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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:45 PM ON WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2008.

### **Present**

Bruce Batting (Chairman)  
Ivan Gosden  
Sandy Johnston  
Tracy Lander-Sims  
Lorraine Smith  
Brian Archer  
Ken Clark

### **In attendance**

Fiona Craig (Parish Clerk)  
Basingstoke Gazette (Lucie Richards)  
Roger Gardiner  
PC Amanda Jewell  
Lucy Marshall

**Actions**

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

**5442** Cllr Richard Gaiger, Cllr Percy Sims and Chris Horton.

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

**5443** Ivan Gosden for the Footpath 23  
Bruce Batting for Greenway

### **3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2008**

**5443** 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**

**5444** The Neighbourhood Watch spreadsheet showing trends in crime had been circulated. PC Jewell explained that there had been two sudden deaths in January. PC Jewell also discussed the mini motocross rider incidents recently in the village and confirmed that she would be speaking to the individuals concerned.

### **OPEN FORUM**

The meeting was temporarily adjourned and Roger Gardiner spoke

### **5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **(a) Planning Committee**

**5445** The minutes of the meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008 had been circulated.

The following applications were considered at the meetings:

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**Application No: BDB/67714**

**Location:** Hafod, Sherfield Green, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 0EN

**Proposal:** Erection of single storey rear extensions

**Grid Ref:** 467860,157515

**PC Decision** No objection.

**Application No: BDB/67808**

**Location:** Summerfield, Sherfield Green, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 0EN

**Proposal:** Erection of first floor side extension of dormer window

**Grid Ref:** 467837,157547

**PC Decision** No objection

**Application No: BDB/67822**

**Location:** 7 Breach Gardens, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 0AW

**Proposal:** Erection of rear conservatory

**Grid Ref:** 468047,157901

**PC Decision** No objection

**APPROVALS BY BDBC FOR REPORT**

None

**APPEAL DECISIONS**

**Application No: BDB 66314**

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

**Concerning:** Erection of 6 no two bedroom dwellings, 3 no. three bedroom dwellings and 5 no. Four bedroom dwellings following demolition of Hilltop and garages. Creation of new access onto Fox's Furlong.

**Inspectorate Ref:** A/07/2062156/NW F

**B&D BC Decision** Refused on the basis of poor access

**(b) Leisure Facilities Committee**

**5446** The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January had been circulated  
The next meeting of committee will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March in the Garden room.

**(c) Finance and General Purposes Committee**

**5447** The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January had been circulated  
The next meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday 25th March in the Garden room.

**(d) Village Green Committee**

**5448** The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January had been circulated  
The next meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday 18th March in the Garden room.

**(e) Allotments**

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**5449** Tracy Lander-Sims reported back on her meeting with Mr. Dunlop the safety Inspector, he had confirmed that although disability was not his specialism, he felt that the actions of the PC to date were reasonable.

Tracy Lander-Sims said that she would liaise with clerk about the matting on the grass

It was agreed that the request to erect a shed on plot 27 should be granted, the clerk would write to confirm this.

It was agreed that a skip should be ordered and the clerk would do this

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

**5450** The issues with the mini motocross bikes was dealt with under point 4. Crime and Disorder above.

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

**5451** Brian Archer gave an update on the Football Pavilion progress, the layout of the design and types of materials to be used. It was agreed that three estimates would be obtained for each of the following project stages:

1. The Foundations
2. The main building
3. The roof and external finish

Sandy Johnston updated the PC on the possible inclusion of Police Surgery room in the building and confirmed that the Police felt that this was a good idea. It was noted that there is a permanent Police room at the back of the Stratfield Saye Estate.

It was agreed that the PC should visit a similar building in use a Greenham Common.

Ken Clark has agreed to project manage the construction with the help of a small sub group.

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

**5452** Brian Archer offered to sweep the courts

### **(i) Schools**

**5453** Nothing to report.

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

**5454** There is a consultation process starting about the location of the Community Centre. The Borough Council display trailer will be at Gaiger Avenue from 10:00 am until Noon on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March and all are encouraged to attend.

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

**5455** The signatory issues at the bank are now resolved.

Sandy Johnston commented that the insurance issues were still ongoing and a formal update would be made at a later date.

Ivan Gosden reported that the Loddon Players are purchasing a new stage which will be the property of the Village Hall.

