

# **Loddiswell Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.30 on Tuesday 5th August 2025 in the Loddiswell Congregational Hall

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr Paul Harvey (Chair), Cllr Derek Brooking (Vice Chair), Cllr Francis Baker, Cllr Gabi Haskins Cllr Sophie Elliott Smerdon, Cllr Mike Hine, Cllr Lee Bonham, Cllr Louise Wainwright
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Cllr Matt Cross
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	The LPC Clerk and 3 members of the public (MOP's)
<b>MINUTES:</b>	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:**

### **2466 Policing Matters**

- May 2025
- 2 crimes of a sexual or violent nature
- Towns Lane and Village Cross Road - both under investigation
- The overall crime level in Loddiswell and surrounding area is considered to be 'low'
- In the previous 12 months there have been 34 reported crimes per 1,000 people

### **2467 Public Comment**

- 3 members of public attended
- Village website is coming along nicely and can be found on Google search
- LPC have been asked to think about creating a logo for the website and any content they would like on a dedicated page
- [www.loddiswellcommunity.co.uk](http://www.loddiswellcommunity.co.uk)
- WAL are thinking about the best tree to plant to replace the removed dead cherry tree at Ham Butts
- Graffiti problem with nude drawings on the children's lies and swings in the playpark - LPFVHT are looking in to installing cameras there
- Work on the pavilions has started
- Village Hall AGM will be on 8th October 2025 - please go along if you are interested in helping them and taking a position on the committee

### **VAS Data Report - Cllr Matt Cross**

- No update and Cllr Cross was not present at the meeting

### **2468 County Cllr report - Louise Wainwright**

- Cllr Wainwright is focussing on Highways and would like this as an agenda item every few months
- At the next meeting she attends, Cllr Wainwright would like a list of 1,2,3,4 areas the parish is concerned about in terms of roads and repair
- Over the next month an online magazine will be set up for local parishes to gain a better understanding of what their adjoining parishes are up to
- Locality funding: so far only Deerwood Trust has applied - it was suggested the remainder of the funds available to go towards the defibrillator discussed in item **2474 E**

### **2469 District Cllr report - Lee Bonham**

- The planning application for 11 houses near Elmwood Park (1346/25/FUL) is still under consideration

- With Local Government Reorganisation on the horizon, South Hams is inviting residents to comment at [www.southhams.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation)
- The series of engagement events around South Hams will include Kingsbridge Community College at 6pm on 02 October 2025. Book at <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/lgr-events>
- The Government has announced that postal votes approved before 31 October 2023 will need to be reapplied for by 31 January 2026, details at <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/elections-and-voting/postal-vote-renewal>
- We've agreed to transfer land at the Rope Walk Site in Kingsbridge to Hastoe Housing Association, to deliver 10 affordable homes on the site for local people
- Great Loddiswell Show this year and positive attendance

## **2470 Public Pathways**

- A new Councillor will be appointed to this position next month
- No updates this month

## **2471 Neighbourhood Plan**

- Mr Satterley is still committed to helping get the Neighbourhood Plan finished and is working with SHDC
- A group meeting will be held to make sure everything is complete before it is made public

## **2472 Sustainability - Cllr Haskins**

- On the 15th July, attended the 'Rally for Nature' session ran by Sustainable South Hams at Follaton House. Purpose was to hear our ideas from a community perspective on how nature should be celebrated in our area
- Sustainable South Hams are now collating the data and feedback from the day and working on a report for South Hams District Council. Will be kept updated on the next steps, once the report has been discussed
- On the 16th July, attended an on-line Parish cluster meeting to review the Management Plan for South Devon National Landscapes
- There will be a formal consultation process during August and September where further comments/feedback can be given on the draft plan

## **2473 Planning**

1942/25/HHO - Woolston Farmhouse, TQ7 4DU: Householder application for replacing existing mono pitch steel roof with dual pitch slate roof - **SUPPORT**

2012/25/HHO - Glencairn, Station Road, TQ7 4RR: Householder application for first floor side extension, replacement front extensions and internal reconfiguration of existing detached dwelling - **SUPPORT**

1673/25/HHO - Fleur Cottage, Churchstow, TQ7 3QP: Householder application for conversion of piggery to studio / office with internal and external alterations - **NO COMMENT**

1674/25/LBC - Fleur Cottage, Churchstow, TQ7 3QP: Listed building consent for conversion of piggery studio / office with internal and external alterations - **NO COMMENT**

## **2474 Items for discussion and decision making**

A) Is there a need for cutting back the tree and banks at Loddiswell Butts  
Following an estimate from Pittmans Trees of £816, it was agreed that the trees by the Memorial and at Loddiswell Butts should be cut back as soon as possible. Clerk to action

B) Highways issues - what needs doing and when? Louise Wainwright  
Covered under item **2468**

C) Chapter 8 training for a volunteer willing to help with filling pot holes locally

This is a free training course that Highways offer up to 3 members living in the parish who would like, and have time to help out in the community.

The training teaches how to place signs to create a safe environment for workers and highway users. The course is accredited by City & Guilds and is run over two days and the resulting qualification is Q1 Signing, Lighting, Guarding of the Streetworks Qualification Register (SWQR)

Anyone wishing to volunteer for this training should get in touch with LPC Clerk via email:

[loddiswellparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:loddiswellparishclerk@gmail.com)

D) Loddiswell Forum meeting update following a monthly meeting

Covered under item **2467**

E) Adoption of the phone box at Cali Cross - can LPC fund a defibrillator in it / is it necessary? How many are around this area already?

- LPC have agreed to adopt the phonebox and the landowner has agreed that a defibrillator can be housed in the phonebox. Clerk to action

F) Election for new councillors update following cut off date for signatures to call an election for the third vacancy

- The election for the initial 2 vacancies for parish councillors was uncontested
- 2 applications were sent to Follaton House and both applicants have been successful - they will be properly accepted at the next meeting
- The third vacancy has not been contested and therefore the PC can co-opt
- Anyone interested in becoming a parish councillor for Loddiswell can apply via email to the parish clerk, email: [loddiswellparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:loddiswellparishclerk@gmail.com)

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G) S106 money plans for the Old School Field planning application

- LPC are awaiting an outcome from the Planning application in the old school field before discussion the S106 money that will be obtained IF planning goes ahead

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H) Clerks email address - need to change from gmail to gov.uk. Councillors may need to have a [gov.uk](mailto:gov.uk) email address before the next audit

- Clerk to attend a GOV funded course on this matter and report back at next months meeting

## **2475 Business at the Chairs discretion**

- It was mentioned that a tree on the entrance to Ashwood Park is covering one of the street lamps and need cutting back. Clerk to write to DCC for a report and request to cut back
- Chair wanted to say Thank You to all who took part in making the Loddiswell Show such a success and congratulations to all who won prizes. LPC were there and shared a stand with Loddiswell Forum and were happy to answer questions and listen to ideas for the community

## **2476 Finance:**

a) Balance at the start of the meeting	£88,090.00
b) Richard Barney - maintenance	- £630
c) Clerks wages and disbursements	- £461.51
d) Environmental H2 - cutback at Ham Butts	- £195
e) Derek Brooking - pipe fitting	- £231.01
f) Bank service charges	- £7.25
g) Community First insurance	- £371.85
h) Hall hire for compost workshop	- £40

Balance at the close of the meeting	£86,153.38
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**S106 money stands at an estimate of £15,273.86**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

Signed ..... Dated .....

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd September 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](mailto:loddiswellparishclerk@gmail.com)