

# Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held online due to the Covid 19 restrictions. Meeting took place at 7.30pm via Zoom on 2nd February 2021

**PRESENT:** Cllr Peter Sheard (Chair), Cllr Paul Harvey (Vice Chair) Cllr Derek Brooking, Mike Hine, Cllr Malcolm Dicken, Cllr Martin Widger, Cllr Emma Sweet, Cllr Emma Hemmins, Cllr Francis Baker, Cllr Mike Hine  
County Cllr Rufus Gilbert, District Cllr Kate Kemp

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Ian Satterley

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Fiona Stace (Parish Clerk)

**MINUTES:** Minutes from this meeting will be agreed in principal and signed at the next attended meeting.

## **Standing Orders Suspended: Public Participation and to receive reports from Cllr Gilbert and Cllr Kemp**

### **Item no:**

#### **1936: Matters Arising from last months Minutes:**

The road from Rake to Knapp Mill drainage and flooding issues are still ongoing. It was mentioned that the fields on the left hand side previously had drainage channels dug out, however the current owner does not live locally and this is now not being done. It was thought that Highways used to have a part to play in getting this done, so Cllr Gilbert will make some enquiries and see if they can agree to dig the channels once again. Failing that, it was suggested that LPC arrange for the work to be done and to send the invoice to the land owner so that the road can be re opened.

South West Water sent LPC an invoice for work that was done to the pipe at the Well a couple of months ago, however, LPC are disputing the total amount billed and therefore asked the Clerk to write to them asking for them to reconsider before payment is made.

#### **1937 Policing Matters**

Report from December 2020:

2 violent or sexual offences on or near Ashwood Close.

1 unable to prosecute the suspect.

1 under investigation .

Please do ring 101 if you witness any crimes or go to the Crimestoppers website, where you can report any crimes yourself: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

#### **1938 Public Comment**

No members of the public attended the meeting

#### **VAS Data Report:**

Traffic volume has reduced by 50% from the August figures and 650,000 cars have travelled through the village since April 2020. It was mentioned that the cars leaving the village from the shop towards the Playing fields, speed up quite significantly and there is currently no speed restriction sign facing the village exit. LPC briefly discussed a further digital sign to be placed at the wall or perhaps moving the 30mph sign to there. Clerk to find out the cost of a flashing 30mph sign and to add to next months agenda.

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## County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert

### DCC Finances:

1. DCC Council tax share now makes up 80% of its income.
2. DCC employees 2010/11 = 6,600 & in 2020 = 4500 increasing a little for Covid
3. Covid funding from Govt = £80 Million which basically covers DCC Covid expenditure.
4. Budget for DCC 2020/21 = £541M with Adult social care £260M and children's services £146M
5. Budget proposed for DCC 2021/22 = £578M = £11M/week or £1.5M/day
6. DCC earmarked reserves = £120M (March 2020) being in middle of UK upper tier authorities.

### Recycling depot privately registered vehicles (now) permitted free of charge & without a permit:

1. Cars
2. Pick ups
3. Camper vans fully fitted
4. Minibuses fully fitted
5. People carriers
6. Hired vans to a private household
7. Motability type vans/vehicles.
- 8.

Any privately registered panel van will require a permit giving up to twelve visits a year free of charge. You can apply online.

Elections: Police commissioner and County Council elections still set for May 6<sup>th</sup>.

A 379 Edmeston road works have started with some night closures from 19.00 hours.

Playing Fields Housing. Cllr Gilbert has spoken with DCC asset officers and they are now writing to SHDC planning offering to reduce the number of houses from 25 to 17 to include five affordable.

Flooding Rake to Knapp Mill - covered in item number 1936

Following on from the accident last year, LPC are pushing to have either railings or a zebra crossing installed in the village as well as more lighting up on the path alongside the playing fields. Cllr Gilbert commented on how disappointed he was with both the Police and County reports regarding the accident. He added that perhaps Highways would be prepared to allow a zebra crossing, which would cost approximately £30,000. LPC will wait to hear back from Cllr Gilbert regarding this. It was suggested that Cllr Kemp enquire about using some of the S106 money due from the school field development, to pay for the moving of the 30mph sign (£5,000) as well as possibly installing a Zebra Crossing from the playing fields to Beechwood Park.

The road coming into Loddiswell from the A38 will be extraordinarily busy this year seeing as people will be encouraged to take holidays more locally. IF the pinch points are agreed, it will make the road even more busy, not only in the holidays. Ugborough council are dealing with the survey and Cllr Gilbert is awaiting the outcome. Cllr Dicken suggested Cllr Gilbert organise that the local camp sites and holiday park owners, contact their guests suggesting an alternative route to try and keep the road more clear for emergency services and local people commuting to work.

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## District Cllr report - Kate Kemp

### BUDGET NOTES 14/01/2021

The Council are lobbying the Government for business rate relief to be extended through 2021 to 2022.

Garden waste charges are not due to be applied yet, but when it is on the table members will be consulted. (one hopes) I personally do not think garden waste should be charged for, as it may encourage fly tipping and discourage people from getting out side to garden in the first place. I will be pushing for a 'recycling of garden waste service' creating garden compost that may be sold to generate further income for the council. DCC are responsible for the disposal of garden waste and say that the contents of the brown bin contents collected, is too low grade for compost. Any ideas regarding this would be gratefully received.

