

CONFIRMED MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2008.

Present

Bruce Batting
Ivan Gosden
Sandy Johnston
Tracy Lander-Sims
Lorraine Smith
Brian Archer
Lucy Marshall
David Leivesley
Richard Gaiger

In attendance

Fiona Craig (Parish Clerk)
Rhydian Vaughan

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

5529 Ivan Gosden proposed Bruce Batting as Chairman this was seconded by Tracy Lander-Sims and all were in favour. The chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

5530 Bruce Batting proposed Ivan Gosden as Vice Chairman this was seconded by Richard Gaiger and all were in favour. The Vice Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct.

3. ALL OTHER COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND CODE OF CONDUCT.

5531 All the Councillors accepted and signed the forms which were handed to the clerk.

4. TO AGREE TIMES AND NUMBER OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

5532 It was agreed that Parish Council Meetings should take place on the second Wednesday of each month and that there would not be a meeting during August.

5. TO AGREE WHICH COMMITTEES SHOULD BE FORMED FOR THE COMING YEAR

5533 It was agreed that the following committees would be formed, Finance, Leisure, Village Green and Planning. It was agreed that the Finance and Leisure Committee would meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month with the Leisure meeting taking place first. The Village Green Committee would meet on the 3rd Tuesday in the month and the Planning meetings would take place as required.

6. TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS ONTO COMMITTEES & OUTSIDE BODIES

5534 It was agreed that the Finance Committee would include Bruce Batting, Ivan Gosden, Sandy Johnston, Tracy Lander-Sims, Richard Gaiger and Lucy Marshall. The Village Green would consist of Sandy Johnston, Ivan Gosden, Bruce Batting and members of the public who wished to serve. The Leisure Committee would consist of Bruce Batting, Sandy Johnston, Ivan Gosden, Lorraine Smith, Tracy Lander-Sims, Bruce Jones, Brian Archer, David Leivesley, Richard Gaiger and members of the public who wished to serve. The Planning Committee would consist of Bruce Batting, Ivan Gosden, Sandy Johnston, David Leivesley, Bruce Jones and Tracy Lander-Sims.

Sandy Johnston agreed to serve on the BDAPTC and the Community Safety Forum, Bruce Batting agreed to serve on the BDAPTC, Country Watch, SPISE and the Chineham Liaison Panel.

All Parish Councillors agreed to their role as trustees of the Village Hall.

7. TO INSPECT DEEDS IN POSSESSION OF PARISH COUNCIL

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5535 The deeds were made available for inspection

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5536 Apologies were received from Bruce Jones and Ranil Jayawardena

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5537 There were no declarations of interest

10. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH APRIL

5538 The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting

11. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME & DISORDER

5539 The neighbourhood Watch report showing trends in crime in the area was reviewed.

OPEN FORUM

The meeting was temporarily adjourned

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Planning Committee

5540 The minutes of the meetings held on 9th, 14th and 28th April been circulated.

The following applications were considered at the meetings:

Application No: BDB/68494

Location: 1, Orchard Lea, Lane, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0ES

Proposal: Erection of a rear conservatory following demolition of existing.

Grid Ref: 467665,157742

PC Decision: No Objection

Application No: BDB/68499

Location: Rockbourne Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook,

Proposal: Construction of a footpath through woodland & removal of 3 no. Lighting columns (part retrospective)

Grid Ref: 466567,156279

PC Decision: Request that lighting is not removed as the footpath will be used by primary school aged children.

Application No: BDB/68468

Location: 3 Hams Corner, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0HP

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension

Grid Ref: 468020,157486

PC Decision: Objection – Loss of parking, loss of garage amenity, over development of plot. The extension will result in a large expanse of uninterrupted brickwork which will be unsightly and detract from the street scene.

Application No: BDB/68418

Location: Land at Taylors Farm, East of Petty's Copse, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook,

Proposal: Erection of 60 residential dwellings with associated access, garaging and infrastructure.

