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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 12 MARCH 2008.

Present

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

In attendance

Fiona Craig (Parish Clerk)
Bruce Jones
Ranil Jayawardena

Actions

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5478 Cllr Percy Sims

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

5479 None

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2008

5480 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

5481 The Neighbourhood Watch spreadsheet showing trends in crime had been circulated.

OPEN FORUM

The meeting was temporarily adjourned

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Planning Committee

5482 The minutes of the meetings held on 13th February had been circulated.
The following applications were considered at the meetings:

Application No: BDB/67876

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

Proposal: Reserved matters application (phase 7) for the siting, design, external appearance, access and landscaping for 80 no. houses and flats pursuant to outline planning permission BDB/55134.

Grid Ref: 466330,156517

PC Decision

No objection

(b) Leisure Facilities Committee

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(c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

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(d) Village Green Committee

5485 The next meeting will be held on the 18th March in the Garden Room

(e) Allotments

5485 The skip has been ordered and is scheduled for delivery on 17th March at a cost of £186.83
There is a tenant who is considering giving up her allotment and another who will be vacating her plot at the end of March.

(f) Play area & BMX track

5486 The issues with the mini motocross bikes are continuing and the rider/s have been seen on the Green again. PC Jewell has stated that bikes will be confiscated if the problem continues.

The annual safety report from Mr. Dunlop has been issued and work has taken place on the whirl to bring it up to required standards, BDBC have funded this. The report also states that the speed of the aerial runway could be increased to enhance children's fun on this item, Sandy Johnston agreed to supervise this.

SJ

It was explained that Ian Harris (who is responsible for children's playgrounds at the council) is retiring and will be replaced by Noel Preece.

(g) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

5487 It was reported that the moles appear to have gone following the two recent treatments. It was agreed that a further treatment will be required in the spring of this year.

There was a discussion about the new Football Pavilion following visits from most of the Council to view a similar one near Greenham Common. Overall, the councillors were impressed with what they saw but felt that some improvements were required for the structure to be in keeping with a conversation area.

A request had been made by Loddon Sports FC to hold their annual tournaments on June 8th and 29th. This was approved by the council with the request that the 'portaloos' are not situated on the Green.

(h) Tennis courts

5488 Due to bad weather they haven't been swept. Sandy Johnston and Brian Archer agreed to do this during the next couple of weeks.

The Clerk had collected £70 from The Shop for Tennis court usage.

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(i) Schools

5489 Nothing to report.

(j) Sherfield Park/Taylor's Farm

5490 There is currently a consultation process 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 15th March and Bruce Batting and Brian Archer agreed to attend.

There will be a Sherfield Park Community Association AGM on Wednesday 2nd April at Sherfield School at 7:30pm.

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(k) Village Hall

5491 Sandy Johnston commented that the insurance issues were still ongoing and a formal update would be made at a later date.

The new hourly rates for Hall hire were given :

Main Hall £25

Liddell Hall £15

Garden Room £10

6. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTS

5492 The safety report was accepted and it highlighted problems with mud on the path behind the Village Hall. It was agreed that this should be raised with the volunteers.

7. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

5492A A report for February was tabled. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Tracy Lander-Sims and unanimously received.

It was agreed that reconciliations would be easier if all payments were moved forward to the middle of the month (and signed after the PC meeting) to allow cheques to be cashed before the end of the month. This was proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Brian Archer and unanimously received. Approval was also given to transfer £2000 from the interest bearing Bank of Ireland account into the HSBC current account. This was proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Brian Archer and unanimously received.

Financial Report

Reconciliation of the Parish Bank Accounts as at 29th February 2008

| Financial Year ending 31/3/08 | HSBC Current | Bank of Ireland | Grand Total |
|---|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Opening Balance per February statement | 4,879.09 | 20,435.31 | 25,314.40 |
| Income - Credits received at bank in FEB | 468.00 | 81.18 | 549.18 |
| Expenditure - Cheques presented in FEB | 640.92 | | 640.92 |
| Closing Balance per February Statement | 4,706.17 | 20,516.49 | 25,222.66 |
| February Credits not yet cashed | | | |
| February Cheques not yet cashed | 1,282.51 | | |
| Closing Balance | 3,423.66 | 20,516.49 | 25,222.66 |

