

# **Loddiswell Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.30 on Tuesday 7th October 2025 in the  
Loddiswell Congregational Hall

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| <b>PRESENT:</b>       | Cllr Paul Harvey (Chair), Cllr Derek Brooking (Vice Chair),<br>Cllr Francis Baker, Cllr Mike Hine, Cllr Matt Cross,<br>Cllr Sarah Baskerville, Cllr Catherine Rippin<br>Cllr Lee Bonham, Cllr Louise Wainwright |
| <b>APOLOGIES:</b>     | Cllr Sophie Elliott Smerdon, Cllr Gabi Haskins                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b> | 6 members of the public, LPC Clerk                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <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:**

### **2489 Policing Matters**

- August 2025 3 crimes of a violent or sexual nature
- 2 crimes under investigation, 1 crime unable to prosecute the suspect

### **2490 Public Comment**

- It was mentioned if LPC would consider paying Highways to have '20 is plenty' signs through the village - cost would be £5,000 - £10,000
- Item has been added to next months meeting agenda for discussion
- Hedge bordering the Old School Playing field is wildly overgrown and encroaching onto the footpath.
- Clerk to contact DCC for a site visit
- Hedge from a property in Oakwood Park, previously discussed, overhanging the footpath along Elmwood Park is now out of control
- Clerk to research what can be enforced

### **2491 VAS Data Report - Cllr Matt Cross**

- 82,487 movements through Loddiswell in September
- Down significantly from previous 2 months: August 93,321, July 91,365
- General long term upward trend in traffic flow
- Highest recent speed 50mph (incoming) and 46mph outgoing at 8 am respectively

### **2492 County Cllr report - Louise Wainwright**

- Q: Why is it important for parish councils to keep abreast of developments on Local Government Reorganisation and what is being discussed at local authority level?
- A: Because they (District and County Councils and national Government) are talking about us (parish and town councils) and we are not currently engaged in this process. We are mentioned as a possible partner in the emerging 'new' level of local government – Neighbourhood Area Committees. Have you heard of these?
- Timetable for LGR boundary decisions. We won't know what the new boundaries will be until Government decides which proposal from Devon to accept (July 2026)
- November 2025 – DCC and SHDC (and other competing bids) will submit their final proposals and their financial modelling justifications to Government.
- Early 2026 – The formal Government consultation on the proposals will begin.
- July 2026 – The Government aims to announce which proposal to implement in Devon.
- Sept 2026 – Secondary legislation laid in Parliament to allow the boundary changes to happen

- Cllr Wainwright has asked that LPC become part of the River Avon Warden scheme which will supply a paid warden to monitor the quality of the water from local sources.
- Chair is happy with the work that the environmental agency are supplying and it was agreed that the River Avon is extremely healthy and full of wild life

#### **2493 District Cllr report - Lee Bonham**

- I see that the PC objected to the planning application 2063/25/FUL, change of use from builders yard
- South Hams District Council is encouraging more recycling. Information about the items that can be put in each of the recycling boxes can be found by searching "south hams guide to recycling"
- SHDC is working with Fusion Lifestyle to deliver life-skills events to help 700 local school children in year 6 understand the support of emergency services, including RNLI, Police, The Fire service, Ambulance and others
- SHDC, together with Sustainable South Hams and South Dartmoor Community Energy will host the
- 2025 South Hams Energy Assembly on 18 October at KCC
- I Attended the BLUEprint for Rivers Summit last Saturday at KCC - it was most informative

#### **2494 Public Pathways**

- Cllr Baskerville also mentioned the danger of the overhanging hedges around the perimeter of the Old School Field - Clerk to write to Devon County Council
- Yanston Lane (from Clarks Barn Lane) are eroding and need replacing.
- Cllr Baskerville to contact Parish Footpaths for a site meeting

#### **2495 Neighbourhood Plan**

- Awaiting content to add to the new website page

#### **2496 Sustainability - Cllr Haskins**

- Wild About Loddiswell have suggested a Rowan tree to replace the recently removed tree on the Courtledge. They have been able to source a suitable Sorbus Aucuparia for the cost of around £85 + VAT
- Agreed at the meeting
- Seeds and bulbs have been purchased for the recycling and Well area (as discussed in the September meeting) and will be sown/planted in November
- Some primrose plants will be planted on the triangle at Ham Butts soon

#### **2897 Highways**

- 2 roads in urgent need of repair are the road up to Sorley and Station Road
- There is only enough funding for one road and Highways have agreed on the repair of the main road up to Sorley, which will be done in the next funding round
- LPC NEED volunteers to help with pot holes in the village and urge anyone able to do Section 8 training with Highways to contact the clerk.
- Link to what training is offered for 2 parishioners: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/opportunities/road-warden-scheme/>
- Please remember to report all pot holes on SHDC 'report it' page as there is a separate budget for emergency pot hole filling and the more reported, the higher the urgency

#### **2898 Planning**

**2446/25/HHO** - 5 New Road, Loddiswell, TQ7 4RD: Householder application for proposed loft conversion, internal alterations & installation of dormer & roof light

Cllr Rippin declared an interest so was not involved in the voting process

**SUPPORT**

**2712/25/FUL** - Barn at 717487 (Clarks barn) Loddiswell: Change of use and alterations of barn to create dwelling and associated residential access, drainage, parking and landscaping

Cllr Harvey declared an interest and so was not involved in the voting process

Representative from Luscombe Maye attended to explain the plans

**SUPPORT with a condition that there be more bat boxes, bee blocks, boxes for reptiles and other small creatures installed**

## **2499 Items for discussion and decision making**

A) What is needed for the new website

- 5 logos were suggested to the councillors and one was decided on
- Neighbourhood plan page has been added and we are awaiting content
- List of events page
- Footpaths and wildlife blog / page
- Community support page to be added for police, doctors, community taxi details etc

B) Following 3 informal interviews with applicants for the remaining LPC vacancy, a vote was taken and LPC will be appointing a new councillor at the next meeting

C) Village Sign replacement

- SHDC have mentioned funding for this project which LPC would only have to make a small donation towards
- Contact at SHDC is away currently so no update re funding
- Clerk researched the cost of signs and they would need to be considered in the next years budget

D) Chilli Farm has applied for planning to serve alcohol and LPC were asked to comment

- LPC are in support

E) Loddiswell Magazine has asked for one months printing costs to be covered £500

- Vote was a unanimous YES

## **2500 Business at the Chairs discretion**

LPC have been informed of a sink hole that is causing a water leakage at Little Gate. Cllr Brooking and Cllr Hine will investigate and report back

## **2501 Finance:**

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| a) Balance at the start of the meeting | £78,314.31 |
| b) Richard Barney - maintenance        | - £763     |
| c) Clerks wages and disbursements      | - £704.59  |
| d) SHDC payroll                        | - £124.75  |
| e) Bank charges                        | - £7.75    |
| f) Refreshments for compost training   | - £54.59   |
| g) SHDC election costs                 | - £135     |
| h) 2nd precept payment                 | + £19,769  |

**Balance at the close of the meeting £96,293.63**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th November 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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