It was reported that the Barn dance made £700 profit.

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

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**5456** The safety report highlighted a problem with the drain by Holt Cottage, Bruce Batting agreed to look at it.

## 7. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

**5457** A report for January was tabled, acceptance of the report was proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Brian Archer and unanimously received.

### Statement of Accounts

The balances of the accounts at 31 January are shown in the table below:

| 2007/2008          | HSBC A/C        | Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C | Consols      | Grand Total      | Uncleared cheques (HSBC) | Uncleared receipts (HSBC) |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bal B/F from Dec * | 5,554.54        | 20,343.07                   | 24.17        | 25,921.78        | 354.58                   |                           |
| Credits Jan        | 2,347.78        | 92.24                       |              | 2,440.02         |                          |                           |
| Debits Jan         | 3,377.81        | 0.00                        |              | 3,377.81         |                          |                           |
| <b>Balance C/F</b> | <b>4,524.51</b> | <b>20,435.31</b>            | <b>24.17</b> | <b>24,983.99</b> | <b>4,879.09</b>          |                           |

HSBC Bank Statement at 31 January 2008: £4,879.09

Bank of Ireland Statement at 31 January 2008: £20,435.31

\* Adjusted b/f figure from last month - cq written in June for £37.50 voided - BDBC advertising consent fee for village hall signage.

### Approval of payments for February:

£759.03 Clerk salary  
£173.25 RFO salary (includes £84.78 tax refund for the month)  
£131.32 Litter Warden salary  
£135.68 Tax and NIC (reduced/adjusted for RFO tax refund)  
£28.00 Pole and fixings for new BMX signage  
£83.23 Mrs F Craig - Printer Ink & Stationery/Clerk's introductory course

## 8. TO DISCUSS PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

**5458** It was decided that John Dodd's vacancy should remain until the elections in May and that co-option should not take place.

## 9. TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING LEGAL ISSUES CURRENTLY WITH B&D LEGAL DEPARTMENT

**5459 (a)** Voluntary Registration of Allotment Land – Bruce Batting confirmed that George White from BDBC had recently been in touch with him and requested a valuation of the allotments for the Land Registry.

**(b)** Wall Zigzagging over PC Land at Premier Court – Bruce Batting agreed to discuss with George White how much it would cost the PC to resolve this and how long it would take.

**(c)** Wall Damaged by PC Owned Tree- It was agreed that the council will ask a local contractor to mend the wall with costs being met by the PC. The clerk to send a without prejudice letter to the resident confirming this gesture of goodwill.

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## 10. TO RECEIVE BREACH GARDENS UPDATE

**5460** Bruce Batting agreed to speak to Shirley Brewer at the council to find out the current position.

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### 11. TO DISCUSS BRAMLEY ROAD BUS SHELTER

**5461** It was agreed that the PC should wait for an update from Ian Robertson from the council.

### 12. TO DISCUSS ROAD TRAFFIC ISSUES

**5462 (a)** A33 Speed limit between the two roundabouts – Sherfield School have begun a petition for a pedestrian crossing on the A33. PC Jewell explained that the current 50 mph speed limit would have to be reduced to 40mph to accommodate a crossing.

The councillors all agreed that ‘no right turn’ signs at both ends of Wildmoor Lane and at the southern exit from Sherfield School would reduce the problems caused by people turning right across traffic on the A33, this requires policing support and PC Jewell agreed to raise this with her colleagues in road traffic.

**(b)** Goddards Lane onto Old Reading Road-There was support for the proposal from Basingstoke and Deane highways department to remove the priority control feature on the Old Reading Road before Goddards Lane. It was agreed that the clerk should write and confirm this.

**(c)** Bramley Road Closure – It was noted that Peter Eade at the highways department had recently said that the road is still due to open on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.

**(d)** White Lines at the junction of Court Farm Drive and Goddards Lane-Bruce Batting agreed to ask for the linesmen to return as this had been overlooked.