We will be allocated approximately £130,000 towards combating homelessness.

Lib Dems Greens and independents pushed through a motion for further investment in climate change initiatives with a view to generating future employment in renewable energy, though it only went through by 1 vote, so the executive may well kick it out.

## Vaccination update

There are, as you probably know, mass vaccination sites now in Plymouth and Exeter, which is obviously not close enough or accessible enough for the vulnerable members of our communities the service is supposed to be protecting.

The good news is that, there are more local sites in the pipeline, utilising the redundant leisure centres, and other community environments South Hams are also looking at mobile options, though how far they have got with this is unknown at present. Members have offered suggestions to use community buses to transport people. There should be a vaccination centre within 10 miles of everyone by the end of Jan; alas, the Government are just not that reliable, let us hope our local authority take the initiative.

Community Testing is also being rolled out by DCC, SHDC has offered several testing sites such as the Cattle Market carpark in Kingsbridge.

Quoted from SHDC RE Covid Business grant claims

'In response to calls from Members that the website was too confusing, we have created a very simple landing page that just explains the essential information that customers need to proceed. We have linked the detailed information to buttons on the bottom of the page so that those that want to can explore deeper without overloading those businesses that just want to apply and move on with running their business'.

For more information, and to apply for a grant, go to:

- [www.southhams.gov.uk/businesscovid19](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/businesscovid19)
- [www.westdevon.gov.uk/covid19business](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/covid19business)

## Buses and Community Transport

The travel Devon website provides advice to the public, including how to get to vaccination centres.

- <https://www.traveldevon.info/bus/>
- <http://bit.ly/3nLsEUv>
- The Ring & Ride schemes are maintaining services for essential shopping journeys. Each scheme can be contacted via their usual telephone numbers. Full details at: <http://bit.ly/2XExlzs>
- The Coleridge Bus has made minor alterations to reduce waiting times for passengers in Kingsbridge whilst many local shops are closed, departing Peacocks at 1120 and Morrisons at 1130.

Voluntary Car Schemes are helping patients to attend medical appointments and a number of schemes are involved with helping people to reach vaccination centres.

- Details are being updated regularly at: <http://bit.ly/3oQSN5C>

A volunteer list has been drawn up in the village for people needing help with transport to and from vaccination centres. Please contact the clerk should you need any help.

## LAPTOPS DONATED TO SCHOOLS

Cllrs are to receive new laptops as the existing ones are no longer fit for purpose apparently; the good news is all the existing Surface Go's are to be donated to local Schools, though I do not know how quickly this will be rolled out. I have been informed that this will take at least a couple of weeks.

## Election Staff Wanted

[www.southhams.gov.uk/elections-recruitment](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/elections-recruitment)

Here you will find more information on the vacant roles, and a link to sign up.

## 1941 Public Pathways

All of the surveys have been done for this year except one path up at Blackdown Rings. Cllr Brooking has kindly offered to take a look at this path and report back to Cllr Dicken.

**1942 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Satterley has been in touch with Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Service, who are now quoting for the final stages of the process.

**1943 Planning**

No planning this month

**1944 AOB**

- a) VHPFT conversation to be re visited once Cllr Satterley can attend. However, LPC have agreed that it will not be possible for anyone on LPC to be a trustee for the committee. A meeting will be organised regarding the responsibilities of the play park area of the playing fields. Clerk to write to the VHPFT and arrange.
- b) Email regarding railings being installed in Elmwood. This matter has been researched and unfortunately it is not LPC property nor does it belong to SHDC therefore it is a civil matter. LPC suggested bleaching the pathway to clean the slippery surface.
- c) DCC petition response - covered in item number 1939
- d) Street Lighting from Elmwood to the playing fields path. Clerk to update next month.

**1945 Added at the Chairs discretion:**

LPC want to express their respect to Captain Thomas Moore who has passed due to Covid 19. He has raised almost £40 million for the NHS to help with the treatment of patients who fall ill to this terrible virus. Rest in peace and thank you for your courage.

Clerk to report AGAIN the pot hole outside the local shop and write to Highways marking it URGENT.

LPC received a letter of thanks from someone who wishes to pass on their thanks to a 'fabulous and professional job' done cutting the hedges at the back of Beechwood. Clerk to pass on the kind message.

The Primrose Trail are still trying to open a cycle route through the village, however LPC are aware that there is a lot of opposition. No action needed.

<b>1946</b>	<b>Balance at start of meeting</b>	<b>£64,132.40</b>
	a) F. Stace - clerks wages & disbursements	- £391.01
	b) Richard Barney Maintenance	- £484
	c) Christmas Tree for the village from Avon Mill	- £44
	d) Donation to the school for large print books	- £250
	e) M Jefferies, installation of Towns Lane gate	- £475
	f) Allotment rent	+ £1200
	g) Money from VHPFT for path	- £3475
	h) <b>Balance at close of meeting</b>	<b>£67,163.39</b>
	<b>S106 amount stands at</b>	<b>£6,172.47</b>

There being no further business, the Vice Chair closed the meeting at 9.07pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 - venue to be discussed. Those who wish to attend should wear a face mask and keep a sensible distance from the person next to them. OR if the meeting is virtual, you will need to email the clerk with your email address for a login code. If you have any questions you would like to put forward to the Parish Council, please email the clerk at the address below.

**Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend and take part at the start of the meeting.**

*The Clerk*

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