

Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday 2nd July 2019

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

APOLOGIES: PC Ryan Hayhurst, Emma Hemmins, District Cllr Kate Kemp

IN ATTENDANCE: Fiona Stace (Parish Clerk) 1 member of the public

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4th June 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:

1763 Policing Matters

Total crime between 07/05/19 - 30/06/19

3 crimes

1 criminal damage, 1 offence relating to the Communications Act, 1 offence relating to dogs

Unfortunately, PC Hayhurst has said that he will no longer be able to attend meetings or write monthly reports for local Parish Councils due to heavy staff cuts. In September another officer will be leaving the force meaning we only have PC Hayhurst to cover Loddiswell and all the surrounding areas. There was a discussion amongst LPC in the meeting regarding reduced resourcing even though there has been an increase in council tax. Action: Clerk to write to the Police Commissioner regarding the effects this is having on local parishes. This is by no means a criticism of PC Hayhurst however, public services are being cut and council tax is paying for these services.

1764 Public Comment

One member of the public, who is the Footpaths Officer for South Hams Ramblers, attended regarding the bridge and steps on the footpath at Ham Farm. This was reported and discussed by the Parish Council a few months ago and it was agreed that the LPC would fund the repairs. LPC were waiting on an estimate from the owners of Ham Farm, but in the meantime were approached by a group of people who have offered to help out. KCC have been approached by the South Hams Ramblers officer, who have suggested it might be a great project for the Year 12's as part of their GCSE project, however, if this is rejected, the ramblers will form a work team of their own. LPC offer to pay for the materials still stands, even though it is a permissive path and therefore not the responsibility of LPC. The LOST PATHS was also mentioned and if anyone knows of any in Loddiswell, please write to: mandy.fletcher65@icloud.com and let them know.

1765 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert

Cllr Gilbert has had a quiet month and had nothing to report. Cllr Brooking mentioned problems in the village concerning people not maintaining their hedges so that vehicles could pass without the need to veer onto the wrong side of the road and also a problem with a swarm of bees in Towns Lane. Clerk to write to land owners advising that if hedges are not cut back, Highways will be asked to maintain them and the bill will be sent to the landowner directly. The owner of the property where the swarm of Bees is nesting has agreed to research ways of removing the bees and carry this out at the earliest of their convenience. There is also still the problem with the road surfaces in Loddiswell, in particular the road from the pub to the Courtlege, Towns Lane and Village Cross Road. Cllr Gilbert has a meeting with Highways this week and will ask why nothing has been done to the roads yet. LPC and locals alike, have been complaining about the pot holes and dangerous surfaces for well over 18 months and still nothing has been done. LPC is extremely concerned about the lack of involvement from Highways in helping out with this matter and will keep in close contact with Cllr Gilbert over the next month. FYI the sand on the road by Kingsbridge Police Station is for a 'skid test'. These are taking place throughout the South Hams at some junctions and cross roads.

1766 District Cllr report - Kate Kemp

Cllr Kemp sent apologies

1767 Public Pathways

The annual village 'trim' will be requested for the local footpaths as soon as possible. the rain and sunshine have caused quite a growth spurt!

1768 Neighbourhood Plan

Nothing to report.

1769 Planning

1376/19/LBC listed building consent for installation of external air source heat pump unit. TQ74DU - **In support**

1375/19/HHO householder application for installation of external air source heat pump unit. TQ74DU - Woolston Lodge - **In support**

1679/19/VAR Application for variation of condition 2 of planning permission 2109/18/FUL: Land adjoining - Loddiswell Business Park, South Brent Road, TQ74QG - **In support with a request for better road markings and signage to indicate entrance and exit and road junction**

1500/19/HHO Householder application for alterations and extensions including replacement of flat roofs over the living room and kitchen with pitched roofs. The construction of an extension over existing garage, re cladding sections of the building elevations and replacement of external doors and windows - Millside, Loddiswell, TQ74DD - **In support**

1899/19/FUL Provision of new agricultural building accessed from an existing rolled stone track: Hazelwood, Loddiswell, TQ74EB - **In support**

To leave comments on the above, or any other planning, please visit the South Hams website and look for the 'planning' button.

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AOB

- a) LPC have received a letter from SCOPE requesting a clothes recycling bank up at the Butts. However there is a clothing bank up there already. Clerk to write to SCOPE and suggest them contacting the other supplier and coming to an agreement, before writing back to the clerk. LPC feel that one is enough.
- b) The Clerks contract has been drawn up but needs completing. It will be formally signed at the next meeting.
- c) LPC have received a letter of thanks from Ian Bramble for all the hard work put into the community. Cllr Bramble was extremely proud to have worked alongside LPC and will continue to take an interest in what is going on. Cllr Bramble also gave thanks for the card he received from LPC giving thanks for all his hard work.

1771 Added at the Chairs discretion:

The August meeting will be on Tuesday 13th, due to the Clerk being on holiday for the first Tuesday.

There has been a complaint regarding parking at Ashwood Park. Please be courteous when parking, as there are restricted places available.

1772	Balance at the start of the meeting	£52,613.09
	a) F. Stace - Clerks wages & disbursements plus 3 years backdated holiday pay	- £1363.94
	b) Richard Barney - Maintenance	- £550
	c) Rebecca Newman Internal Audit	- £240
	d) Greenspace Grass Cutting	- £80
	e) HMRC	- £207.45
	f) Community First - Insurance	- £240.85
	g) Kingfisher salt spreader	- £203.98
	h) HMRC	- £207
	h) SHDC grant towards Loddiswell Butts re surfacing	+ £1000
	Balance at the close of the meeting	£50519.87

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Signed Dated

The next meeting will be held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday August 13th 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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