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### 13. BRAMLEY CAMP FOOTPATH (Footpaths 27 and 31 on the Definitive Map)

**5463** It was explained that the footpath was closed in 1923 with a temporary closure order. The path currently crosses MoD land and is closed for security and safety reasons. It was felt by the PC that it should never be re-opened as the area is full of explosives and possibly mustard gas and much of this is buried and unrecorded. Members also considered that it was inadvisable to show on the Ordnance Survey the cul-de-sac section of the footpath from footpath 23, which leads down to St. Leonard’s church, through Goddard’s Farm to the camp fence, as this just creates confusion and frustration amongst walkers who end up wandering around Goddard’s Farm or trying to get over or through the camp fence- an obvious security risk.

It was agreed that the clerk should draft a formal response to Sherborne St John PC for the chairman to review.

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### 14. POLICE CAR SAFE SCHEME

**5464** PC Jewell explained the principle of the scheme. It was agreed that this wasn’t appropriate for Sherfield.

### 15. JD NOYCE REQUEST FOR FUNFAIR ON THE GREEN

**5465** A request for a funfair had been received by the council, it was agreed that the Green was not a suitable venue for a funfair as the equipment and/or the associated foot traffic would ruin the football and cricket pitches. It was also felt that there was not suitable provision for parking for a fair of this kind in the village and that there would be noise and disturbance issues for the residents around the Green. It was agreed that the clerk should write to JD Noyce and confirm refusal.

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### 16. CORPORATE MANSLAUGHTER LEGISLATION IMPLICATIONS

**5466** The Clerk updated the councillors on the legislation and how it affected them particularly in their role as Village Hall trustees.

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### **17. TO AGREE DATES FOR ANNUAL PAISH MEETING AND PC AGM**

**5467** It was agreed that the AGM should take place on the second Wednesday in May and Parish Meeting on either the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> of April. It was agreed that the clerk should check the hall availability.

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### **18. SHERFIELD OAK GOLF BUGGIES ON WILDMOOR LANE**

**5468** PC Jewell agreed to look into this and report back to the council .It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next PC meeting in March.

### **19. CONDITION OF GREENWAY**

**5469** The open spaces grant money of £1977 will be spent on Greenway. Bruce Batting will write to the residents of Greenway as a resident and not as chairman of the Parish Council to co-ordinate a working party to improve conditions after further advice had been received regarding treatment of the corner.

### **20. 2008 CALOR GAS COMPETITION**

**5470** The council decided not to proceed with an application this year and wait until development at Sherfield Park had progressed and the area was better integrated into the village.

### **21. BURIAL GROUND UPDATE**

**5471** The clerk gave a brief update on some of the issues associated with opening a new burial ground.

It was agreed that Sandy Johnston and Bruce Batting would meet with the owners of Sherfield Court to try and gain their permission for use of their land for access for gardening machinery.

Bruce Batting confirmed that the St.Leonard's PCC would be funding the new gate and fencing along the existing boundary. It was confirmed that there are currently eight plots left in the church owned graveyard and that the new graveyard could be required this year. There was a general dissatisfaction with the information previously given to the Parish Council as they had been led to believe that the new graveyard would not be required until mid 2009, the Parish Council had not budgeted for the maintenance of the graveyard in 2008 and the funds for this would have to be found from other areas.

It was agreed that a Burial Ground sub- committee (of the Finance committee) should be formed.

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### **22. DRAINAGE ISSUES IN NORTHFIELD ROAD**

**5472** It was explained that when Manser built Northfield Road the main sewer running under the last section of highway was not adopted which was quite common at the time of construction. The residents are experiencing problems from foul sewerage overflow during very heavy rainfall. Thames Water have told the PC that they may adopt the sewer and then put in a large drain similar to that currently being laid under the Bramley Road.

### **23. DISCUSSION RE JULIAN PILCHER EMAIL ABOUT MICHELDEVER PLANNING**

**5473** There was a general discussion

### **24. B&D CORE STRATEGY DOCUMENT 'WHAT SORT OF PLACE WILL THEY GROW UP IN?'**

**5474** Sandy Johnston agreed to send comments into BDBC on behalf of the council

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### **25. OIL LEAK IN BOW DRIVE FROM SHARED TANK**

**5475** There is a communal oil tank in Poplar Close which is now only used by 2 or 3 houses and this has been leaking into surface water drains and then on into Bow Brook. The Parish Council has put the Environment Agency in touch with the owners of the tank.

### **26. TO AGREE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**5476** Items to be received at least five days before the next meeting.

### **27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**5477** Next meeting to be held Wednesday 12th March at 7:30pm in the Liddell Hall.