

# Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday 7th May 2019

- PRESENT:** Martin Widger (Chair) Peter Sheard (Vice Chair) Derek Brooking, Malcolm Dicken, Mike Hine, Francis Baker, Emma Sweet, Ian Satterley, District Cllr Kate Kemp
- APOLOGIES:** PC Ryan Hayhurst, County Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Cllr Emma Hemmins, Cllr Paul Harvey
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Fiona Stace (Parish Clerk), 5 members of the public
- MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2nd April 2019, have been circulated and were approved by the Chair

## **Standing Orders Suspended: Public Participation and to receive reports from Cllr Gilbert and Cllr Kemp**

### **Item no:**

#### **1742 Elections**

Every 4 years there is an election for the Parish Councils and all the Councillors who wish to stand for nomination must apply to Follaton House before 4th April. I am very pleased to say that we have a full council and all the existing councillors stood for the Parish once again. There has been a change in the roles here since Cllr Emma Hemmins stood down after 8 years of sitting in the Chair. Cllr Martin Widger was nominated to take the new role as Chair for Loddiswell Parish Council, by Cllr Ian Satterley and this was seconded by Cllr Mike Hine. Cllr Peter Sheard was nominated to Vice Chair by Cllr Martin Widger and seconded by Cllr Ian Satterley. Both have accepted the roles and all the councillors will be signing the Declaration of Acceptance at next months meeting. All councillors agreed to having read the code of conduct before applying this year.

LPC welcomed and congratulated Kate Kemp, who will be signed in as our new District Councillor on Thursday 9th May. LPC are extremely grateful to Ian Bramble who has supported our Parish with true passion over the years and hope he enjoys some much deserved time to relax.

#### **1743 Policing Matters**

Total crime between 01/04/19 – 07/05/19:

2 Crimes

Breakdown of crime for this period:

Drink Drive offence 1

Criminal damage 1

Same period 2018:

0 Crimes

Other Policing matters: Report from PC Ryan Hayhurst

I'm aware of numerous reports of anti-social driving in and around the village. We've also received reports from other areas within the South Hams. I've contacted our Roads Policing Team and they will, as duties permit, patrol those areas and deal with any offences (manner of driving and/or documents) that present themselves.

## **1744                      Public Comment**

3 members of the Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust joined us to discuss an email LPC received asking for funding towards some much needed electrical work and repairs on the Village Hall. LPC agreed to pay £5000 towards the repairs and help meet Health and Safety levels. A cheque was written and handed over in the meeting. The Village Hall and Playing Fields trust were extremely grateful and have since sent the Clerk a thank you letter. LPC have suggested looking at other avenues for the Village Hall and perhaps some fundraising ideas.

2 other members of the public attended to ask about the plans for the Old School site. LPC do not have the official funding papers as changes have been made to the plans regarding the parking, however these have now been sent to SHDC and LPC should have the details over the next few months.

Rob Van Es has very kindly mended the Church clock and sent in this report:

### Report on the Parish Clock Repairs

Report and work carried out by Rob Van Es, who has not charged and the Parish Council are very grateful for his time and efforts.

There were two faults which were causing regular stoppages:

1. The hour snail regularly fouled on the driver gear which was the result of excessive wear in the centre pivot of the snail on the minute arbour
2. The bearings which had been installed by Syd Jeffery in 1962 had eroded over the decades and were no longer providing a low friction bearing surface

The strike train remains operational and does not warrant any interference at this stage.

### Repairs carried out: spring 2019

The central part of the hour snail was cut away and a new concentric piece was manufactured from solid brass. This has been held securely in place by the combination of an interference fit and traditional low melting-point lead solder. The play in this component has been reduced from 2.60mm to 0.02mm. The new assembly should last at least a century under normal operating conditions.

All of the bronze bushings inserted in 1962 were removed by drilling; they had been brazed in place which is no longer a common practice. New bushes were manufactured from Sintered Bronze. The dimensions of these were such that they are press-fitted into the frame and can be easily removed and replaced in 50 years-time if required. Sintered Bronze was used for its superior properties of oil retention which will reduce the bearing wear and also reduce the likelihood of future wear of the pivots on the arbours. The bushes on the escape shaft have been manufactured from solid PTFE which has even

lower friction than Sintered Bronze and is suitable in this low-load application. Clearances are now in the region of 0.04 – 0.10mm.

