

Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.30 on Tuesday 2nd August 2022 in the Loddiswell Congregational Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Peter Sheard (Chair), Cllr Paul Harvey (Vice Chair),
Cllr Mike Hine, Cllr Derek Brooking,
Cllr Francis Baker, Cllr Lara Webber, Cllr Sophie Elliott Smerdon

APOLOGIES: Cllr Matt Cross, Cllr Martin Widger, Cllr Ian Satterley,
County Cllr Rufus Gilbert,
Stand in District Cllr Julian Brazil, District Cllr Kate Kemp

IN ATTENDANCE: Fiona Stace (LPC Clerk) 1 member of the public
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

Item no:

2112: Matters Arising from last months Minutes:

- Clerk to contact the police regarding last months Police report.
- Many concerns around the village regarding the nature of the crimes.

2113 Policing Matters

- One crime relating to drugs within half a mile of the village - under investigation

2114 Public Comment

One member of the public attended to give an update on 'Wild about Loddiswell' Bio Blitz.

- The BioBlitz was a success, the best attendance was on the Friday.
- It was good to combine it with the Big Breakfast at the school and to involve the school on the Friday.
- On the Saturday the total number of species recorded for the two days was about 560. It is looking like a final total of around 300 species after adjusting for duplications.
- The results will be sent to the DBRC, ACA (who sponsored the event) and other interested parties.
- The South Hams Habitat Group have produced an excellent booklet on gardening for wildlife, which we hope to be a part of.
- We have 140 members in our Facebook group and members regularly contribute photos and report wildlife sightings around the parish.

Forward projects:

- We have a walk around Brimridge (a private nature reserve in the making) led by Lynne Kenderdine on 12th August (evening) and hope to organise another bat walk led by Craig Dunton in September.

It's too dry for planting anything at the moment, but future projects include:

- Planting bulbs around the village (wild daffodils, snowdrops, bluebells, wild garlic), also primroses and violets. We will seek permission from LPC first for all projects.
- Creating some beds on the Courtledge with bee and butterfly friendly flowers.
- Prettying up the area around the recycling skips. Introducing oxeye daisies and knapweed to the verges at the Butts.
- We have also applied to set up our own micro-nursery as part of the Devon Wildlife Trust's Saving Devon's Treescapes project. If successful we will receive equipment for setting up a raised bed in which we will grow 100 trees along with root trainers for a further 160 trees. Seed will be harvested locally. In two years time the trees will be distributed free to anyone who would like them in the village and to local landowners. If successful it will be continued for future years.
- We will be sharing a stand with Prickles in a Pickle at the Loddiswell Show

- We have also been invited to take part in Celebrate Start Bay and the Green Gazebo at Love Your Park in Kingsbridge – both on 21st August.

VAS Data Report:

- Cllr Cross not present and no report submitted

2115 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert

- Cllr Gilbert was not present at the meeting and no report submitted

2116 District Cllr report - Julian Brazil

- Cllr Brazil was not present at the meeting and no report submitted

2117 Public Pathways

- Cllr Webber has been walking all the local paths in the village to make sure there are no trees felled or routes blocked. Silveridge has been cleared and the path is still safe to walk through.

2118 Neighbourhood Plan

- Cllr Satterley was not present and no report submitted

2119 Planning

2111/22/FUL: Trowbridge Farm, Churchstow, TQ73QU - Application for the provision of an agricultural building

<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/222111> **NO OBJECTION**

2477/22/CLE: Blackdown Country Kennels and Cattery, Loddiswell - Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of Abbey Lodge (lodge 1) and Abbey Lodge 13 (lodge 2) as 2 independent dwellings/houses

<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/222477> **NO COMMENT**

2120 AOB

a) Wish List for signage on Well Street:

- Many complaints about parking down Well Street past Wyselands Barn. Cars continually parked on the double yellow lines forcing people to walk in the middle of the road, making the road dangerous to drive down and making it impossible for emergency vehicles to pass by.
- Clerk to contact the police regarding this matter with a list of registration plate numbers
- Clerk to research signage for the road and also for the entrance/exit to the allotments

b) 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.
- Police identified there is a problem with the lack of policing in the Kingsbridge area
- Anthony Mangnall is trying to push forwards with the HUB idea, hoping that police and communities will be able to communicate more effectively
- Congregational Hall is happy to host the hub
- Key safe would need installing
- Catch up zoom meetings hope to be arranged with the police - Cllr Elliot Smerdon to send the Clerk details
- Woodleigh would like to share the HUB with Loddiswell

c) Grass cutting:

- Tender for the grass cutting contract in the village is now open and details will be posted on facebook the LPC website and in the display cabinet by the Post Box.
- The contract runs for 3 years and applications must be sent to the Clerk on paper to: Fiona Stace, 3 Park Cottages, Bigbury, TQ74AW.

- You must enclose a covering letter, company details including insurance certificates, price for all cuts per annum and a contact name, number and email address.
- Any enquiries can be emailed to: loddiswellparishclerk@gmail.com.
- d) Loddiswell Show:**
 - LPC will have a stand at the Loddiswell Show this year welcoming everyone to come and talk to them
 - Suggestion box will be on the table as well as last months minutes
 - Councillors will rotate throughout the afternoon speaking with as many people as possible about future and past projects supported by LPC
- e) Loddiswell Magazine printing costs:**
 - The request for funding support from LPC has risen from £350 a year to £490. LPC have agreed to cover the cost and increase in price
- f) Parking issues in the village:**
 - This was discussed in a) AOB. LPC are aware of the parking issues in the village and ask that everyone is considerate to all residents. The car park will be lit soon as LPC are installing a lighting there and along the road running alongside the Playing Fields
- g) New lap top for the clerk:**
 - The old lap top is struggling and there is no way of backing up any of the date
 - LPC agreed to a new lap top
 - Clerk to research prices and discuss with the Chairman

2121 Business at the Chairmans discretion

- 3 leaks in the village causing concern
- Clerk to contact SWW and report
- Cllr Hine has installed 2 new benches in the village, donated by 2 families who have attached remembrance plaques
- Clerk to order one final replacement bench by the church
- Light on Station Road is finally no longer on 24 hours a day! Thanks to Cllr Elliott Smerdon
- Clerk to write a further letter regarding necessity of cutting back hedges that encroach the highway. Please make sure you are keeping your hedges trimmed!
- Clerk received an email regarding an overgrown tree. Clerk to write to the sender, stating who's responsibility it is to cut it back

2122 Finance:

a) Balance at the start of the meeting	£77,977.96
b) Richard Barney maintenance (inc PP)	- £1110
c) Clerk wages and disbursements (+ backpay)	- £563.59
d) Three Choirs Festival	- £175
e) ElanCity VAS number 2	- £2580
f) RJ Beer Hedge trimming x 2 years	- £241.20
g) Contribution towards Jubilee Celebrations	- £145.45
h) VAT refund	+ £1984.53
i) Balance at the close of the meeting	£75,147.25

S106 money stands at an estimate of £17,000

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed Dated

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th September 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

The Clerk to Loddiswell Parish Council: loddiswellparishclerk@gmail.com