

Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.30 on Tuesday 1st July 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 Gabi Haskins
Cllr Sophie Elliott Smerdon, Cllr Mike Hine,
Cllr Lee Bonham

APOLOGIES: Cllr Louise Wainwright

IN ATTENDANCE: The LPC Clerk and 10 members of the public (MOP's)

MINUTES: Minutes from last months meeting were signed by the Chair.

Nominations for and declarations signed for new Chair and Vice Chair

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

Item no:

2455 Policing Matters

- April 2025
- 4 crimes relating to a violent or sexual nature: 2 near Cedar Drive (still under investigation). 1 near Chestnut Way (unable to prosecute suspect). 1 near the car park (still under investigation).

2456 Public Comment

- 2 members of public attended to express an interest in filling the vacancies for Parish Councillors
- One member of public came to give thanks to LPC for attending LPFVHT meetings and for supporting the Trust

VAS Data Report - Cllr Matt Cross

- No update, however following a meeting with Highways, LPC have been told to change the 20mph VAS to 30mph as 20mph is not enforceable. Failure to do so will lead to Highways confiscating the VAS

2457 County Cllr report - Louise Wainwright

Cllr Wainwright did not attend and no report submitted.

Cllr Harvey met with Highways and Cllr Wainwright to discuss areas of concern and Cllr Harvey reported on the following:

- Cllr Wainwright is approaching the primary school regarding posters for '20 is plenty' for the slowing down of traffic campaign
- Resurfacing of Station Road and Hatch will be done in the next 12 months
- Resurfacing of the Courtledge, Ashwood Park (on the road to the car park), Ham Butts, to name a few, have been flagged, however Highways only have £200,000 in the pot to cover the whole of the South Hams
- The survey from the zebra crossing request in the playing fields, was re visited and Highways repeated that the only 'busy times' were school drop off and collection. Outside of these times cars will become accustomed to not seeing people using the crossing, therefore proceed without looking. However, they noted the LPC would be happy to help with the costs if they would reconsider installing one
- Road by the shop is too narrow for any pedestrian safety markings/raised curb

2458 District Cllr report - Lee Bonham

- I attended meetings of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Loddiswell Forum in June.
- I am monitoring the application for 11 houses on the old school field and have I have noted residents' concerns.
- With Local Government Reorganisation on the horizon, South Hams is inviting residents to help shape the future of local government by letting us know what matters to you. More information. and a survey is at www.southhams.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation
- Over the next few months, a series of engagement events around South Hams will be taking place.
- SHDC is publicising a new way to check if a call or message from your bank is genuine; Call 159 – it's a UK-wide phone number that connects you directly to your bank's fraud team.

2459 Public Pathways

- Cllr webber has resigned and LPC will be appointing a new Pathways Cllr as soon as the election has taken place

2460 Neighbourhood Plan

- Cllr Satterley resigned however he is kindly still working on the NP and has created a visual statement
- Loddiswell Forum expressed an interest in possibly helping out with the NP
- Any other individuals or organisations who would like to work with LPC on this subject can send their information to: loddiswellparishclerk@gmail.com

2461 Sustainability - Cllr Haskins

- Composting Workshop was organised for Saturday, 14th June
- We had 22 people attending at the allotments
- Mel Harvey from Sustainable South Hams ran the workshop. She covered the different forms of composting that can be done at home and at the allotment
- The workshop was very well received with very positive feedback

2462 Planning

1760/25/HHO: 12 Beechwood Park, TQ7 4BY - Householder application for loft conversion with 2 near facing pitched roof dormers to create 2 bedrooms

SUPPORT

1703/25/CLE: High Hazelwood, TQ7 4DZ (the games room) - Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of building as separate self contained dwelling

SUPPORT

2463 AOB

- a) LVIA update for planning on old school field: SHDC would expect an LVIA to be included in the planning application for consideration however it is not critical. LPC has requested for one to be carried out and this was mentioned in the recent planning application to LPC
- b) Agreement for food trailer at Loddiswell Butts: An agreement has been made for proof reading, Points needed to be added are the starting date (mid July 2025) initial 3 month trial, free of charge, where either party can terminate. A further 3 months at £30 a month after which the rent will be reviewed. Rent to be reviewed on a yearly basis
- c) Loddiswell Forum Meeting: A list of 'aims for the village' was discussed as follows

The Loddiswell Forum is a discussion group of individuals actively involved in the community, to meet regularly with the aim of supporting and enhancing community life within Loddiswell

To promote positive communications between the residents, community groups, primary and pre school, LPC, SHDC, DCC, local businesses and other key organisations

To develop support mechanisms across different organisations

To actively publicise key activities

To support ways of understanding the views and priorities of the community residents

To ensure this list assists in sustainability with the development of ideas, plans and improvements of the village environment, its activities and services

- At the meeting there was a discussion around having a community website and someone has offered to take on the responsibility of creating the website. The website will cost £240 a year for the domain and LPC have agreed to fund it

d) Election for 3 councillor vacancies:

- 10 signatures have been sent to the elections office at SHDC requesting an election
- If more applications than vacancies are sent in, an election will take place in mid August at the cost of £3,000, payable by LPC
- If only 2 applications are sent in, then both applicants will be successful and will be welcomed onto the LPC at the following meeting

e) Request from LVHPFT to underwrite the pavilion refurbishment costs

- Discussion took place regarding spending money refurbishing another 'community hub'
- One MOP suggested selling off some of the community buildings used as meeting rooms, to furnish and repair just one or two
- The pre school has vacated the building one year earlier than anticipated therefore there will be no income
- Repairs to make the building useable for functions and rental will be in the region of £4750, half of which LPC has been asked to pay
- LPC noted that LPFVHT do have a healthy bank balance therefore £2375 would be the maximum granted

f) Cutting back at Loddiswell Butts

- Fantastic cut back allowing both walkers and cyclists to enjoy the area once again
- Many messages of thanks from the village for this work

2464 Business at the Chairs discretion

- The street lamp suppliers have written claiming that during an engineering review it has become apparent that the lighting columns do not meet British Engineering Standards BS EN 40. 3 options were given to LPC on correcting this matter and LPC decided on having the posts replaced, free of charge

2465 Finance:

a) Balance at the start of the meeting	£89,942.34
b) Richard Barney - maintenance	- £635
c) Clerks wages and disbursements	- £485.13
d) Newmans Accounting - internal audit	- £288
e) Avon Mill compost and bedding	- £63.96
f) Bank service charges	- £8.25
g) Greenspace grass cutting	- £330
h) Vision ICT training for website	- £42
Balance at the close of the meeting	£88,090.00

S106 money stands at an estimate of £15,273.86

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9 pm

Signed Dated

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th August 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

The Clerk to Loddiswell Parish Council: loddiswellparishclerk@gmail.com

- Sub Meeting for extra planning and discussion over Clerks salary

0596/25/FUL: Hazelwood, Loddiswell TQ7 4EB - Replacement dwelling
SUPPORT

- The PC agreed to give the Clerk a pay increase and thanked her for all her hard work

Sub meeting closed at 9.30pm