

# Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.30 on Tuesday 4th February 2025 in the Loddiswell Congregational Hall

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Matt Cross, Cllr Sophie Elliott Smerdon

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The LPC Clerk

**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:**

### **2403 Policing Matters**

- Listed are: 5 crimes of a violent or sexual nature in November 2024
- 2 under investigation
- 3 were unable to prosecute the suspect

### **2404 Public Comment**

No members of the public attended

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

- Cllr Cross did not attend and no report was submitted

### **2405 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert**

- The Minister has now published the Local Communities white paper and asked for any 'Expressions of Interest' in Devon becoming single tier authority(s). That would involve the dissolution of existing District/ Borough Councils and Devon County Council. Not PC's.
- An 'Expression of Interest' has now been submitted and the result(s) hopefully known by end of January
- With this information, it is possible the forthcoming DCC elections maybe cancelled and new elections in Spring 2026 for the new Authority(s). I stress the fact, that this would be a totally new authority(s)
- Cllr Hine mentioned to Cllr Gilbert that the pot holes on Rake Hill (Churchstow Parish) are again dangerous. A few weeks ago a cyclist was stunned by headlights and went through a pothole causing terrible injuries and a 6 week recovery off work - Cllr Gilbert suggested the cyclist seek legal help in claiming compensation
- Clerk to report the pot hole situation to both Highways and Churchstow Parish Clerk
- Bird Flu is getting closer to the South Hams. Keep a look out for more information

### **Post meeting update from Cllr Gilbert:**

'We have today heard that the Government has turned down our request to postpone the Devon County Council elections in May. Our councils made the request following the publication of the Governments White Paper in December which set out its ambition for the devolution.

This afternoon Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Angela Rayner announced that our council's request was among those which have been rejected, meaning that the elections will proceed in May as planned'.

**2406 District Cllr report - Lee Bonham**

- I met the resident who is trying to get a disabled parking space and shared information kindly provided by DCC and Cllr Rufus Gilbert
- SHDC is preparing a balanced budget for 2025-26 and will soon ask for feedback on this from local businesses. Unfortunately the Government has reduced the grants that it normally gives SHDC. We are proposing an increase of £5.70 in council tax for SHDC for Band D homes, to £196.66
- SHDC run car parks now accept payment by PayByPhone app instead of Ringo. They also accept cash
- As SHDC is now collecting glass bottles as part of general waste collection we will remove the bottle bank from Loddiswell village at the end of February (LPC disputed this and Cllr Bonham will look into keeping the bottle bank if possible)
- The Government is pressing ahead with its so-called devolution programme but the next steps are still not confirmed

**2407 Public Pathways - Cllr Webber**

- A MOP alerted LPC of a fallen tree on the bank to the left hand side of Silveridge Lane.
- Cllr Webber has informed DCC as it needs clearing
- Cllr Webber has now completed the application form for the rest of the Parish Pathways grant funding
- Clerk and Cllr Webber to compose a leaflet which will be delivered to houses who's trees/bushes need trimming in line with highway/pathway regulations

**2408 Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Satterley**

- Cllr Satterley has forwarded the NP to the Loddiswell 'forum' and has been invited to the first meeting along with Cllr Haskins and Cllr Harvey on the 18th February

**2409 Planning**

No planning this month

**2410 AOB**

**a) S106 money to the sum of £472.47 let from Harveys Field**

This money will be donated to Suckerpunch, which is a non profit organisation based in Loddiswell to help people of all ages martial arts and kick boxing. The founder has been in touch with LPC asking for funding for equipment recently and the S106 money will cover 99% of what they need. LPC are very happy to support such a worthy cause

**b) Wall behind The Bank**

The clerk is in conversations with one of the owners of this property however, due to legal restrictions, it is proving difficult to get any conclusion to the problem. The clerk will keep exploring possible options to get the pathway cleared. In the meantime people must take care of the rubble that has fallen onto the path

**c) Tree overhang on main road up to the village**

An assessment has been conducted regarding the overhang of trees owned by AONB and leased to a second party, however the outcome was that there was no problem and the trees are not posing a risk to any traffic, including high sided lorries

**d) Salt Bin for footpath by Playing Fields**

LPC have now ordered a salt bin for the playing fields pathway. It has been agreed that it will be placed inside the entrance to the playing fields. This is not to be mistaken for a bin, please do not use it for the disposal of rubbish or dog mess

**2411 Business at the Chairmans discretion**

- The lamp in the car park is not working again. Clerk to report and request a further lamp for the new path that has been laid by the Playing Fields (after obtaining approval from LPFVHT)
- Clerk has been asked to obtain quotes for resurfacing the car park in the village. This will take a huge amount of money so the clerk will also research any help with funding

**2412 Finance:**

a) Balance at the start of the meeting	£84,432.82
b) Richard Barney - maintenance	- £494
c) Clerks wages and disbursements	- £459.81
d) HMRC PAYE	- £328.60
e) New flower trough materials at memorial	- £28.48
f) Grant funding from DCC for new salt bin	+ £189.81
Balance at the close of the meeting	£83,311.74

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

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th March 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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