourned.

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## 5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### (a) Planning Committee

**5397** The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November had been circulated. Two applications had been considered at that meeting, they were as follows:

**Application No: BDB/67344**

**Location:** Well House, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0EZ

**Proposal:** Erection of a replacement rear conservatory.

**PC Decision:** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/67453**

**Location:** The Old School House, Reading Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0EZ

**Proposal:** Erection of a rear porch and timber framed garden room with part glazed link to main house following demolition of existing outbuilding.

**PC Decision:** No objection.

## APPROVALS BY BDBC FOR REPORT

**Application No: BDB/66841**

**Location:** 9 Breach Gardens, Sherfield-on-Loddon RG27 0AW

**Proposal:** Erection of a rear conservatory

**Application No: BDB/67025**

**Location:** 5 Poplar Close, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0DX

**Proposal:** Erection of a part two-storey, part single-storey rear extension, single-storey front/side extension and replacement garage/store.

**NoI TCA 2395:** No objection by BDBC to fell 1 Leylandii at Winton Cottage, Sherfield Green

### (b) Leisure Facilities Committee

**5398** The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November had been circulated

The next meeting of committee will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008 in the Garden room.

### (c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

**5399** The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November had been circulated

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January in the Garden room.

The quotation for the residents only parking signs was accepted.

The £8,000 loan from the Parish Council to the Village Hall for lighting costs was proposed by Percy Sims and seconded by Lorraine Smith and following a unanimous vote was accepted. The period and finance charge of the loan was not finalised, this will be discussed further on 22<sup>nd</sup> January at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Acceptance of the requests for both the precept and annual Borough General Grant for 2008/9 was proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Tracy Lander-Sims, following this there was a unanimous vote in favour.

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### **(d) Village Green Committee**

**5400** The next meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January in the Garden room. Bruce Batting agreed to take over from the retiring chairman.

The quotation for turf was discussed and it was agreed that Sandy Johnston would obtain more quotes.

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The state of the drainage ditches on the green was also discussed and it was noted that some residents had caused ditches on their properties to be filled in.

The request from a resident to plant a Blue Cedar on The Green was accepted.

### **(e) Allotments**

**5401** The request for a shed on allotment number 21 was approved.

Further Update on advice, disability access, Tracy Lander-Sims suggested that we could seek advice on disability issues during the annual playground inspection from Mr. Dunlop in January 2008.

**T L-S**

It was agreed that further action would need to be taken to address the rat problem, Fiona Craig to liaise with Lucy Marshall re pest control contract.

**FC**

### **(f) Play area & BMX track**

**53402** Richard Gaiger commented that the Parish Council notice on the BMX track is confusing. The chairman noted that the insurance company had actually drafted the wording, it was agreed that this could be changed slightly to exclude non motorised bicycles and but include all other types of bicycle.

**BB**

### **(g) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions**

**5403** The chairman noted that the plans for the new pavilion were now final.

Sandy Johnston noted that there had been a significant decrease in mole activity on the football pitch following the pest control action.

### **(h) Tennis courts**

**5404** It was agreed that the new clerk would collect the Tennis court funds from The Shop.

**FC**

### **(i) Schools**

**5405** The traffic flow on the A33 from Sherfield School was discussed, particularly the dangerous practice of turning right out of the school across the traffic, it was felt that this would at some point result in an accident. It was agreed that Bruce Batting would discuss this with the council and PC Mandy Jewell.

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### **(j) Sherfield Park/Taylor's Farm**

**5406** The last meeting was postponed.

### **(k) Village Hall**

**5407** The Parish Council ratified the appointment of Bruce Batting, Ivan Gosden, Sandy Johnston, Tracy Lander-Sims and Loraine Smith as the Village Hall Committee. Ivan Gosden was appointed Chairman of the Committee, Tracy Lander-Sims secretary and David Hitchins treasurer.

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Ivan Gosden reported that following a health and safety review last week the committee would meet and report back to the Parish Council in January when they had finalised their plan of action.

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Percy Sims requested that it be minuted that the Village Hall was a vital community resource and must be protected and enhanced.

## **6. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTS**

**5408** The safety report was accepted.

It was brought to the chairman's attention that building materials have been placed on the Village Green along the Bramley Road. It was agreed that the chairman would write to the resident concerned requesting removal.

