

Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.30 on Tuesday 6th February 2024 in the Loddiswell Congregational Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Harvey (Vice Chair and acting Chair),
Cllr Sophie Elliott Smerdon, Cllr Francis Baker,
Cllr Mike Hine, Cllr Lara Webber, Cllr Gabi Haskins,
Cllr Lee Bonham, Cllr Derek Brooking, Cllr Ian Satterley,

APOLOGIES: Cllr Peter Sheard (Chair), Cllr Matt Cross, Cllr Rufus Gilbert

IN ATTENDANCE: LPC Clerk, 2 MOP's

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 Bonham

Item no:

2284 Policing Matters

- No crimes reported in December 2023

2285 Public Comment

- Two members from the public attended with an update on opening Loddiswell Inn as a community Project:
- Buyers report (financed by LPC) was considered a success
- Hospitality economy is struggling but a small community pub is seen as a positive project
- Business and individuals can pledge for a share in the pub with as little as £50 to £30,000 per pledge
- £2-3,000 raised through recent fundraisers
- Countryfile and BBC radio Devon have been interested in the project and filming took place outside the pub last week
- Initial 6 month deadline is on 1st March, after this time anyone can buy the pub however, having it listed as a community asset will be considered as a positive
- Next stage is a full survey
- Plunket Trust have been very helpful and are 'on board' with funding as well as other grants applied for and charities

VAS Data Report: Cllr Matt Cross

- Unfortunately Cllr Cross is still having trouble collecting the data and was away this week. Help has been offered and we will be contacting the installation company for advice

2286 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert

Cllr Gilbert did not attend but sent in a report:

- DIY waste taken to recycling centres:
Four single visits/house in any four week period or an un bagged item up to 2 metres. All else will be charged
Visit: www.devon.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling
- A379 in Yealmpton closed 26th Feb to 1st March 2024
- Sorry to read about the road sign in Loddiswell being knocked over again - (Clerk will re report)
- The A3196 SWW sink hole North of Sorley Cross has now got funding - to be done 'sometime' this year.
- State of A3196 North of Sorley Cross prior to old railway crossing. Had some public enquiries on this and responded.

2287 District Cllr report - Lee Bonham

- SHDC has published the Council Plan for the rest of this Council term with a focus on Housing, Climate & Biodiversity, Economy & Jobs and Community Services, as well as efficiency and value for money.
- Each Councillor has been given an additional small budget which can be used to fund projects for Climate Change and Biodiversity improvements such as carbon reduction, awareness & engagement. Do let me know if anyone wants to apply.
- I hope some of you were able to attend the training on planning and development management on Wednesday, 24 January. The recording is now available. (2 Councillors attended)
- At the end of January SHDC announced more support to care leavers with new employment and training opportunities. This follows earlier Council Tax discounts, free local leisure passes and support with housing needs for care leavers.
- Regarding EV charging for the village, I have found that SHDC and DCC are working together and that DCC issued a call for sites that are interested; I have passed the link to the Clerk. (Clerk has completed the form and submitted)
- I attended the filming of Countryfile about the Loddiswell Inn this week.

2288 Public Pathways - Cllr Webber

- Response from PP SHDC and they have now sent the forms to be completed for grant money.
- Still no replacement for Ros Davies so we have no point of contact atm
- Soakaway and pipes to be looked at at Littlegate. Cllr Brooking will report back

2289 Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Satterley

- The plan was returned this week from proofreading. Amendments need to be made then it will be passed to the Clerk to organise a public consultation

2290 Planning

4108/23/FUL - Hatch Arrundell, Loddidwell, TQ74AJ: The extension and refurb of existing stable block (retrospective - previous full planning permission, application approved for demolishing existing stables and plans to rebuild a stable bock on 18th August 2020, since the application determination, the client has begun work to extend the stables. As such this amended planning is retrospective)

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/4108/23/FUL?cuuid=CFFFB818-5B29-4772-917D-08E36600A1FAAOB>

No Comment

0008/24/CLE - Stoney Park Stud, Loddiswell, TQ74EA: Certificate not lawfulness for existing static caravan used for storage and mess

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0008/24/CLE?cuuid=8528D314-D955-4B7B-9B6C-B7BDD4203D8B>

No Comment

2291 AOB

A)

- PFVHT Pump Track: The Playing fields had a meeting with a Pump Track contractor to discuss having one built up at the Playing Fields for children and adults of all ages.
- Pump Tracks are purpose-built tracks for cycling on. Traditionally they have a circuit of rollers, banked turns and features designed to be ridden completely by riders "pumping"—generating momentum by up and down body movements, instead of pedalling or pushing
- 3 cost options were £30,000, £40,000 and £50,000
- LPC queries to be discussed with PFVHT are further costs involved, likelihood, parish/community survey/ interest, insurance, maintenance

- LPC suggested the all involved come to a council meeting to further discuss

B)

- Road at Sorley: Having made several attempts through Cllr Gilbert and directly to Highways, the road from Sorley to Aune Valley has been deemed 'not dangerous' and there is no funding to repair the road properly. Highways have agreed to put in some verge markers and continue to monitor the road condition. The main problem, at this time, is the excess water on the road (details of the source have since been sent to Cllr Gilbert) and as an interim, Highways will do some 'jetting' to survey the water problem. To deal with the problem properly, it would mean road closure and large patching, a scheme now being put together for 2024.
- Highways had no knowledge of a van going off the road there last year, despite the Clerk emailing to let them know.
- Clerk to contact neighbouring Parish Clerks and construct and email to send to local MP urging the matter to be dealt with ASAP
- **2292 Business at the Chairmans discretion**

- Parking has improved at the Old Post Office but LPC still keeping an eye on it
- Great feedback from locals enjoying the pizza van and no complaints

2293 Finance:

- a) **Balance at the start of the meeting £89,952.72**
- b) Richard Barney - maintenance - £360
- c) Clerks wages and disbursements - £469.50
- d) Avon Mill garden centre, xmas tree etc - £179.93
- e) Rent for the allotments + £1200
- f) **Balance at the close of the meeting £90,143.29**

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 5th March 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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