

Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday 5th February 2019

PRESENT: Emma Hemmins (Chair), Martin Widger (Vice Chair) Derek Brooking, Malcolm Dicken, Mike Hine, Peter Sheard, Francis Baker, Emma Sweet, Ian Satterley, District Cllr Ian Bramble

APOLOGIES: Cllr Paul Harvey, County Cllr Rufus Gilbert, PC Ryan Hayhurst
IN ATTENDANCE: Fiona Stace (Parish Clerk) 1 member of the public

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8th January 2019, have been circulated and were approved by the Chair

Standing Orders Suspended: Public Participation and to receive reports from Cllr Gilbert and Cllr Bramble

Item no:

1712 Policing Matters

Total crime between 07/01/19 – 05/02/19: 2 Crimes

Breakdown of crime for this period: Offence relating to the Communications Act – 1
Offence relating to the Dangerous Dogs Act – 1

Same period 2018: 1 Crime

1713 Public Comment

One member of the public attended to find out about pot holes in the village and when they will be filled, and also if things are moving forwards with the village Speedcheck project. Cllr Ian Bramble explained that out of the £18million funding for South West roads, £11.3million has been allocated to B and C class roads, which is more money than previously expected. Hopefully some of this will be spread to 'classified' roads also therefore getting some of the much needed filling of pot holes in local areas. Clerk to write to Cllr Rufus Gilbert and ask for an update of the pot holes in the village that have been reported online. Unfortunately we do not have any more news on the Speedwatch project as it was put 'on hold' towards the end of 2018.

1714 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert

Cllr Gilbert was not present

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District Cllr report - Ian Bramble

Joint local plan will finally be adopted at the end of March 2019. There is a new South Hams engagement portal online for you to send in any comments at: <https://www.southhams.gov.uk> and type 'Joint Local Plan' in the search toolbar. The Local Government Association have been in discussion regarding second home owners and business rates. Our local MP raised it with the Minister who was concerned and sympathetic hoping that a technical solution could easily be found - one of which has proven to be a success in Scotland already. There is lots of activity around the second homeowners 'loophole' where they currently pay no business rates and no council tax. Questions regarding where unspent S106 money goes has also been in discussion as some parishes don't own their own playgrounds, bus stops and allotments etc. SHDC, after review, has decided to maintain its policy of distributing S106 monies to all parishes throughout the district and not simply to those parishes within which developments occurred. This will allow the council maximum flexibility to disperse money to those parishes where no development has occurred or is likely to occur but still have need of council funding to support parish infrastructure projects'.

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Public Pathways

The surveys are almost complete with only two left to do at Topsham Bridge.

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Neighbourhood Plan

The Housing Needs survey will be going out at the end of March. As discussed during a meeting with SWD Housing, they will provide everything we need for the survey, and LPC need to advertise it. Clerk to email Alison Seldon regarding an advertisement in the local parish magazine.

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Planning

4236/18/CLE - lawful development certificate for existing detached dwelling

4180/18/FUL - No Comment

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AOB

- a) Clerk to organise a date for the LPC AGM and send out invites
- b) Mike Hine has obtained quotes for the lighting proposal in both the car park and along the path that lies between the road and the Playing Fields. There were discussions around having either lamp posts or lit bollards facing in towards the path. Lamp posts seemed to be the popular choice, 2 in the car park, one at the top end and one by the toilets, and then a further 2 along the path. More research and more quotes are needed and this item will be added to next months agenda.
- c) The defibrillators have been moved, very kindly free of charge by Andy Keen, to outside the Congregational Hall and outside the Village Hall. Clerk to notify the necessary agencies regarding the re housing.
- d) Many thanks from the LPC to Mr and Mrs Hudson who have bought and planted a tree replacing the old Cherry Tree on the Courtledge. We hope everyone will enjoy watching it grow.

- e) LPC have agreed to increase the number of hours spent on maintenance in the village to 360 per annum. Richard Barney will decide how many hours each month depending on the season. There has been some very positive feedback regarding all the work being done tidying up the village and we hope the extra hours will ensure this is continued.
- f) The Congregational Hall has put the cost of hiring the hall up to £15 per hour from £10 per hour. Clerk to respond.
- g) The clerk has now organised internet banking for LPC, however, will continue to pay suppliers by cheque until the election for LPC is done in May 2019, where it will be re addressed.
- h) Live West are currently resurfacing some of the pavement and parking area up in Ashwood Park. LPC will wait to see what other work need doing there after they have finished and then look for a quote to resurface the other parking area, which has needed doing for some time, however SHDC and Highways have refused funding.
- i) Clerk is in discussions with Bloor Homes regarding the 'was' blocked exit at Woolston Fields. LPC would like to see the bottom step moved back from the road so that people do not have to step directly onto the road or have it blocked off properly, permanently.

1720 Added at the Chairs discretion:

A grit bin is needed up at Woolston Fields - clerk to order one and have it delivered to the Snow Warden.

The Snow Warden will also research the cost of a 'push along' gritter. To be added to next months agenda.

1721	Balance at the start of the meeting	£49,421.79
	a) F. Stace - Clerks wages & disbursements	- £306.80
	b) Richard Barney - Maintenance	- £239
	c) Mike Hine maintenance - pot hole filling etc	- £485.54
	d) Greenspace grass cutting	- £160
	e) G. Wren - finger post cost and fitting	- £206.66
	f) Allotments rent	+ £1200
	Balance at the close of the meeting	£49,223.79

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

Signed Dated

The next meeting will be held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 7.30pm

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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