

# Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.30 on Tuesday 7th January 2025 in the Loddiswell Congregational Hall

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Clerk

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 1 MOP

**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:**

## **2393 Policing Matters**

- Listed are: 7 of a violent of sexual nature, 5 criminal damage, 3 anti social behaviour, 1 burglary, 3 'other' crimes
- This is showing for October 2024, although was the same report for the previous month

## **2394 Public Comment**

1 MOP's attended

- LPC had a visit from a representative of a development company who have applied for building on the Old School Field
- Informal discussion was had about the proposed application
- Points of interest: they are a small local firm, they have a contract with DCC and are very interested in working with the community
- Current surveys being done are: Geophys, water and ecological
- Constraints mentioned: top and bottom hedge need to be quite wide, ponds - best location for a soakaway, wooded area needs to be untouched
- There will be a public consultation IF planning is accepted
- LPC raised the following points: parking, shared ownership and social renting, importance of keeping the green space and there being no contention in the village
- Design ideas were also discussed briefly mentioning thoughts on timber rendering and stone

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

- New VAS has now been installed
- New sign is set to 20mph limit
- New software to be downloaded
- Angle to be adjusted for maximum effect

## **2395 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert**

Cllr Gilbert did not attend and did not submit a report

**2396**

**District Cllr report - Lee Bonham**

- To help with the cost of living SHDC has put in place new payments from the Household Support Fund for those most in need.
- We are also hosting a forum for the local Dementia Alliance on January 15th (1pm-3pm). All Parishes & Towns are invited to attend.
- The Planning Inspector recently supported SHDC and refused to grant a certificate of lawful use for 6 caravans at Coldharbour Cross (application ref 2386/22/CLP).
- The Government is pressing ahead with its so-called devolution programme. It wrote to all Councils on 16th December announcing the abolition of District Councils, merging these into Counties or forming unitary groups and pressing ahead with another layer of local Government called 'combined authorities'. There may also be mayors in each area.  
The government say they want to devolve power and save costs but the changes are likely to reduce the level of service quality at local level and move power towards the centre.
- SHDC has responded to feedback regarding increases in charges at Council-run car parks, and a revised proposal has now been put forward which gives a smaller discount for local residents. The cost for visitors is approx. 20% higher than residents (Kingsbridge). Overall prices would be about average compared to other Devon locations. There will be a full public consultation on this soon.
- I will attend a meeting later this month which will discuss ways to improve water quality in local rivers

**2397**

**Public Pathways - Cllr Webber**

- Nothing to report other than the asbestos sheeting has now been removed by the council from Joeys lane

**2398**

**Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Satterley**

- Cllr Satterley was approached by a MOP who is putting together a 'Loddiswell Forum' who are interested in helping with the neighbourhood plan
- Cllr Satterley is forwarding the old NP to them and is open to feedback

**2399**

**Planning**

No planning this month

**2400**

**AOB**

**a) Yellow lines / virtual pavement opposite the shop:**

- The clerk has written to Highways regarding putting something in place to keep both pedestrians and houses safe from high sided vehicles
- Highways has refused on the grounds that there have been no accidents involving pedestrians on this piece of road
- Without Highways permission this is not something LPC can pursue

**b) Possibility of EV chargers in the village:**

- Clerk is looking into this, but with everything being closed over xmas and NY nothing to report.
- Clerk is chasing DCC having filled out a form registering our interest in having one installed, but this was last February and it has all gone quiet.
- Clerk researching other companies who install EV chargers and hopes to have more information by the next meeting

**c) Precept calculation:**

- A vote was taken for a 5% increase in the this years precept. 5% was approved which the clerk will apply for
- Ideas for spending in the new tax year are a further lamp for the LPFVHT footpath, drop curbs either side of the Elmwood Park entrance, funding options for a Pump Track

**d) Salt Bin for the path by the playing fields:**

- LPC have agreed to fund a new salt bin which will be housed inside the entrance to the Playing fields - clerk to write to LPFVHT for approval

**2391 Business at the Chairmans discretion**

- Clerk to contact Highways re dropped kerb idea
- Clerk to contact PFVHT regarding the Pump Track situation

**2392 Finance:**

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| a) Balance at the start of the meeting       | £100,430.14  |
| b) Richard Barney - maintenance              | - £475       |
| c) Clerks wages and disbursements            | - £460.01    |
| d) Loddiswell Magazine printing              | - £490       |
| e) Pitman Trees                              | - £1500      |
| f) Darts Surfacing path laying               | - £14,018.40 |
| g) Janice Trigger - Flowers for the memorial | - £12        |
| h) Aune Valley Engineering - pole for VAS    | - £195.11    |
| i) Palladium Building - concrete for VAS     | - £46.80     |
| j) Loddiswell Allotments rent                | + £1200      |
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| Balance at the close of the meeting          | £84,432.82   |

**S106 money stands at an estimate of £15,273.86**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th February 2025 - 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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