

# Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.30 on Tuesday 5th July 2022 in the Loddiswell Congregational Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllr Peter Sheard (Chair), Cllr Paul Harvey (Vice Chair),  
Cllr Mike Hine, Cllr Martin Widger, Cllr Matthew Cross, Cllr Derek Brooking,  
Cllr Francis Baker, County Cllr Rufus Gilbert,  
Stand in District Cllr Julian Brazil

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Lara Webber, Cllr Sophie Elliott Smerdon, Cllr Ian Satterley,  
District Cllr Kate Kemp

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

**MINUTES:** Minutes from last months meeting were signed by the Chair.

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

Nominations, second nominations and acceptance to continue in the following positions for Loddiswell Parish Council: Cllr Peter Sheard: Chair, Cllr Paul Harvey: Vice Chair

### **Item no:**

#### **2101: Matters Arising from last months Minutes:**

- Mistake on last months finances. Closing balance should have read £82,737.63 not £84, 481.63. The Chair has signed off the correction.

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#### **2102 Policing Matters**

- June 2022, 8 crimes
- 1 bicycle theft within half a mile of Loddiswell village - investigation complete, no suspect identified
- 2 other thefts, 1 on Fore Street and 1 at Littlegate - under investigation
- 5 crimes of a sexual or violent nature - Arundell Place, Fore Street and 3 in the parking area. All under investigation

#### **2103 Public Comment**

- No MOP's attended

### **VAS Data Report:**

- June recording period 27 May to 26 June
- Number of vehicles in June 44,321 (incoming), 38,101 (outgoing)
- Down on last month 1.5% on last month (2% down for incoming butt .5% up for outgoing) Highest speed of 72 mph on Saturday 11 June at 11.30am (outgoing)
- 3 other cases driving over 60 mph – all outgoing
- 34 other cases driving over 50 mph – all but 4 outgoing

#### **2104 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert**

- Following an email sent from a MOP, Cllr Gilbert was asked by LPC to consider putting up signs on Well Street and Station Road alerting cars that there is no pedestrianised area and that horses and dog walkers frequent these roads.
- Cllr Gilbert asked LPC to write a 'wish list' for what they would like done - one immediate comment was to stretch the yellow lines further up towards the pub - LPC to discuss at the next meeting
- Playing Fields: Pre application is being presented to planning. Cllr Gilbert said it is "in the system and plodding along". Pre applications are confidential and therefore there is only limited information for LPC and the public.
- A 'scoping' exercise has been completed to ascertain what the end goal is
- The Chief Executive of DCC has resigned.
- There are considerable financial strains and stresses on the county budgets
- 'Kitterford Cross' road works have been activated. This is a Highways England project, not DCC

**2105 District Cllr report - Julian Brazil**

- Cllr Brazil is still covering for Cllr Kemp, who has ongoing health complications
- Bins - there will be an executive meeting on Thursday 7th July, which will hopefully shed some light on the matter and give us all an idea of what is happening to collections in the future. It is still unmanageable and changes are hopefully just around the corner.
- Restructuring of the planning department as SHDC are aware that there are major problems. Outcome to be reported as soon as changes have been made.

**2106 Public Pathways**

- Cllr Webber was not present and no report submitted

**2107 Neighbourhood Plan**

- Cllr Satterley was not present and no report submitted

**2108 Planning**

1772/22/FUL NEIGHBOURING PARISH, Highwell, Churchstow, TQ73QP: Change domestic stables to holiday let. Erection of a porch, veranda and replacement conservatory on main dwelling (resubmission of 0429/22/FUL)

<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/221772>

NO COMMENT

1674/22/FUL Heathfield Barn, California Cross, Ivybridge, PL21 0SG: Proposed change of use of an existing agricultural storage building to agricultural livestock building (retrospective)

<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/221674>

NO COMMENT

**2109 AOB**

a) Outcome of Clerks Appraisal given on 8th June 2022 - The Clerks appraisal was delivered by the Chair and a pay rise was awarded, in keeping with Government guidelines.

b) Ideas for 'bringing the community together':

- LPC are discussing ideas to help the community understand their role and responsibilities in the parish. Immediate ideas are for LPC to have a stall at the forthcoming Loddiswell Show and have a 'suggestion box'. It would be an opportunity for people to come forward and share their concerns, hopes, gratitude for work already carried out and also an opportunity for LPC to share what they have been supporting over the past few years and what plans they have, moving forwards.
- The Clerk will also invite people to send in any ideas to the via email:  
[loddiswellparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:loddiswellparishclerk@gmail.com)

c) Police Hub and Pot Hole repairs following from last months discussion:

- Cllr Elliott Smerdon attended a meeting to discuss the possibilities of having a Police Hub in the village, where residents could come once a month or once a fortnight and meet with local police officers to discuss any concerns they have and also to improve the police presence in villages that has been lacking in recent years.
- Unfortunately Cllr Elliott Smerdon was not present and the report was not sent in time for the meeting, so the details will be discussed at the next LPC meeting in August.
- The Clerk has researched the possibility of having a 'road warden' in the village, however after discussion, it was decided that there would be too many risks for both LPC and anyone wishing to train for the position.
- Loddiswell have also been promised that the roads will be re laid in the village in the next tax year, meaning the potholes should all be filled.

**d) Grass cutting:**

- After complaints regarding the collection of grass (post cut), the clerk wrote to the contractor and asked for more care to be taken.
- The owner of the company has agreed to do the cuts himself and be more vigilant in future.
- The contract runs until December 2022.
- Tender for the grass cutting contract in the village, will open in October 2022 and details will be posted on facebook and on the website.

**2110 Business at the Chairmans discretion**

- Discussions have taken place as to where the new Visual Speed Sign VAS, will be placed in the village and it was agreed that it should be behind the wall just before the road narrows, outside Elmwood Park. Cllr Hine, Brooking and Cross will meet to discuss installation
- The lighting for the path running along the Playing Fields and the car park have been ordered and paid for by LPC. Cllr Hine has a meeting set on the 9th August with the suppliers to decide where is best to install them
- Clerk to write and deliver letters to those with hedges overhanging the pavements and roads
- The 5 trees planted at Ham Butts will need to be moved, once it is safe to do so without harming the trees. Unfortunately they have been planted over a major water pipe, laid by SWW and there are concerns that the roots may damage the pipe. Clerk to suggest moving them closer to the roadside and any costs incurred will be met by LPC
- LPC received a letter of thanks for funding the Congregational Jubilee celebrations for the food and drink. LPC were pleased to hear it was a successful afternoon enjoyed by many parishioners

**2111 Finance:**

a) Balance at the start of the meeting	£82,737.63
b) Richard Barney maintenance PPP	- £184
c) Clerk wages and disbursements	- £397.24
d) Richard Barney Maintenance	- £531
e) Prolectric 4 lighting for pathway and carpark	- £7,740
f) Community First insurance	- £197.32
g) Greenspace Grass cutting	- £240
h) Avon Mill Bedding and compost for baskets	- £53.45
i) Totnes Fire Protection signs for village	- £41.36
j) Vat claim for 2020-2021	+ £1984.53
k) Vat claim for 2021-2022	+ £2640.17
l) Balance at the close of the meeting	£77,977.96

**S106 money stands at an estimate of £17,000**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd August 2022 - upstairs in the Congregational Hall at 7.30pm. Those who wish to attend should be free of Covid symptoms. If you have any questions you would like to put forward to the Parish Council, please email the clerk at the address below at least 7 days before the meeting is due.

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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