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## **7. TO DISCUSS THE CONDITION OF GREENWAY**

**5409** There was a general discussion about drainage issues and surface water running into houses and garages and the height of the road in relation the adjoining properties. It was agreed that Bruce Batting, Richard Gaiger, John Attwood and John Dodd would meet to discuss this further.

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## **8. TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR CALLING MEETINGS FOR VILLAGE CHARITIES**

**5410** Tracy Lander-Sims asked for assistance from the Parish Council to ensure that the standing orders for management of the village charity committees were strictly adhered to. It was agreed that the trustees of the James Christmas Trust and the Sherfield on Loddon Welfare Trust should receive letters explaining the rules and regulations associated with their posts.

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## **9. TO RECEIVE REPORT ON THE B&D LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP EVENT**

**5411** Sandy Johnston reported to the committee that he had attended the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The prime objective of the event was to raise awareness of the Local Strategic Partnership and stress the importance of communication at all levels but especially between the LSP and the general public.

Reports were given on the of partnership projects between the police, probation service, local authority and other criminal justice agencies with the object of reducing repeat offending. Another report on mobile play schemes for 4-11 age group was also presented.

The meeting referred to the council document 'Pride in our Place' which outlines the priorities for the borough.

## **10. UPDATE FROM ALISON CROSS REGARDING INFORMATION BOARDS**

**5412** The council agreed that the costs associated with this project were too high to consider any further action

## **11. ROAD TRFFIC AND FOOTPATHS**

**5413** Following a lengthy discussion about the footpaths behind the village hall it was decided that no further action would be taken on this item.

As a majority of Breach Gardens residents who had responded, were in favour of the suggestion to change the name of the development to Rectory Gardens it was agreed to proceed with the name change.

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The Parish Council was informed that there was a meeting scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> December at Bramley Village Hall with the Borough Council to discuss the The Bramley Road closure and works schedule, it was agreed that a notice should be put in the notice board.

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The track over the village green starting near the BMX track was discussed, it was proposed that there should be a restriction on large non emergency vehicles using it as it is becoming water logged and impassable through frequent use by delivery vehicles, there is a risk that a fire engine or other large emergency vehicle may not be able to reach residents on The Green. It was agreed that a 'No Entry' Sign should be placed near the road and collapsible posts placed at the entrance to restrict wide/heavy vehicles.

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## 12. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

**5414** A report for November had been circulated, acceptance of the report was proposed by Tracy Lander-Sims and seconded by Ivan Gosden and unanimously received.

### Statement of Accounts

2007/2008	HSBC A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Consols	Grand Total	Uncleared cheques (£/p/c)	Uncleared receipts (£/p/c)
Bal B/F from Oct	18,334.64	39,951.51	24.17	58,310.32	8,815.99	
Credits Nov *	10,098.06	20,178.13	0.00	30,276.19		
Debits Nov *	29,038.22	0.00	0.00	29,038.22		
<b>Balance C/F</b>	<b>-605.52</b>	<b>60,129.64</b>	<b>24.17</b>	<b>59,548.29</b>	<b>8,210.47</b>	

\* Including transfers

HSBC Bank Statement at 30 November 2007: £8,210.47

Bank of Ireland Statement at 30 November 2007: £60,129.64

**NB: Account has not gone overdrawn** - cheque for £4,770.50 (dated 29/11/07) was not presented until clearance of £40,000 transfer from Bol to HSBC made on 4 December. This amount transferred in readiness for burial ground purchase, loan to village hall and remaining annual costs from contractors.

### Approval of payments for December:

£759.03	Clerk salary
£160.04	RFO salary (includes £71.57 tax refund for the month)
£131.54	Litter Warden salary
£148.68	Tax and NIC (adjusted for RFO tax refund)
£40.00	Clerks conference (HALC) 13 March 2008 (if booked after 18th Dec, £45)
£45.00	Signage, "residents parking only" (to be fitted onto existing post by local resident)
£45.00	Signage, BMX track (NB: post cost/installation not included - funds available via Playground reserve - suggest consider purchasing 2 x signs)

## 13. TO AGREE ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

**5415** Items to be received at least five days before the next meeting.

## 14. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BURIAL GROUND

**5416** The Chairman reported that the legal paperwork is complete and payment had been made earlier that day.

Bruce Batting agreed to look into the possibility of grant relief for the burial ground maintenance from the Borough Council.

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## 17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

**5417** Next meeting to be held Wednesday 9th January, 19.45 hours, Liddell Hall.