

Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.30 on Tuesday 3rd June 2025 in the Loddiswell Congregational Hall

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr Gabi Haskins, Cllr Louise Wainwright, Cllr Lara Webber

IN ATTENDANCE: The LPC Clerk and 9 members of the public (MOP's)

MINUTES: Minutes from last months meeting were signed by the Chair: amendment to Aprils minutes (2025) was made: *It was noted that Cllr Paul Harvey did NOT donate the Old School Field to the council to sell, rather he donated the land upon which the school was built *

Standing Orders Suspended: Public Participation and to receive reports from Cllr Wainwright and Cllr Bonham

Item no:

2444 Policing Matters

- March 2025
- 3 crimes relating to unsociable behaviour. No further details given
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2445 Public Comment

- 9 members of the public (MOP's) attended to speak about the Planning application for the Old School Field
- There were many concerns most of which are listed below:
- Poor quality of buildings
- Infrastructure cannot cope
- Not enough parking in the village, this will only get worse
- Green space is needed for the village and possibly some of the field could be used as overflow parking for the pub, shop, school etc
- Already many houses for sale in Loddiswell that aren't selling therefore there is no need for more housing
- Concerns that LPC don't have enough time to gather information to make an informed decision
- School is already at capacity
- Concerns over where the entrance has been allocated
- DCC should have held a public consultation
- Full LVIA needs to be done (landscape impact assessment)
- Flooding and drainage

The Chair will comment in the planning section

A Hembury Homes representative attended to listen to peoples concerns and explained that affordable housing was defined by national policies and are not a grant based calculation, therefore very unlikely there will be any grant funding for help to buy or shared ownership. Purely means that 3 of the houses will be cheaper than if placed on the open market

VAS Data Report - Cllr Matt Cross

Another slightly shortened update this week. Still no data from the playing fields.

- vehicle numbers up on last month and on average - 86000, up from the average of 76000 for the entire period.
- Top speed was 75 mph - one of the top speeds recorded - outcoming at 4pm on 19 May.
- Average speed was 23.3, slightly down on the overall average.

2446

County Cllr report - Louise Wainwright

Cllr Wainwright did not attend. Some points from her report below:

- It is with great pleasure indeed that I have begun my work as Devon County Councillor for the Salcombe Division and I look forward improving communication between the Parish and County Councils regarding local needs and the provision of services from Devon County Council.
- I am gradually developing the understanding, relationships, timetables and resources that will allow me to play a meaningful role as your Devon County Councillor. Thank you for your patience.
- I have now been in post since the 6th May – 19 working days.
- I have attended 8 parish/town Council meetings and made 2 site visits to explore local road issues as well as attend training and formal meetings at County Hall in Exeter and held a meeting with Highways
- I will be attending parish council meetings every other month (next one in Loddiswell will be in August)
- I will be meeting with a highways officer every Thursday morning to review in detail all outstanding and new issues arising
- Some parishes have raised concerns about speeding offences which is a police matter.
- I have been in touch with **Police Sergeant Charlie Wilkes** at Kingsbridge Police Station with whom I will be meeting after the 16th June for a full review of issues in the Salcombe Division
- Each councillor in Devon has a locality budget allocation of £8000
- Divided between each parish on a calculation of how many parishioners there are, Loddiswell has been allocated £804
- This can be used for non profit organisations, community and social enterprise, sector groups and organisations etc to support good causes such as loneliness, increase access to healthy activities, food poverty and enhance public spaces etc

2447

District Cllr report - Lee Bonham

- I have agreed with the Clerk to make a contribution to the car park resurfacing from my Localities Fund
 - Following the last PC meeting I have checked and understand that the Government has not yet announced if it will give financial support for Neighbourhood Plan preparation this year
 - I am aware that the plans for building 11 dwellings on the old school field have been submitted to SHDC, ref 1346/25/FUL, and there is a comment from a local resident
 - An application ref 1262/25/FUL for an equestrian building on Station Road has also been submitted.
 - SHDC has successfully prosecuted a person for unlawfully felling a protected tree in East Portlemouth
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- Cllr Bonham explained his role on the Planning committee at SHDC and raised the following points:
 - He is keen to listen to representation and understand key issues
 - Cllr Bonham will have a vote at SHDC, which he will not give until all matters have been taken into consideration
 - In general the planning committee is very interested in what Parish Councils have to say
 - Relevant planning matters - planning isn't based on historical agreements
 - Flood risk
 - Parking
 - Is there an improvement on overall biodiversity?

