

Loddiswell Parish Council

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

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

APOLOGIES: PC Ryan Hayhurst

IN ATTENDANCE: Fiona Stace (Parish Clerk) 3 members of the public

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5th February 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:

1722 Policing Matters

Total crime between 05/02/19 – 04/03/19: 2 Crimes

Breakdown of crime for this period: Criminal damage - 1, possession of a bladed or pointed article (knife) - 1

Same period 2018: 1 Crime

Other policing matters: PCSO Warren Palmer no longer covers the Kingsbridge and West Rural Beat, which includes the parish. He has joined the team in Torquay, nearer to where he lives. Sadly he will not be replaced.

Also PC Ryan Hayhurst got in touch with the company who's lorry driver tried passing through with an articulated vehicle a few weeks ago and was spotted by Cllr Satterley. The driver has been reprimanded and the company drivers have all been made aware that they are not to use this route.

1723 Public Comment

One member of the public brought in a newspaper article about the future of road resurfacing, using recycled plastic crumbs instead of tarmac. Cllr Rufus Gilbert confirmed that this is something that when possible, will be happening in the near future.

Richard Barney and one other member of the public attended to share thoughts towards the future of the Playing Fields and Village Hall trust. Currently the federation runs the pre school and the pavilion and they have had a recent meeting to discuss the landlord and tenant responsibilities. The pre school has always taken care of itself, saving the trust money and time, however the Playing Fields and Village Hall want to do everything

together now instead of running as 2 separate businesses. There is a concern about the lack of help from the public and there has been talk of them forming a sub committee to the Parish Council. Loddiswell Parish Council have been asked IF they might be interested in taking over the Playing Fields and Village Hall Trust IF all committee members are in favor. This is in very early stages of discussion and the Playing Fields will be meeting to discuss the possibilities over the next few weeks. The Parish Council are open to this discussion and happy to help support wherever possible.

1724 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert

Apologies for not attending last months meeting. Cllr Gilbert has ensured £1000 funding for a ramp to be built next to the tennis courts for members who need a safer path or perhaps wheelchair access. Highways has visited the village and confirmed that Village Cross Road, Towns Lane, Ashwood Park, Fore Street and New Street are formally on the pot hole repair list, however it has just come to light that this will not be until 2020/2021. Cllr Gilbert will see if he can push this forwards in further discussions with Highways regarding a new funding idea. Council tax is up by 3% meaning a typical band D house council tax will increase by roughly £100 a year. Flybe has been saved but there is no guarantee HUB destinations will be. Sarah Woolstons resignation was a shock and very disappointing. Cllr Gilbert will be sorry to see her go.

1725 District Cllr report - Ian Bramble

There was a full committee meeting a few weeks ago and a budget agreed for 2019/2020 of £8.8 million, which is down on last year but they are clawing back the deficit. The council does hold £1.8 million in un earmarked reserves. 1 of 2 corporate directors left last year leaving Sophie Hoskin holding the position as an interim, but the position has now become permanent saving on one salary.

1726 Public Pathways

All surveys are now finished and the money has been requested. A request has been made to replace the wooden stile by the Well - DCC have been asked about this.

1727 Neighbourhood Plan

The Housing Needs survey will be going out at the end of March. Clerk has distributed posters in the village and asked local organisations to pop the posters up and advertise also. The surveys will be delivered to all households. Please look out for them, it is important for everyone to get involved.

1728 Planning

0513/19/FUL - No Comment
0349/19/ARC - No Comment

- a) Annual Parish Meeting will be held upstairs in the Congregational Hall, on Tuesday 26th march at 7.30. The Hall will be open from 7pm where you can join your councillors for soft drinks and biscuits.
- b) We have new quotes for lighting up on the path by the playing fields, but given the discussions taking place regarding the playing Fields and Village Hall trust, the Parish Council have put this on hold.
- c) A gritter has been sourced for our village Snow Warden Cllr Francis Baker, which will be extremely useful if we get snow this year. Clerk to order.
- d) LPC received an email regarding the muddy entrance onto the Playing Fields up by Loddiswell Butts, and were asked if they could do anything to help. Cllr Brooking and Cllr Hine have agreed to cut a meter wide path and fill it with hardcore. LPC would like to stress that a lot of money was spent up at the Butts last year to create a wider turning space for articulated lorries that come towards the village before realising that they cannot pass through. The area is for them to be able to turn without damaging the verges, however due to car parking up there they do not have enough room to manouver. Clerk to write to the tennis courts asking for their members to use the main car park in future.
- e) Clerk to order road narrowing signs to be placed at the narrows after Elmwood Park.
- f) The blocked footpath at Woolston Fields will be dealt with by LPC. Bloor Homes have refused to move the steps further back, making it safer to step onto the road there, and Highways are saying it is not their responsibility. Cllr Hine will take a look at adding some railings and then clear the area and unblock the steps.
- g) This year is a re election year for the Parish Council meaning that all the councillors have to re register. This must be done between 26th March and 3rd April. The clerk will send out the application papers and they Councillors will fill them out and return them to Follaton House. Any member of the public who is qualified to become a Councillor, can apply by getting in touch with Foillaton House.
- h) Our volunteers who keep a check on the defibrillators in the village have reported that we need to buy new pads and a few more items for the defibrillators to work efficiently and to be compliant. There was also a mention that the one housed at the village hall was a little too hight to open. LPC will look into this and try to have it moved further down the wall. Many thanks to the 2 gentlemen who look after the defibrillators.
- i) The Clerk has asked for a pay increase and the Parish Council will look into this matter according to the guidelines.

1730 Added at the Chairs discretion:

LPC have been asked to lay flowers at the memorial for the month of April and we have a volunteer for each week.

LPC have been looking into buying a picnic bench for the Playing Fields. Clerk to finalise details and order.

LPC have received a repairs report for the playwark in the playing fields. Cllr Hine will do the repairs at the earliest of his convenience.

1731	Balance at the start of the meeting	£49,223.79
	a) F. Stace - Clerks wages & disbursements	- £313.76
	b) Richard Barney - Maintenance	- £567
	c) S. Butler toilet maintenance	- £320
	d) Greenspace grass cutting	- £160

e) Congregational Hall hire	- £120
f) Allotments loan repayment	- £1463.58
g) HMRC	- £69
Balance at the close of the meeting	£46,210.45

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

Signed Dated

The next meeting will be held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday 2nd April 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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