

Loddiswell Parish Council

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

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Cllr Paul Harvey (Vice Chair), Cllr Lara Webber

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:

2413 Policing Matters

- December 2024 listings: 1 'other' theft within one mile of Loddiswell.
- Investigation complete with no suspect identified

2414 Public Comment

No members of the public attended

VAS Data Report - Cllr Matt Cross

- Remarkably a speed of 89mph was recorded leaving the village, during the day
- Average speeds are just over 20mph
- Both VAS are working well and LPC are confident that they are having a calming effect on traffic

2415 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert

Cllr Gilbert did not attend and no report was submitted

2416 District Cllr report - Lee Bonham

- Following the last PC meeting I provided the Clerk with more information about the bottle bank in the village.
- The clerk asked me about the BT phone box at California Cross and this is ongoing.
- I attended the Loddiswell Forum on the 18th February along with Parish Councillors and Graham Swiss the Neighbourhood Plan specialist from SHDC who offered further support.
- SHDC is doing more to help residents who have damp or mould issues in their properties.
- SHDC is running a briefing for parish councillors on the latest government national planning guidance and the implications of this for the area, on Wednesday 12 March at 5.00 pm on Teams.
- SHDC will run a Parish Forum at 6.00pm on Thursday, 27 March as a mechanism for local parish councils to engage with the District Council.
- I will support the Island Assembly for clean rivers and seas on 13th March
- A complaint has come in from a few residents regarding the footpath on Station Road, which was Old Strawberry Road. 'Inkly Crinkly' - 2 concerns: Height of the fence exceeding 6ft from the ground and a lot of trees have been taken down along the footpath - Cllr Bonham to report this to SHDC for them to investigate
- Also brought to Cllr Bonham's attention is that SHDC are looking favourably at building 12 'affordable' homes at Ham Farm. This will be researched and discussed as an agenda item at next months meeting

- It was mentioned that there are 2 trees in the wooded area in the Old School Playing Field that have been damaged in recent storms. Clerk to report to DCC

2417 Public Pathways - Cllr Webber

- I have completed the walks for the yearly submission and will send as soon as I have some free time.
- If anyone has any work they believe ought to take place on one of these paths, let me know. The general posts down, branches etc are already noted. Email: primeival@live.co.uk

2418 Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Satterley

- Cllr Satterley, Cllr Haskins and Cllr Harvey attended the Loddiswell Forum meeting where the NP was discussed at length
- Cllr Satterley has worked tediously on this for years now, being sure that all updates have been recorded at the meetings and written into the minutes, surveys have been carried out and the data recorded, meetings outside of the monthly LPC meeting have also been minuted
- The document has been sent for review at SHDC and changes were recommended to be made to the plan
- Funding of up to £10,000 could be available for the project
- LPC need a clear understanding of their vision and goal for the NP
- Volunteers for a steering group are willing to help with the process, however LPC do not want to start the whole plan again
- Cllr is happy to continue with the plan, with steering group input - the Old School Field was discussed at the initial meeting
- Loddiswell Forum and Neighbourhood Plan event set for the 26th April, where everyone is welcome to attend
- LPC to pay the cost of the hall hire
- NP is purely a planning document for the village ie where can be built upon, 'our' interests and sustainability, parking and inevitable growth. It is not for reducing speeds through the village or other projects

2419 Sustainability - Cllr Haskins

- This is a new agenda item for the sole purpose of looking at sustainability in the parish with particular emphasis on: Working with South Hams District Council, Devon County Council and other local and national agencies to ensure resources are directed towards projects in the Parish; encouraging local residents, organisations and businesses to work with us to reduce pollution, protect and improve the environment; providing support to our community in making changes which are needed.
- Cllr Haskins met with Wild About Loddiswell (WAL) to walk around the village and discuss their current projects and possible areas of collaboration on future projects.
- Attended the WAL AGM where there was a comprehensive review of the past year's projects and plans for the coming year. She was delighted to meet with WAL, a group so passionate and dedicated about biodiversity in our village.
- Joined the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the village Loddiswell Forum to support and champion sustainability.
- £100 donated to the River Avon Champions.
- River Avon Champions will be attending the April Parish Council Meeting to discuss membership of the River Avon Water Quality Group.

2420 Planning

No planning this month

2421 AOB

- Email from WI's:** LPC have been asked to support the local WI group with paying for the hall rental. LPC are happy to do so however will require an invoice
- Date for APM:** This will be held before the monthly LPC meeting on May 6th

c) Quote for resurfacing the car park: LPC enquired into the cost for resurfacing the car park following a recent inspection and finding that the surface is loose, small holes are getting bigger and the general state is deteriorating.

A quote for roughly £17,000 was voted on and found the resurfacing to be in favour.

LPC think that the car park is of great use to the community and feel it will be money well spent.

d) Costs for keeping the village bottle bank: LPC would have to pay £200 to keep the bottle bank initially and £300 for every empty. With this in mind, a vote was cast and a unanimous decision to have the bank removed was made

e) Wall behind 3 The Bank: For some time LPC have been asking for the crumbling wall owned by this property, to be repaired. Legal implications are making this an impossible task however these limitations should be lifted in July, when LPC will re visit the request

f) Lamp repair in the car park: This has now been carried out and the lamp repaired. A further lamp will be ordered for the new path by the Loddiswell Playing Fields

g) Loddiswell Forum Update: An update was sent in regarding the first meeting of the Forum, who are a group of people and local businesses looking 'speak for the people' in all matters arising in the village.

An email was sent in from one of the members:

- A number of groups represented would like to know the community's views on a range of issues, in particular the Loddiswell Pub Group, the Playing Fields and Village Hall Committee. A village wide consultation is being considered and an open day on 26th April 2025 has been proposed and agreed, and this will be a first step in that process.
- Eight people expressed an interest in helping support Cllr Satterley with pushing forward with the Loddiswell Neighbourhood Plan (NP) through a NP sub-committee. We hope the village wide consultation will help with that.
- It was again agreed that a Village Events diary is very much needed. It was suggested that the diary might be made available on the Loddiswell Parish Council's website, in preference to a paper diary which used to be held at the Village Shop (Clerk: suggested posting events on the local fb page for Loddiswell whats on, as the LPC website is for council business and news)

2422 Business at the Chairmans discretion

- The bottle bank will be collected with no return from the village. Parishioners are encouraged to use their recycling boxes for a bi weekly collection. Failing that, the bottle bank in Kingsbridge will be remaining
- Clerk to obtain a quote for another street lamp for the new path that has been laid by the entrance to the playing fields
- Greenspace will be taking over the maintenance for the Parish Footpaths starting end March/ beginning of April 2025
- Compost and flower bulbs will be purchased for the railing planters along The Bank

2423 Finance:

a) Balance at the start of the meeting	£83,311.74
b) Richard Barney - maintenance	- £525
c) Clerks wages and disbursements	- £466.61
d) Loan repayment for allotments	- £1463.58
e) Footpaths grant	+ £600
f) Salt Bin for LPFVHT path - Kingspan	- £192
 Balance at the close of the meeting	 £81,264.55

S106 money stands at an estimate of £15,273.86

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Signed Dated

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st April 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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