

Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.30 on Tuesday 6th May 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 Mike Hine, Cllr Lee Bonham, Cllr Louise Wainwright

APOLOGIES:

IN ATTENDANCE: The LPC Clerk and 11 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 Wainwright and Cllr Bonham

Item no:

2433 Policing Matters

- February 2025
- 1 crime - criminal damage & arson near Village Cross Road. No suspect identified, case closed

2434 Public Comment

- Loddiswell Forum: We had representatives of the newly formed Loddiswell Forum who held a 'Blueprint Day' in the village hall on 26th April
- It was a huge success and many villagers attended
- The idea of this group is to offer an opportunity for people to bring ideas and needs forwards to present to all the local amenities in the hope of change
- People wrote on 'post it notes' and stuck them under whichever heading they were referring to
- The post it notes were then collected and a chart has been drawn up to identify what it is the community need most
- A strong sense of village pride came across throughout the day
- Mixed feelings about the plans for a new village hall, some thought it better to repair the old one
- Concerns over LPC spending, especially the re surfacing of the car park
- People would like more community events and somewhere to meet more often
- Poor public transport
- Need for a community website

These points were all mentioned to the parish council, who were extremely grateful to the forum for sharing these insights

It was agreed that a new village questionnaire would benefit future decisions, with a desire to complete this prior to the Loddiswell Show

- LPC are very happy to consider any ideas coming from the public and want to re iterate how important it is to have a community who feel listened to. With regards to the resurfacing of the car park, a meeting was held 2 months ago and this was an agenda item, where the decision to resurface has been made for the following reasons:
- The car park was never sealed properly and the top layer has been loosening for 18 years. Pits and holes are appearing and the more rain and we have, the more damage this will cause.
- For now, LPC can have the top resurfaced, but if it is left a few more years, the whole car park will need digging up which would cost far more money.
- There has been a recent incident, which could have ended in injury and LPC are not prepared to take that risk

LPC also would like to remind all residents, that the monthly meetings are open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend

Another member of public has requested to house a food trailer at Loddiswell Butts, where the bottle bank was housed, to offer snacks and light meals on a week day basis from around 7am to 3pm

- LPC agreed this is common land and therefore the MOP would need their own certificates for health and safety and food hygiene and their own insurance.
- The applicant was advised to contact SHDC to make sure there are no other requirements
- LPC took an 'vote in principle' which was unanimous in support of the idea, however the Clerk will research the matter further and a second vote via email will take place once more information comes to light
- Clerk to look at contracts and further legal implications

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- It was mentioned that the path running from Style Cottage into Elmwood Park is very dark at nights and could LPC look into some lighting
- Clerk to research lamps that can downlight or work off a sensor
- Clerk to write to residents who would be affected by the lights for any concerns

VAS Data Report - Cllr Matt Cross

- Vehicle numbers: 81,853 representing steady month on month increase since January and the highest level since August 23.
- Correction from last months update - since September 2022, 2.4m vehicles have come through the village (average of 75,000 per month).
- Maximum speed recorded, incoming 8 April at 6am at 54mph. Outgoing fastest speed was 48 mph at 2pm.
- Average speeds remain almost exactly the same as last month (23.55 incoming and 22.98 outgoing) and very consistent across the year only changing by tiny fractions.
- I will be contacting Evolis about the software issue on the Playing fields camera.

2435 County Cllr report - Louise Wainwright

- Congratulations to Louise Wainwright who has taken on the role as County Councillor
- Cllr Wainwright introduced herself and is focussing on supporting the resilience of local parish councils
- Cllr Wainwright expressed sincere support to the Loddiswell Forum and was impressed with how LPC and the Forum are working together for a better community
- Cllr Wainwright, along with Cllr Bonham made it very clear that SHDC were not supporting current proposals relating to Government plans for Devolution, such as South Hams being joined with Plymouth (which would mean sharing taking Plymouth's debt). Cllr Wainwright did stress that the final decision would be made by the Government

2436 District Cllr report - Lee Bonham

- I attended the meeting of the Loddiswell Forum on 26th April which was very well organised and well attended. I spoke to residents and looked at the many suggestions and comments posted by residents about their aspirations for the village
- I am aware that there are plans being prepared for house building on the old school field and some local residents have contacted me with their concerns. I have advised them to also raise their points with the PC and SHDC planning when appropriate.
- I know that there have been some meetings held for the neighbourhood plan and I asked the SHDC officer to give advice on the best way forwards.
- SHDC staff helped run the election for DCC Councillors in this area on 1st May.
- The South Devon National Landscape (previously the AONB) is preparing its next Management Plan and is inviting public comments on its survey at [South Devon National Landscape | Management Plan review 2025 -2030](#)
- Sustainable South Hams is running an Energy Wise and Eco-homes show in Totnes on 11th May, open to all.
- I am aware that BT have proposed removal of the telephone box at California Cross. There is a 30 day consultation; please email any comments to Development.management@swdevon.gov.uk

2437 Public Pathways - Cllr Webber

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

2438 Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Satterley

- Cllr Satterley has a meeting next Tuesday regarding Communities Together
- He was grateful to the Loddiswell Forum for their input
- Hoping that the questionnaire can be sooner rather than later as he would like the NP finished by September 2025

2439 Sustainability - Cllr Haskins

- South Devon National Landscapes want to engage in the development of their Management Plan with all the Parish and Town Councils and the communities they represent
- To launch the engagement process, an introductory meeting via zoom was attended by Cllr Haskins. The current plan was presented looking at how priorities and policies could translate into the new plan together with any changes that needed to be considered, e.g. new legislation
- A further meeting has been organised for the 17th July, where a conversation will take place between those attending
- Cllr Haskins has been in discussion with Melissa Harvey from Sustainability South Hams regarding them running a session on home/allotment composting
- A provisional date has been set for the morning of Saturday, 14th June. Once confirmed Cllr Haskins will be promoting the event.
- Cllr Haskins visited the allotments and met with Cllr Hine, Chair of the Loddiswell Allotments. Following the visit, Cllr Hine confirmed that the committee agreed to have the event up at the Loddiswell allotments (weather permitting, otherwise the village hall) for 25 local people
- For more information, please contact Cllr Haskins directly on: haskingsa1@hotmail.co.uk
- LPC have agreed to pay to support any costs up to £100

2440 Planning

0968//25/HHO - Avon Hill, Station Road, TQ7 4RR: House holder application for ground floor extension, new link to outbuilding, dormers to roof and developments to existing garage

SUPPORT

2441 AOB

- a) Church disabled toilet repairs - help with payment - LPC agreed to pay the sum of £987 as the church have no funds to pay for this work and it desperately needs doing
- b) Signing of the AGAR - the internal audit has been done, the AGAR signed and will now be sent for external audit
- c) Reconsider the car park surfacing - covered in **2434** *
- d) Invoice for the electrical work in the Village Hall - LPC have voted a support to pay for the complete costs for rewiring the Village Hall.
- e) Rotten Cherry Tree, entrance to the Courtledge - Clerk to instruct Pitmans Tree Services to take a look and report back

2442 Business at the Chairmans discretion

- Loddiswell Show have asked for payment of the public toilets this year at the Loddiswell show. This will be added as an agenda item to next months meeting
- Outside Greystones the parking has become unmanageable and the lorries and recycling trucks cannot pass through. There has been both property and wall damage. Please park sensibly and considerately in the village

