

Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.30 on Tuesday 1st April 2025 in the
Loddiswell Congregational Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Peter Sheard (Chair), Cllr Paul Harvey (Vice Chair), Cllr Francis Baker,
Cllr Gabi Haskins, Cllr Derek Brooking, Cllr Matt Cross,
Cllr Sophie Elliott Smerdon, Cllr Ian Satterley, Cllr Rufus Gilbert,

APOLOGIES: Cllr Lee Bonham, Cllr Lara Webber, Cllr Mike Hine

IN ATTENDANCE: The LPC Clerk and 4 members of the public (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:

2424 Policing Matters

- January 2025
- 3 crimes, all of which investigated and complete with no suspects identified
- 1 burglary on or near the sports field
- 1 criminal damage near Towns Lane
- 1 theft near the sports ground

2425 Public Comment

- 2 representatives from the Avon River Champions attended to tell us about their plans and to thank LPC for the £100 donation
 - They are aiming to improve the water quality and health of the River Avon and its tributaries
 - Focusing on restoring the abundance of aquatic life and ensure the health of water users such as swimmers, boat owners and paddle boarders
 - They work with environmental organisations (Devon Wildlife Trust, Woodland trust, Moore Trees and others) and researchers (Seadstream Education CIC, Seadream Environment CIO and Plymouth Marine Laboratory)
 - They are aiming to communicate with householders, farmers and landowners, businesses, organisations and local government within all the parishes from which drainage and sewage discharge into the Avon
 - Cllr Harvey voiced concerns about voluntary groups walking around taking samples of water all over and trespassing and that their safety could be at risk
 - The response was that this project will be carefully regulated headed up by 'river guardians' and only use water where there is proper public access
 - £138,000 has been awarded to them through funding
 - They are hoping for representatives from local councils to attend the River Summit in the Autumn - this will be discussed and LPC will get back to them with their thoughts
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- Representative from Wild About Loddiswell attended to see if they can plant flowers around the hard standing area where the bottle bank used to be, using the verges and 'triangle' opposite the entrance to the business park, where possible
 - Also hoping to clear a path through the brambles up at Ham Butts
 - LPC happy for them to bring ideas and costings for the project although asked for no trees or deep rooted plants due to that fact that there is a water line running through Ham Butts

VAS Data Report - Cllr Matt Cross

- New data has now been downloaded and shows the peak period over the last 3 years was in the summer of 2023
- There have been marginal differences in the average speeds recently showing variable speeds coming in and out of the village

- VAS definitely seems to be calming down the traffic showing a drop in 1/2 mph on average
- Highest recorded speed still 89mph which was in January this year
- Over the last 4 years, roughly 1,000,000 cars have been recorded

2426 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert

- This was Cllr Gilberts final PC meeting and he spoke of how much he has enjoyed his time working with all his parishes
- Cllr Gilbert mentioned his greatest achievement was fighting to have the new school built in Loddiswell and to remind people that the two main factors into the success of this was Cllr Harvey kindly donating the old school playing field and agreeing that the old school playing field would be sold for building new houses on
- The two trees reported to DCC, in the old school playing field, have been declared as dangerous and ordered to be removed as soon as possible
- School Field - drainage testing has been concluded as satisfactory and the developer is planning to apply later this month
- B3195 - Cold Harbour too Cali Cross have been patched, north of this is not in his jurisdiction
- LPC wanted to formerly thank Cllr Gilbert for all his hard work and wishes him well in his retirement
- 2 County Councillor candidates attended the meeting and were introduced by the Chair after Cllr Gilbert had left

2427 District Cllr report - Lee Bonham

Cllr Bonham did not attend and did not send in a report

2428 Public Pathways - Cllr Webber

Cllr Webber did not attend and did not send in a report

2429 Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Satterley

- Cllr Satterley attended a 'steering group' meeting on the 18th March, for which there was a good turnout
- There is a feeling that the group want to start the Neighbourhood plan again from scratch
- There is a Loddiswell Forum open day on the 26th April where everyone is welcome

2430 Sustainability - Cllr Haskins

- Cllr Haskins has been attending meetings that are related to sustainability and the community including a master class in composting
- Going forwards, Cllr Haskins would like to hold a training session for anyone in the village that is interested in learning about composting
- LPC in support of this idea

2431 Planning - sub meeting held after the meeting had closed

0972/25/HHO 38 Elmwood Park, TQ7 4SD: Householder application for single storey side extension

SUPPORT

A planning application has been submitted, **0665/25/FUL** for a retrospective application for temporary retention of three mobile homes for a period of five years. This is in Churchstow but LPC were invited to review and comment

Site Address: **Torre View Farm**

Outcome: **NO COMMENT**

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AOB

- a) Butts - moving the clothing bin and WAL - covered in item **2425** Public Comment
- b) Request to pay for 'pop up cafe' for another year £240 - LPC agreed
- c) Dangerous trees in the Old School Field - covered in item **2426** Cllr Gilberts report

2433 Business at the Chairmans discretion

- Maintenance hourly rate will go up from £20 an hour to £23 an hour - LPC agreed
- It has been noted that there is a lot more littering in the village, found in salt bins and by Ham Butts where the primary school children attend forest school. There are plenty of bins in the village so please use them or take your rubbish home with you
- Street lamp for the new path by the playing fields: Previous company have doubled their prices so Clerk researched and found a new provider. The lamp will be ordered and installed as soon as possible
- New village sign has been requested - Clerk to look into costs

2423 Finance:

a) Balance at the start of the meeting	£81,264.55
b) Richard Barney - maintenance	- £526
c) Clerks wages and disbursements	- £479.51
d) Bank charges	- £5.75
 Balance at the close of the meeting	 £80,253.29

S106 money stands at an estimate of £15,273.86

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Signed Dated

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th May 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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