Although the clock is now in a three month 'running in' period, there is no reason to believe it will not now perform reliably for the foreseeable future.

The 12mm steel rod which suspends the pulley wheel on the strike train cable had corroded considerably since its replacement approximately 5 years ago, so a new one has been installed which is coated with grease to slow the chemical combination of moisture and bird waste on this component. This component will need inspection in 2024. The identical suspension rod on the driving train remains in 'as-new' condition.

It is worthy of note that Ian Lowcock has been the stalwart regular winder of the clock for several years now and without his diligent weekly work, the village would not benefit from this small but valuable part of our village heritage.

#### **1745 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert**

Cllr Gilbert was not present

#### **1746 District Cllr report - Kate Kemp**

Cllr Kemp has not been formally given the position of District Councillor, however this will take place on Thursday 9th May and we look forward to her first report at next months meeting on the 4th June 2019

#### **1747 Public Pathways**

Cllr Hine gave details of a new gateway that will be put in to the field by Loddiswell Well and Cllr Dicken will look into buying a new stile, which will be fitted around the same time. 2 signs are to be erected each side of Idstone stating NO LORRIES.

#### **1748 Neighbourhood Plan**

The surveys have been delivered and need to be sent in by 17th May at the latest. Please fill out the Housing Needs Survey and send it back in the pre paid envelope provided. If you have not received one, there are more surveys at the shop. You can also do this online at [www.devonhomechoice.com](http://www.devonhomechoice.com) or email [janice@devoncommunities.org.uk](mailto:janice@devoncommunities.org.uk) who can send over a form. Many thanks. Clerk to post a reminder on facebook Loddiswell Whats On.

#### **1749 Planning**

0973/19/ARC - Higher Hatch Farm - No objection  
0929/19/HHO - Inner Weeke / Outer Weeke to Knap Mill - No objection  
1132/19/HHO - Churchlands Barn, PL20SD - Support  
0879/19/HHO & 0880/19/LBC - Fleur Cottage, Churchstow / Loddiswell border - No Comment

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**AOB**

- a) Formal nomination and acceptance took place before any other points on the agenda
- b) Confirmation of the reading of Code of Conduct agreed by a show of hands by all councillors after the nominations and before any other points on the agenda.
- c) Clerks salary: This has not been increased for 2.5 years and was increased from £11.50 per hour to £12.39 per hour LC1 (13-17). The matter of holiday pay was also addressed, as this has never been claimed, and the accumulation will be paid in next months payment to the Clerk. There will now be a yearly appraisal and holiday pay will be distributed over a 12 month period. The clerk has also been asked to keep a timesheet for the Councillors to review each month.
- d) Discussion regarding the Old School site has been postponed until LPC have the formal application from SHDC.
- e) LPC clerk received an email regarding some of the rubber crumb coming loose in the playground in the Playing Fields and unfortunately mildly injuring a child. This was dealt with immediately by Cllr Hine and an email of apology and update sent to the person involved.
- f) Enforcement cases in the village - clerk to invite a representative from Planning to a meeting in the near future.
- g) LPC have more quotes for new lorry signs to go up in the village reminding articulated vehicles that they cannot pass through the village, as well as road narrowing signs for the road by the Playing Fields. LPC should have these finalised and up over the next few months. Clerk to send over some artwork to Cllr Hine.
- h) Village Hall and Playing Fields discussion - covered in section **1744**

**1751** Added at the Chairs discretion:

LPC has had an email regarding the mobile homes that have appeared up by Blackdown Rings. The Clerk has responded to the email and Cllr Widger will telephone the person to explain that it is a matter for the District Council.

There are concerns over a 'temporary' structure hosting a hot tub at Redwood Park. It is clear on the planning that this is not allowed and the people concerned will be advised to seek help from SHDC.

**1752**

<b>Balance at the start of the meeting</b>	<b>£45,730.71</b>
a) F. Stace - Clerks wages & disbursements	- £349.80
b) Richard Barney - Maintenance	- £472
c) Sarah Baskerville, toilet cleaning	- £500
d) Greenspace grass cutting	- £80
e) Gritbins	- £275.99
f) Precept instalment	+ £14,940.50
<b>Balance at the close of the meeting</b>	<b>£58,993.42</b>

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

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

The next meeting will be held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday 4th June 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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