Grid Ref: 466524,156054

PC Decision – No objection

Application No: BDB/68292

Location: Wyevale Garden Centre, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0HL

Proposal: Change of use of 3 no. car parking spaces within existing Car Park to hand car washing business.

Grid Ref: 467640,156521

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PC Decision: No Objection, but it was noted that this application should be retrospective

Application No: BDB/68381

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

Proposal: Erection of wooden summer house in rear garden.

Grid Ref: 466783,156016

PC Decision: No Objection

APPROVALS BY BDBC FOR REPORT

Planning Authority Acceptance of Minor amendment to approved plans

Application No: BDB/55612

Location: Yew Tree Cottage, Church End, Sherfield on Loddon, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 0JB

Proposal: Erection of a two storey front and side extension, new front porch and detached garage

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS FOR REPORT

Planning Authority Acceptance of Minor amendment to approved plans

Application No: BDB/67785

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

Proposal: Erection of 24 no. low carbon residential units comprising of 14 no. three bedroom houses, 6 no. two bedroom houses, 6 no. two bedroom houses, 2 no. one bedroom houses, 2 no. four bedroom houses with communal space and creation of new access.

Grid Ref: 466330,156517

Application No: BDB/67646

Location: Meadow View, Bramley Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0DJ

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension

Grid Ref: 467733,158370

APPEALS/SECRETARY OF STATE DECISIONS FOR REPORT

Application No: BDB/66314

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

Proposal: Erection of 6 no. two bedroom dwellings, 3 no. three bedroom dwellings, 5 no. Four bedroom dwellings. Creation of new access onto foxes Furlong

Secretary of State Decision: Dismiss

(b) Leisure Facilities Committee

5541 The next meeting is due on 27th May

(c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

5542 The next meeting is due on 27th May

(d) Village Green Committee

5543 The next meeting is due on 20th May

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(e) Allotments

5544 Tracy Lander-Sims reported that two half plots are available. Approval for the erection of a 6ft by 4ft shed on plot 41A was given. Bruce Batting reported that Reading District Valuer had given a not to exceed quotation of £550 to value the allotment land and footpath, a second quotation is expected shortly and it was hoped that a land valuer will be instructed by the end of May.

(f) Play area & BMX track

5545 Sandy Johnston reported that Wicksteed had fixed the aerial runway free of charge and the clerk was asked to write and thank them. Sandy Johnston reported that he had obtained quotations for the area around the basket goal area - £8099 + VAT for NoMow, £10,900+VAT for Wet Pour and £1544 for turf. Lucy Marshall suggested bow top fencing and it was agreed that the Leisure Committee should look into other solutions.

(g) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

5546 Bruce Batting updated the new councillors with an outline of the scope of work for the new football pavilion. It was hoped that Ken Clark would still be able to serve on the Leisure Committee to give continue his project management role. There was a discussion about the final specification letter to be sent to suppliers and it was agreed that an EGM of the Leisure committee should be scheduled to review the letter once it is drafted.

(h) Tennis courts

5547 The Clerk had collected £60 of donations from The Shop for Tennis court usage.

(i) Schools

5548 Nothing to report

(j) Sherfield Park Residents Association

5549 The Parish Council were saddened by the news of Tony Murray's death. David Leivesley reported that a new committee has been formed and that the planning process for the Community Centre will start in May and it is hoped that construction will be completed in autumn 2009.

(k) Village Hall

5550 Sandy Johnston commented that insurance issues relating to contamination of the water supply were ongoing. Bruce Batting said that he was expecting to hear back shortly from the London solicitors who are giving advice about the claim on a pro-bono basis.

It was accepted that a formal loan agreement between the Parish Council and the Trustees of the Village Hall must be drawn up and it was agreed that the SLCC's recommended solicitor Hedleys should draw up the agreement. The clerk was asked to contact Hedleys to organise this.

The Parish Council thanked Brian Archer and Donald Dawson for all their work at Percy's Plant sale and for the generous donation to Village Hall.

