

# **Loddiswell Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.30 on Tuesday 2nd September 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, Cllr Matt Cross, Cllr Sarah Baskerville, Cllr Catherine Rippin
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Cllr Lee Bonham
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	The LPC Clerk and 8 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**

Declaration of Acceptance of Office were signed by both Sarah Baskerville and Catherine Rippin and paperwork filled out for transparency. The Chair welcomed them to Loddiswell Parish Council as now, councillors

### **Item no:**

#### **2477 Policing Matters**

- June 2025
- 1 crime of damage/arson in the car park

#### **2478 Public Comment**

- 8 members of public attended
- Two representatives of the draft ten-year Woodlands Management Plan for Alleron, Chantry and Torrdown attended to see if anyone had any questions regarding the plan.
- Objectives for the woodlands included, but not exhaustive, the maintaining of the predominantly broadleaved woodland landscape, creating a sustainable supply of timber and firewood and promoting sustainable tourism.
- Following UK Forestry Standard guidance, the draft plan has been sent to other relevant local PC's for comments by 24th September.
- The final plan will then be sent for approval to the Forestry Commission.
- Presently, no support is sought from the PC, but perhaps at a later date, if help to remove surplus timber is needed, they could approach the PC for any guidance.
- The new Forest School practitioner attended to introduce herself and mentioned having cleared up litter and cut back twigs and sharp branches ready for the school children to attend
- Cllr Hine mentioned having plenty of wood chippings they could have to soak up all the mud there following the recent rainfall
- LPC have asked her to keep in touch and let them know if there is anything they can do to help
- Another MOP wanted to ask the County Councillor about pot holes and why the level of work is so poor. Also, why it took 5 people to fill one hole and why only half a hole is filled - Cllr Wainwright was not there but commented in her report once she had arrived (section **2480**)
- 2 other mop's came to observe and voiced an interest in joining the parish council as there is one co option vacancy, with an application deadline of 28th September

**2479 VAS Data Report - Cllr Matt Cross**

- No update as Cllr Cross has been away

**2480 County Cllr report - Louise Wainwright**

- Cllr Wainwright discussed why the item number **2486 E** planning application for the wind turbine in Bigbury has been withdrawn: There is a 10 year waiting list for new buildings to tap into the high graded grid and a climate emergency is happening NOW
- Octopus withdrew as they cannot afford to wait for the higher yield rate and are speaking with local community groups to take over where they left off, giving them access to all the paperwork paid for thus far eg the feasibility studies
- There is an urgent need to be able to tap into the low voltage grids but the information of where these are positioned is not easy to obtain
- Cllr Wainwright has suggested Highways as a new agenda item to be discussed every month, starting with making a list of the top 5 repairs LPC want to see recognised and given a timescale of when repairs will be done
- Cllr Wainwright has a meeting with Highways on 3rd September and is in close contact with them regularly trying to understand why there is no money and why the contractors are charging so much money
- Cllr Wainwright is still working on the production of an online magazine, which will involve all local councils of their individual achievements and projects

**2481 District Cllr report - Lee Bonham**

Cllr Bonham was not in attendance but sent in the following report

- South Hams District Council is supporting efforts to help tackle water pollution with new real-time monitoring, starting with pilot projects in five areas, including at Hatch Bridge on the River Avon
- I have provided financial support to the Pavillion refurbishment from my Localities Fund
- The planning application for 11 houses near Elmwood Park (1346/25/FUL) is still under consideration
- An application for change of use from builders yard to Class B8 (Storage and distribution) at Loddiswell Butts (ref 2063/25/FUL) has been submitted
- 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)
- Public consultation events include Kingsbridge Community College at 6pm on 2nd October 2025. Book at <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/lgr-events>
- On 14th Sept the South Hams Ramblers will launch a new 100 mile trail around the district, called the South Hams Way

**2482 Public Pathways**

- Cllr Baskerville has kindly taken on this position and an update on the paths should be with us in the next few months

**2483 Neighbourhood Plan**

- Ian Satterley has suggested a NP page on the website, which the LPC are working on

**2484 Sustainability - Cllr Haskins**

- Wild About Loddiswell have suggested planting Bluebells and to sow wildflower seed around the banks of the former recycling area. This will be in keeping with the banks at the playing field.
- Also, to sow a woodland and heavy shade wildflower seed at the patch near the well which has been left for rewilding.
- The total cost is around £168, which was agreed by vote
- The tree to be planted at Ham Butts will be a Sorbus devoniensis tree. It will be planted in the autumn

- Cllr Haskins to ask WAL about a suitable tree to replace the Cherry tree on the Courtledge

## 2485 Planning

**2240/25/VAR:** The Stables, Loddiswell, TQ7 4DZ - Application for variation of condition 4 (use of barn) of planning consent 32/0482/13/F

NO COMMENT

**2197/25/FUL:** Development site at SX 707 527 (Heathfield) Modbury - Application for agricultural building to provide a roof over an existing agricultural yard

SUPPORT

**1974/25/FUL:** Land at SX 667 483 (Challonscombe Farm) Old House Lane, Kingston - Planning for the installation of a wind turbine, landscaping, access and other associated infrastructure for a temporary period

WITHDRAWN

**2063/25/FUL:** Land at SX719490 - Change of use from builders yard to class B8 (storage and distribution), closing of existing vehicular access, formation of new vehicular access and associated works

Cllr Brooking declared an interest in the yard

OBJECT due to environmental health concerns, drainage concerns, lighting, flooding, opening hours, much more information needed for LPC to comment

## 2486 Items for discussion and decision making

- A) Signing of the food truck agreement - Owner of the food truck has asked to move this back to the New Year
- B) Emails address change update following Clerks online course, plus discussion over updating the website - Clerk has obtained 3 quotes from Government approved registrar and attended a course on if/why a [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) email should be put in place
  - Clerk suggested a new look website being built with email address solely for the clerk to be included in the package
  - LPC agreed a new look website with a more friendly feel and an added page for the Neighbourhood Plan
  - Decision to use Active Council as the web hosts and support.
  - Agenda item for next month to discuss how the website should look and what needs to be included
  - Cost for a new website is around £850 plus add ons for annual charges
- C) Clerk away for 2 weeks from 6th September - emergency emails diverted to.....?
  - Cllr Harvey (Chairman) has agreed to take emergency emails. An out of office message will appear on the clerks email response giving Cllr Harvey's email address
- D) Letter of amendment for Clerks salary to be signed
  - Signed and witnessed
- E) Planning application for wind turbine in Bigbury: Withdrawn

## 2487 Business at the Chairs discretion

## 2488 Finance:

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| a) Balance at the start of the meeting | £86,153.38 |
| b) Richard Barney - maintenance        | - £876     |

c) Clerks wages and disbursements (inc backdated pay increase)	- £1263.70
d) HMRC PAYE	- £389.24
e) Event Hire Solutions - disabled toilet for show	- £319.50
f) Allotments loan repayment	- £1463.58
g) Greenspace - footpaths	- £857.50
h) Bank charges	- £7.75
i) Liz Montague payment for Web Space (community website)	- £244.80
j) Grant for playing fields pavilion refurbishment	- £2375
k) Vision ICT web hosting training	- £42
 Balance at the close of the meeting	 £78,314.31

**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 7th October 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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