

# Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.30 on Tuesday 5th March 2024 in the Loddiswell Congregational Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllr Peter Sheard (Chair), Cllr Paul Harvey (Vice Chair),  
Cllr Francis Baker, Cllr Matt Cross,  
Cllr Mike Hine, Cllr Lara Webber, Cllr Gabi Haskins,  
Cllr Derek Brooking, Cllr Ian Satterley, Cllr Lee Bonham,

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Sophie Elliott Smerdon, Cllr Rufus Gilbert

**IN ATTENDANCE:** LPC Clerk, 1 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:**

**2294 Policing Matters**

- No crimes reported in January 2024

**2295 Public Comment**

We were very pleased to welcome Peter Sandover to the meeting, who is the Chair of South Devon National Landscape Partnership (formerly known as AONB). Peter made the following comments, as well as assuring support and advice with any concerns Loddiswell has around planning and other matters concerning the landscape here.

**Introduction**

- We have just been re-named as a National Landscape; giving more profile and weight, So I will be talking about the South Devon National Landscape

and part of a family of NLs (46)

- Say What we do and our priorities.
- Covers over 60miles of coast from Brixham (Elberry Cove) to Wembury
- 3-5miles inland and up the 5 estuaries
- It is a Protected Landscape, one of a family; National Parks and Trails.
- The single and recently enhanced **statutory purpose** of the National Landscape designation is 'must seek to further the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the AONB (National Landscape)'. This is a duty of all Relevant Authorities including Parish and District Councils -not just the NL, a shared responsibility. I am sure you will agree that our National Landscape is distinctive and is worth conserving and enhancing.
- Consultee to LPA (not a statutory consultee) Planning Protocol (Updated June 2023)  
**National Landscapes are living and working landscapes.** Maintaining thriving local communities

(and their economy) is essential to their long-term future. Accommodating development that meets the needs of these local communities plays an important role.

We recognise the challenge that development within the National Landscape and its settings has the potential to significantly harm the area's natural beauty.

- **Me; retired Architect** and community engagement consultant, I have lived and worked in South Pool for over 25 years. Recently stepped down as a Parish Councillor. Particular interest in access for all, design quality and engaging as many people as possible.

**Three strands to the National Landscape:**

- The designation.
- The Partnership; combination of funders, 4 Local community groups, Government Agencies and NGOs and all those interested in conserving and enhancing our National Landscape
- The staff team (numbers 9 including a manager) overseen by the Partnership We do not own any land.  
**Key tools; Management Plan and Design Guidance (2019-2024)** soon to be updated  
National planning legislation and guidance governing AONBs (National Landscapes) and the **Countryside and Rights of Way Act.**

• The recent Levelling Up and Regeneration Act adds planning and plan making obligations as well as that enhanced duty.

- There is a separate Estuaries Partnership
- Core Funding around £200k, (mostly from DEFRA 75% (maximum) rest from 4 Local authorities
- In addition, there is also project funding currently around £500k (mostly from DEFRA)

**Key projects/ priorities the SD AONB is engaged on:**

• **National Lottery Funded Life on the Edge, our Flagship project;**

• **Nature Recovery Plan for the National Landscape (by 2023) linked to Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy (by DCC) 30% of our land and sea connected for nature recovery by 2030 (30 x30).**

• **Preparing a Climate Action Plan** for the NL linked and coordinated with the Devon Carbon Plan and other NLs.

**Year 3 Farming in Protected Landscapes** DEFRA Funded Grant Programme. funding until 2025, focus themes on climate, nature, people and place.

- **Heritage Projects** working with HE, NT, NE, SWCPA, to protect and celebrate heritage assets currently focusing on Bolt Head to Bolt Tail and Dart Entrance.
- **Improved access**, physically (South Milton and Wembury) and virtually with a more accessible website.
- **Undergrounding power cables** funded by Western Power Distribution (now National Grid)
- **Heritage Coast Review**, conserve, protect and enhance, SD one of 32 first defined for South Devon in 1984 first review since 2005.
- End

### **VAS Data Report: Cllr Matt Cross**

- Cllr Cross has had help from Cllr Baker trying to fix the data issues. Fortunately progress has been made and now the data is downloading, however it is from 2018, so is going to take a long time to do. Hopefully it will be completed in time for a report next month.