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| Itemised list of February cheques not yet cashed (ie unrepresented) | | | |
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| | Number | | Date |
| F.Craig expenses - Clerk's course/stationery | 100856 | £83.23 ✓ | 22/02/08 |
| F.Craig Salary - Clerk | 100857 | £759.03 ✓ | 22/02/08 |
| L.Marshall Salary-RFO | 100858 | £173.25 ✓ | 22/02/08 |
| P.Cole Salary- Litter Warden | 100859 | £131.32 ✓ | 22/02/08 |
| HM Revenue & Customs (Tax/NIC) | 100860 | £135.68 ✓ | 22/02/08 |
| Total February cheques not yet cashed | | £1,282.51 | |
| Approval for payments due in March: | | | |
| Clerk salary | | | £759.03 |
| Litter Warden salary | | | £131.32 |
| Tax and NIC (includes £150 credit to Parish for making online returns) | | | £70.47 |
| Parish Council Membership of CPRE (Valid until 15.03.09) | | | £28.00 |
| Allotment Skip Hire (due 17 March) | | | 186.83 |
| TOTAL MARCH PAYMENTS | | | £1,175.65 |

8. TO DISCUSS PARISHIONER'S REQUEST TO PLANT CHERRY TREE ON THE GREEN.

5493 It was agreed that an Ornamental Cherry Tree could be planted by the playground, but that this should be further approved by the Village Green committee at their meeting on 18th March..

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

5494 (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 which would cost something in the region of £300 to £400. It was agreed that the Parish council should proceed with this. George White has also requested to view the Deeds which are at the Council Offices in safe storage. Bruce Batting agreed to retrieve these and pass them to George White.

(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 and to provide the deeds for this as well.

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10. TO RECEIVE BREACH GARDENS UPDATE

5495 The Clerk explained the procedure for a road name change, and that as the request was essentially cosmetic in nature and one of the residents does not wish this to proceed, it may not be supported by the Borough or approved by a magistrate at a hearing. Bruce Batting agreed to speak to the residents to gauge their strength of feeling.

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11. TO AGREE DATE APM

5496 It was agreed that Friday May 23rd would suit everybody and that as this was after the election any new councillors could attend.

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12. TO DISCUSS GOLF BUGGIES ON WILDMOOR LANE AT SHERFIELD OAKS GOLF COURSE.

5497 Sherfield Oaks management have confirmed that the only buggies on the lane are maintenance vehicles and these are insured for highway use.

13. TO DISCUSS BOARS BRIDGE MAINTENANCE & BRAMLEY ROAD CLOSURE

5498 The original proposal from Hampshire highways to close the Bramley Road (again) for essential maintenance on Boars Bridge with a traffic diversion through Frog Lane in Little London was deemed to be unacceptable. This diversion was proposed because Mill Bridge at Sherborne St John also requires maintenance work and could not handle the weight of the diverted traffic. The County intends to carry out work on Mill Bridge first and then on Boars Bridge and use Morgaston Road as the diversion route to the A340.

14. TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ISSUES Re USE OF VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS

5499 This was discussed and thought to be a good idea but a greater understanding of the costs was needed before a decision could be taken. It was also thought that leasing may be an option and the clerk was asked to look into this.

The roads which would benefit from this were identified as being

- 1) Reading Road near Hams Corner
- 2) Bramley Road in both directions
- 3) A33 Near to Sherfield School

There was discussion of the track on the Green to Greenway. Councillors wondered whether either of the new posts were indeed socketed and removable and whether or not a barrier would be put in place. There was also a question about the signage as it was understood that an ‘Emergency Use Only’ sign was to be put up. Bruce Batting agreed to speak to John Dodd.

There was discussion of the response from PC Griffiths to the Parish Council’s request for a change to the speed limit on the A33 Speed limit between the two roundabouts – the Police feel that if the 50 mile per hour limit is not adhered to then a reduction to 40 will not be either. There was also little appetite from the County for a pedestrian crossing outside Sherfield School as they hold the view that this would surprise motorists and accidents may be caused rather than prevented. The council was unhappy with these responses and will discuss this further at the next meeting.

15. TO DISCUSS BOROUGH PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO THE PLANNING PROCESS

5500 The clerk explained the new process (known as 1APP) and the main differences for council members would be that they would no longer be able to view hardcopy plans, as this change involves a wholesale to move to e-planning. It was felt that applicants should still be required to provide Parish Councils with hardcopy plans. The clerk would report this back to Hilary Oliver at the Borough.

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16 TO DISCUSS BOROUGH PROPOSALS FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES TO PARISH COUNCILS

5501 The clerk explained the proposal from the Borough and it was agreed that the council should accept the offer.

17. TO AGREE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

5502 Items to be received at least five days before the next meeting.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

5503 Next meeting to be held Wednesday 9th April at 7:30pm in the Liddell Hall.