

Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.30 on Tuesday 9th January 2024 in the Loddiswell Congregational Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Peter Sheard (Chair), Cllr Paul Harvey (Vice Chair),
Cllr Sophie Elliott Smerdon, Cllr Francis Baker,
Cllr Mike Hine, Cllr Matt Cross, Cllr Lara Webber, Cllr Gabi Haskins,
Cllr Lee Bonham

APOLOGIES: Cllr Derek Brooking, Cllr Ian Satterley, Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 MOP

MINUTES: Minutes from the meeting in November were signed by the Chair

Standing Orders Suspended: Public Participation and to receive reports from Cllr Gilbert and Cllr Bonham

Item no:

2274 Policing Matters

- No crimes reported in November 2023

2275 Public Comment

- One member from the public attended

VAS Data Report: Cllr Matt Cross

- Unfortunately Cllr Cross is still having trouble collecting the data - looking into this and the VAS possibly needs rebooting

2276 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert

- The Devolution proposals for Devon (not now to include Plymouth) have in principal been agreed with government and should come in to force April 1st.
- There will no changes to the make up of Districts, Parishes and DCC.
- The transfer of LEP's Local Enterprise Partnerships to upper tier authorities (DCC) will also be completed by April 1st
- The £2.00 bus fare will continue till end 2024
- Devon will get £6.6M from Hs2 cancellation towards road repairs
- DCC has bought six replacement gritters.
- DIY waste taken to recycling centres.
- Contrary to media coverage, this will be limited and not include tyres and asbestos

2277 District Cllr report - Lee Bonham

- SHDC is continuing to work on its action plans and new strategy, now called the Council Plan. More details will be available later this month.
- I have asked the officers to ensure that the training for town and parish councillors covering planning and development management on Wednesday, 24th January will be recorded for those that are unable to attend on the day.
- The Council produced a short summary of its accounts for 2022/23 to make it easier for the public to understand the Council's finances.

- The Council has adopted an updated Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy 2023-2025, which includes the option of looking at installing EV charging points at community centres and parish halls. This subject was brought up in the meeting as something LPC would like to research - Cllr Bonham to investigate and report back.

2278 Public Pathways - Cllr Webber

- The post down on Clarks Barn Lane has been reported
- Post down on Towns Lane to Hatch - not yet reported because a replacement officer for Footpaths has not yet been appointed
- No forms have been sent for funding for Cllr Webber to fill out - clerk to chase
- Clerk to email Cllr Gilbert for an update on who will be appointed for the position
- Byway from Hatch to the top has a drop off of 3ft due to the water run off

2279 Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Satterley

- The Plan has now been sent for proofreading and this will be done by the next meeting in February

2280 Planning

4008/23/HHO - 68 Elmwood Park, Loddiswell, TQ74SD: Householder application for single storey rear extension to replace lean to structure

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/4008/23/HHO?cuuid=A8054FB9-BEA1-4E29-95F5-FA922F8A875D> **SUPPORT**

2281 AOB

a) Email regarding parking at the Old Post Office: Parking outside the new houses, where the old post office was, is obstructing the entrance for residents with mobility issues and access to the Courtledge has been restricted to refuse lorries. LPC is supportive of trying to help and mobile bollards will be placed there to begin with, along with a few letters requesting people are more considerate when parking. This will be reviewed at the next meeting

b) Precept: It was a unanimous decision to keep the precept at the same amount as last year and the year before, therefore no increase. A draft budget was prepared by the Clerk, and thoughts around spending as as follows:

- A virtual pathway outside the shop and terraced houses was discussed and legal advice was requested
- Zebra crossing by the playing fields was re discussed - legal advice from DCC has been requested
- Discussion about installing a charging point in the car park as mentioned under **item 2277**
- The playground and pump track petition was discussed

2282 Business at the Chairmans discretion

- Cllr Webber has been approached regarding a pizza van asking permission to park in the village. LPC are happy for them to do this as long as they Park in the same location as the fish and chip van on an alternative evening
- Sign opposite Towns Lane that was knocked down by a vehicle was reported to Highways a few months ago, but still has not been reinstated. Clerk to email Cllr Gilbert for an update
- The hedges and trees that overhang the winding main road from the village are again overgrown and need cutting back. Clerk to contact Woodlands Trust to see if they can cut them back. Failing that, letters will be sent to the householders

2283 Finance:

a) Balance at the start of the meeting £93,355.60

b) Richard Barney - maintenance	- £605
c) Clerks wages and disbursements	- £492.60
d) Vision ICT website hosting	- £161.26
e) MMA Matting for local martial arts club	- £1654.02
f) Loddiswell Magazine printing for 1 month	- £490
g) Balance at the close of the meeting	£89,952.72

S106 money stands at an estimate of £17,000

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Signed Dated

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th February 2024 - downstairs 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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