2448

Public Pathways - Cllr Webber

- Cllr Webber has handed in her notice and this will be her final report
- Unfortunately a knee injury has meant that most of her walks have been path based
- These paths are pretty overgrown. They join in the middle on the steps down from station road which is pretty dangerous
- The path across to Yanston was incorrectly cut last month, but has grown back over, as has most of the correct route through
- There was a report with regards to a foot bridge at Topsham Bridge being damaged, but unfortunately, not been down to further investigate
- There is again, large amounts of dog poo on these routes
- Chair wrote thanking Cllr Webber for all her time at LPC
- Clerk to speak to village maintenance about cutting back these areas

2449

Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Satterley

- Cllr Satterley reluctantly handed in his notice
- All files will be handed over to LPC
- The Chair thanked Cllr Satterley for all his hard work and dedication to the PC over the many years he has served. He will be very sadly missed

2450

Sustainability - Cllr Haskins

- Composting workshop to take place on the 14th June at Loddiswell Allotments. Was looking at 25 attendees but are short of this, so has been publicised outside the village.
- It would be a good opportunity for neighbouring Parishes to see the good work of the allotments while attending the workshop.
- Any further support from the Parish Councillors with regards spreading the word would be appreciated.
- Attended the Sustainable South Hams 'Networking Walk' event led by Life On The Edge. Discussion took place regarding Pollinator Plans. Will talk with WAL, who are developing one for Loddiswell, to see how the Parish Council can support them and will add as an agenda item if needed
- Liz from WAL introduced me to Kingsbridge Area Sustainability
- Group (KASG). Helped out at the 'Go'Electric Event held in Kingsbridge. Will be attending their meetings and events to network and learn good sustainable practice that can be fed back to Loddiswell Parish

2451

Planning

1262/25/FUL - Avon Hill, Station Road, TQ7 4RR: Provision of an agricultural/equestrian building and change of use of land to agricultural/equestrian

SUPPORT

1346/25/FUL - Land at Elmwood Park, Loddiswell: Erection of 11 dwellings, formation of access, landscaping, public open space, drainage and associated infrastructure

SUPPORT

- LPC made an agreement with DCC that the field could be sold to part fund the build of the new primary school
- Whilst this agreement was made years ago, those voting in favour felt the school was a priority for the village at that time
- A vote was cast and was not unanimous, however in favour of the planning with a condition that a full LVIA is conducted
- 4 votes in favour, 2 abstained and 2 against, 2 sent in apologies for absence
- LPC have listened to the villagers and sympathise with their concerns and agree on many counts, but feel their word on the matter must be kept
- Clerk to submit decision along with concerns and conditions

Cllr Brooking and Cllr Harvey declared an interest and so abstained from voting

2452

AOB

- a) Request to pay £335 for Loddiswell Show toilets
- Voted on and approved

b) Lighting request on Path from Style Orchard to Elmwood Park - responses from letters sent:

- Clerk sent out 6 letters to the path residents from Style Cottage into Elmwood park
- One reply mentioned that there is a lamp there but it is covered in foliage
- Clerk wrote to Tree Officer at DCC who are investigating cutting back to avoid purchasing a new lamp

c) Outcome from request for food trailer at Loddiswell Butts & update

- Vote was taken on allowing the food trailer to park and conduct a catering business at Loddiswell Butts

- Unanimous agreement with a 6 month trial period allowing each party to terminate the agreement
- Update from the Business Owner:

I am now in possession of the 'Airstream'

The business has been registered with SHDC, who will inspect it once up and running

Hoping to open the business by the end of June 2025

Busy commissioning the trailer for gas and electricity as it is brand new

Registered with HMRC

Meetings with equipment suppliers and local food suppliers

Business plan is almost finished

Would appreciate more visibility at the Butts as the overgrowth completely hides the area currently

d) Quote for cherry tree removal - £816

- Approved
- Clerk waiting for more quotes with cutting back trees at Loddiswell Butts, the memorial and Courtledge

e) Quote for more tree cutting: Courtledge, Memorial and Butts - as mentioned above

f) Brambles at Ham Butts

- Thick brambles up at Ham Butts are suffocating the trees there and making the cycle trail impossible to use
- Cllr Harvey to organise a 'cut back' with machinery

g) '20 is plenty'

- On hold until Cllr Wainwright can attend a meeting in August

2453

Business at the Chairs discretion

- New lamp on the newly laid path by the playing fields has now been installed
- Parking in Towns Lane has been obstructing dust carts and other vehicles. A sign will be placed saying NO PARKING outside Greystones barn
- Clerk to ask Highways to clear all drainage in that area

2454 Finance:

a) Balance at the start of the meeting	£78,014.73
b) Richard Barney - maintenance	- £703
c) Clerks wages and disbursements	- £468.47
d) Dragons Breath - solar street lamp	- £1,560
e) HMRC PAYE	- £328.60
f) LPFVHT years rent for village hall	- £240
g) 2nd Precept payment	+ £19,769
h) Devon Association LC Membership fee	- £464.59
l) ElanCity - renewal of warrantee for street lamps-	£179.92
j) Greenspace grass cutting	- £660
k) Bank Charges	- £6.75
l) Sani Tech - new toilet for the church	- £987
m) LPFVHT meeting room hire for 'Blueprint'	- £100
n) AG Treeby - LPFVHT electrical work	- £2,143.06

Balance at the close of the meeting

£89,942.34

S106 money stands at an estimate of £15,273.86

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.05 pm

Signed Dated

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st July 2025 - upstairs 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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