### **2296 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert**

Cllr Gilbert did not attend or send a report:

### **2297 District Cllr report - Lee Bonham**

- Residents can now renew their subscription for the SHDC garden waste collection service
- SHDC has launched a programme called the South Hams Housing Offer which will help local communities deliver more affordable homes in their area through funding and practical help.
- We have publicised the government grant scheme for rural community buildings which has now reopened.
- I was pleased to watch the Countryfile programme that featured the Loddiswell Inn, and I attended the recent village meeting.
- I attended the AGM of WaL.
- I also visited the Sturtlebury Woods and Ponds project recently.

### **2298 Public Pathways - Cllr Webber**

- Cllr Webber has been having trouble accessing and walking along some of the Parish Footpaths due to flooding. Concerns over the safety of these paths is being raised with SHDC and thoughts to close some of them footpaths in the winter months is being discussed.
- Clerk and Cllr Webber to look into signage for and regulations around closing local footpaths

### **2299 Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Satterley**

- The plan has now been sent to the Clerk.
- Clerk to send out to SHDC for approval and then to be sent out for consultation - the plan will be available on the website soon

### **2300 Planning**

0468/24/FUL - Buildings At Sx 7200 5053, Loddiswell, TQ7 4DU: Sprayer wash down area

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0468/24/FUL?cuuid=6DDF52F0-316D-4BEB-9537-0137255D5B6E>

Support

### **2301 AOB**

- a) Date for the AGM will be at 7pm on 7th May. The reports will be read before the opening of the monthly LPC meeting
- b) Road at Sorley Cross update:
  - The Clerk wrote to all neighbouring villages for comments to send to the local MP, Anthony Hangnail, regarding the state of the road near Sorley Cross, in Churchstow. This was Mr Mangnalls response:

Dear Fiona,

Thank you for your emails and for sending through concerns from constituents.

It is important that you report concerns to Devon County Council and keep your DCC Councillor advised, which you can do via the following website as he will be able to advocate directly with the Council on your behalf:

<https://www.writetothem.com/>

Whilst this is an issue devolved to local government, I am acutely aware of the problems that face us when driving on our rural roads. Therefore immediately after the announcement about HS2, I, and my colleagues, approached the Minister to request additional funding for Devon. We were pleased to be advised that Devon will receive over £200 million in resurfacing funding, which is amongst the largest allocations going to any county council and thereby an acknowledgement of the length of Devon's road network.

As for how the funding is used, this is entirely a matter for Devon County Council as the Government does not usually intervene or override local decisions in local highway matters. However, to ensure the additional funding is spent wisely, the Department of Transport is introducing new transparency requirements on all authorities and is asking them to publish on their websites:-

- by 15th March 2024 a summary of the additional resurfacing work they will deliver over the next 2 years
- thereafter quarterly reports, with the first by the end of June 2024, summarising the additional work they have done and listing the roads they have resurfaced.

It is important that DCC are made aware of the number of people who are impacted by poor road conditions and by reporting them to DCC it does build up a picture of the worse affected areas. I have contacted DCC to highlight the concerns you have raised, but there is strength in numbers and the more constituents who contact DCC will help to bring this bad stretch of road to the fore.

Thank you again for contacting me, as it is only by hearing from constituents that I am made aware of problems in the area.

Kind regards

Anthony

Anthony Mangnall MP for Totnes and South Devon

END

- Defibrilators: The current situation is that the defibrillators have almost come to the end of their suggested 'shelf life' and therefore need replacing.
- Clerk applied for grant funding and is researching new defibrillators for discussion

- **2302 Business at the Chairmans discretion**

- Parking is still a major issue in the village. There is a vehicle that parks on the exit of BIG LANE making it impossible for the recycling lorry to pass. There have been a few complaints about people not having their recycling collected and this is why.
- There are other vehicles parking on or too close to junctions also. PLEASE PARK LEGALLY and BE CONSIDERATE of others.
- The cones were put up at the post office as the residents there have trouble accessing their homes. Please leave them there, do not move them to park in the evenings

- Kitterford flooding is terrible on both sides - Clerk to contact highways

**2303 Finance:**

a) Balance at the start of the meeting	£90,143.29
b) Richard Barney - maintenance	- £572
c) Clerks wages and disbursements	- £479.10
d) HMRC vat refund minus overpayment 2022	+ £684.81
e) Public Works Loan	- £1463.58
f) Remembrance Wreath	- £25
g) HMRC PAYE	- £332
h) Balance at the close of the meeting	£87,956.42

**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 2nd April 2024 - downstairs/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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