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13. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTS

5551 The safety report was accepted.

14. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

5552A report for April was tabled. Acceptance of the report and payment schedule was proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Bruce Batting and unanimously received. The transfer of £21,500 from HSBC Current account to Bank of Ireland interest bearing account was proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Tracy Lander-Sims and unanimously received.

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Reconciliation of the Parish Bank Accounts as at 30 April 2008

Financial Year ending 31/3/09	PETTY CASH	HSBC Current A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit	Grand Total
Opening Balance per March statement		4,530.98	18,594.33	23,125.31
Income - Credits received at bank in MAR		24,025.11	85.83	24,110.94
Expenditure - Cheques presented in MAR		3,037.39		3,037.39
Petty Cash at Hand	50.00			50.00
Closing Balance per April Statement (Cash at bank and in hand)	50.00	25,518.70	18,680.16	44,248.86
<u>Retrospective Approval for payments made in April after Parish Council Meeting</u>				
Mrs Fellows (Allotment Deposit Refund)				£25.00
Basingstoke & Deane - Roundabout Maintenance				£313.14
<u>Approval for payments due in MAY</u>				
Clerk salary				£767.68
Litter Warden salary				£138.00
Tax and NIC				£141.15
Hampshire Playing Fields Association				£20.00
Bulpitt Brothers of Bramley (Cricket and Football Pitches Grass Cutting)				£114.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS				£1,518.97

15. RESOLUTION THAT ANY TWO COUNCILLORS ARE AUTHORISED TO SIGN CHEQUES

5553 This was proposed by Ivan Gosden and seconded by Tracy Lander-Sims

16. TO AGREE APPROACH TO REDUCE PROBLEMS WITH DOG FOULING

5554 It was agreed that an article should go into the Loddon Valley Link explaining problems associated with dog fouling and that the dog warden should be asked to patrol in the village.

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17. TO DISCUSS SIGNS FOR WHEELIE BINS '30 MPH Speed Limit'

5555 The Chairman explained that signs could be placed on Wheelie bins to show speed limit to encourage drivers to be aware of the speed limit, it could be a very effective show of opinion once a week. The Clerk was asked to find out what the cost of this would be.

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18. TO REPORT ON MEETING WITH HAMPSHIRE POLICE RE A33 SPEED LIMIT.

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5556 Bruce Batting explained that he and Sandy Johnston met with Chief Inspector Baldry and that there was agreement that action needs to be taken to protect the children crossing the road to Sherfield School and improve the safety and traffic flow as parents drive in and out of the school. It was felt that the entrance and exit are the wrong way round and should be switched. A further meeting will be arranged with Hampshire Highways, the Police, Sherfield School, Basingstoke and Deane representatives and the Parish Council.

19. TO DISCUSS REQUIREMENT TO INCREASE PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARDS

5557 It was agreed that there should be 2 more notice boards, one at Church End and the other at Sherfield Park. The clerk will investigate possible locations.

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20. TO DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITOR

5558 After a lengthy discussion it was decided that this should be brought forward to the next meeting following guidance from HALC.

21. TO APPROVE STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR YE 31.03.09

5559 These were approved and it was agreed that any amendment would be handled during the year if required.

22. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PRESS & PUBLIC

5560 It was resolved that the press and public be excluded.

23. TO DISCUSS PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AND RFO AND APPROVE CLERK'S ADMISSION TO PENSION SCHEME.

5561 Those "in attendance" at the meeting withdrew to allow councillors to consider briefing note 8 (tabled), detailing council employees' eligibility to join the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). The probation period of 6 months would be completed by the Clerk by 1 June and it was unanimously agreed that Fiona Craig be invited to continue in post as Clerk and RFO. It was resolved that the Parish Council would henceforth contribute to the LGPS. The Clerk returned to the meeting.

24. TO AGREE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

5562 Items to be received at least five days before the next meeting.

25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

5563 Next meeting to be held Wednesday 11th June 2008 at 7:30pm in the Liddell Hall.