

# Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday 13th August 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, District Cllr Kate Kemp

APOLOGIES: PC Ryan Hayhurst, Emma Hemmins

IN ATTENDANCE: Fiona Stace (Parish Clerk) 5 members of the public

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2nd July 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:**

### **1773 Policing Matters**

Unfortunately due to continued staff cuts, we have no police report this month. The Parish Clerk wrote to Chief Superintendent Perkin and received this response:

Thank you for your correspondence dated 18th July to Chief Superintendent Perkin. The Chief Superintendent asked me to contact you to provide you with an update and information you require.

I would firstly like to assure you that we continue to work tirelessly to ensure the safety of our community. There has been significant cuts to policing as a whole in recent years but this does not detract from the need to continue to provide a proper service to the people of Devon and Cornwall. Demand for our service is increasing, with a huge rise in demand for non-crime related matters. We have also seen a rise in the reporting of previously hidden crime, such as child sexual exploitation (including online offending), domestic abuse, missing people and the list goes on.

We have to refocus our energies, quite rightly, to ensure that your community is properly protected and this means that we must explore other avenues of staying connected with the many groups we wish to, including Parish Councils such as yours. The demands on our neighbourhood officers are such that they will be visiting individuals with Sexual Prevention Orders, investigating crimes, attending live incidents (such as traffic collisions) etc. It has become too much to attend or provide written updates for the 23 parishes of South Hams and provide the essential pro active policing that is needed.

However, if you have specific concerns in regard to a policing matter then the neighbourhood team will link in with you. I would equally encourage you to utilise the various technology available, through email for personal contact: [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) for data, and Devon Alert to receive up to the minute crime alerts.

I am also particularly grateful for your correspondence as it has prompted me to consider how I can better engage with communities. I am considering a parish council chairs police briefing bi annually so that we can link everyone to our current priorities, risks and mutual assistance. I would appreciate your thoughts if you are able?

I would also like to invite you to join a community connectivity panel in September where we consider as a whole how we are currently communicating and how we can improve. I do appreciate your positive comments and look forward to developing more effective connections in the near future.

Your sincerely

Chief Inspector Julian Pezzani

#### **1774 Public Comment**

5 members of the public attended the meeting, all with concerns about the high speeds of the traffic travelling through the village. Requests for local signage and VAS and speed checks were amongst the discussions as well as an idea for a CSW (community speed watch) which requires 6/7 local people to join together and collect data with equipment given (training will also be given) by the police. After a first offence a warning letter will be sent, then a fine and so on. LPC have a meeting with Highways and Cllr Gilbert next month, where they will walk through the village and suggest ways in which traffic can be slowed up, as well as pointing out the much needed re surfacing around the village. Some of the attendees are happy to go ahead with the CSW and LPC will wait to see what results from the meeting. It was, however agreed, that some of the signs made by the local children, in an attempt to lower the traffic speed, be printed professionally and put up around the village. A local sign writer has offered to do this at no cost.

#### **1775 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert**

Cllr Gilbert mentioned the Highways meeting in section 1774.

The Avon Mill road repairs should be going ahead this financial year, possibly in January or February. The new signs at New Bridge have been done and there has been new surfacing on the road into the village, which unfortunately won't help with the speeding issues. Cllr Gilbert is trying hard to get the SCARF done, but again, we will have to wait until after the meeting with Highways.

#### **1776 District Cllr report - Kate Kemp**

Cllr Kemp talked about the climate change and biodiversity emergency the country is in. The council agreed a climate change emergency in June and went further, with additional inclusion of Biodiversity Emergency. The SHDV will now collaborate with climate change agencies along with Devon councils, including Devon County and Plymouth City, to address the emergencies.

An exciting opportunity to revitalise a derelict site in Kingsbridge is being discussed at the next SHDC executive meeting. It is hoped this would bring huge economic benefits to Kingsbridge, creating 20 local jobs and more people spending in the town. Parking seems to be an issue with only 8 spaces allocated to the hotel.

Cllr Kemp was asked to find out what is happening with the old school site as building works seem to have already begun and LPC have not seen the final planning papers. There is £5,700 of funding allocated to the Butts from S106 money left over from Bloor Homes. LPC will think about how we can use the money wisely.

#### **1777 Public Pathways**

The gates have arrived and will be fitted next week, as long as the weather changes!

**1778 Neighbourhood Plan**

From the recent survey, sending out a total of 550, 113 replies came back (very disappointing). Loddiswell has been advised to address the need for 6 affordable homes.

**1779 Planning**

**2146/19/HHO** Ashwell Orchard, Loddiswell, TQ74QS. Single storey extension and alterations - In support

**1300/19/HHO** Pitt Court - (added as sub meeting) , Loddiswell, TQ74DU. Replace lounge windows with french doors - In support

**1780 AOB**

- a) The Clerks new contract was signed by herself and the Chair
- b) item b was not deemed relevant, so struck from the agenda.
- c) Police letter was read to the council. Printed in section 1773
- d) Email sent in regarding the style at Elmwood Park. Request for a pole to help those who are not tall enough for the Style to be erected. Cllr Hine to take a look.
- e) Highways meeting covered in section 1774
- f) email regarding extra grass cutting done at the Playing fields . There has been a backlog of invoices presented to the LPC. Clerk to write an email for more information and query the delay and amount.

**1781** Added at the Chairs discretion:

There are a lot of skateboarders up at Beechwood and it has been suggested that LPC try and do something up on the Playing Fields to help keep the activity youths somewhere safer without traffic and quieter for the residents. There is an annual meeting for the Village Hall in September, and LPC will wait for this before approaching them with any plans. This request has been visited before without much local support.

Clerk to write to a few homeowners regarding trimming back hedges and bushes which are creeping into the road, forcing cars to swerve. Please so check that you are not one of them. hedges can be cut back at any time of year if they are deemed a safety issue. Many thanks.

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| <b>1782</b> | <b>Balance at the start of the meeting</b> | <b>£50,519.87</b> |
|             | a) F. Stace - Clerks wages & disbursements | - £383.66         |
|             | b) Richard Barney - Maintenance            | - £355            |
|             | c) PAYE                                    | - £120            |
|             | d) Greenspace grass cutting                | - £80             |
|             | e) Grant for re surfacing the Butts        | + £779.90         |
|             | f) VAT claim                               | + £4,569.92       |
|             | <b>Balance at the close of the meeting</b> | <b>£54,930.83</b> |

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

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

The next meeting will be held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday September 3rd 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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